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(Mr. Speaker Reads Daily Prayer)

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

**Madam Clerk:** There is, Mr. Speaker.

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

## Routine Proceedings

**Mr. Speaker:** Before proceeding this morning with the Order Paper, I would like to introduce, or mention to you, that we have the presence in the Public Gallery of a very distinguished visitor, Mrs. Catherine McKinnon, who is the mother of the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, and has come from Winnipeg to visit these chambers and her son, and I would like to bid her welcome.

(Applause)

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker, thank you very much for that very generous introduction. I would like to state at this time that I did not bring my mother here to dispel the rumours that I have heard so often in my political career concerning my heredity.

**Mr. Speaker:** We will proceed with the Order Paper. Are there any documents or correspondence for tabling this morning.

The Honourable Member from Ogilvie.

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Speaker, I have for tabling the document "Barriers to Education" by Ted Parnell, published by Yukon Association of Non-Status Indians.

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

Are there any Reports of Committees? Introduction of Bills? Are there any Notices of Motion or Resolution?

The Honourable Member from Klauene?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to give Notice of Motion regarding power rates charged to consumers, and what costs of these charges should be borne by the Federal Government.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any -- the Honourable Member from Ogilvie.

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to give Notice of Motion regarding the document "Barriers to Education" published by the Yukon Association of Non-Status Indians, seconded by the Honourable Member from Mayo.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any further Notices of Motion or Resolution? The Honourable Member from Klauene?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to give Notice of Motion, seconded by the Honourable Member from Riverdale, that Motion Number 2 be moved into Committee of the Whole for discussion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps just as guidance to the Honourable Member, Motion Number 2 has not yet been read from the Chair, and it is in effect not really, at this point in time, a Motion. But perhaps the Honourable Member may wish, when discussion on Motion Number 2, if it is discussed this morning, at that point just procedurally move in the House, the Motion which would have the purposes as suggested by the Notice now given. Would this be acceptable?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any Notices of Motion for the production of papers.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

We'll then proceed to Orders of the Day and the Question Period.

## QUESTION PERIOD

Have you any questions?

**The Commissioner:** Mr. Speaker, I have two answers to questions that were asked yesterday. I wonder if I could proceed at this time.

Mrs. Watson asked several questions regarding renovations required on the new Haines Junction Administration building to accommodate the scissor lift purchased for the Liquor Store, and to make the Fire Hall doors operative. These questions were why did the building design not fit the requirements of the scissor lift which was purchased for the building.



2. What is the cost of the renovations.
3. Who bears the cost of the renovations

The answer Mr. Speaker, the reason for the renovations is that the fire doors, although delivered according to specifications, have warped. We were not able to obtain the correct specifications for the scissor lift in time and a portion of the concrete floor must be removed to allow for its installation. The costs of these renovations is about five thousand dollars and will be borne by the Territorial Government.

The next one Mr. Speaker, was asked by Councillor Lengerke and his question was, are there any legal implications involved in the fact that Whitehorse has not awarded an electrical franchise as required by the Electric Public Utilities Ordinance. The answer Mr. Speaker, the City of Whitehorse will not be subject to any penalties under the Ordinance, since a temporary permit has been issued pending the completion of the various negotiations involved in granting the franchise.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Ogilvie.

**Question re: advertising for tenders**

Ms. Millard: I have a question for Mr. Commissioner. Is it the practice of the Administration to advertise for tenders for expenditure of funds which have yet to be approved in the up coming budget. If so why?

The Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I would refer the Honourable Member to the Section in the Financial Administration Ordinance which governs this. I'm sorry I can't recall the exact number, but the wording is to the effect that no expenditures may be incurred, without the vote of the necessary funds, by the Legislature, and that is the controlling or the governing fact. The fact that we advertise or tender before these moneys are voted, is permitted in the contract regulations that are issued pursuant to the Financial Administration Ordinance, Mr. Speaker, and in many, many instances are a necessary prerequisite in order to obtain the goods or services referred to within the Financial Year in which the money is made available to us.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Ogilvie.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to have a supplement to that then. Would this not mean that the government is sponsoring misleading advertising? Perhaps the budget will not be passed.

The Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I would again refer to that Section of the Ordinance which is the safety factor, if you wish. The tender cannot be entered into unless the funds are voted, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Klwane?

**Question re: Minutes of FICC Meetings**

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Commissioner this morning. He may take it as a written question, or he may take it as a verbal question, and it's regarding the Federal Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee. One of the functions of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory is to coordinate the activities of the various federal departments and Crown agents in the Yukon.

This legislative assembly authorizes the expenditure of territorial funds to facilitate this coordination. Would it be possible for the Members of this House to receive copies of the Minutes of the F.I.C.C. meetings, and the meetings of their sub-committees, and even if absolutely necessary, on a confidential basis?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Commissioner?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, could I have the opportunity of getting an answer for the Honourable Member to that question?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Klondike?

**Question re: Board of Directors of N.C.P.C.**

Mr. Berger: I have a verbal question to Mr. Commissioner. In the last session, this House recommended the appointment of Mr. Peter Jenkins to the Board of Directors of N.C.P.C., and to my knowledge, up to last week, this appointment was never confirmed by the Minister yet. Is there any particular reason for it, because I am quite concerned. There's a board meeting scheduled in the first week of March, and I think this appointment should be forthcoming.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Commissioner?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, it is not right to say that this has not been confirmed by the Minister. It has been confirmed by the Minister, Mr. Speaker, in a letter to me, and the necessary documentation, I believe it's an Order-in-Council, a document that is required for this, and this is being sought at the present time. I am confident that it will be processed prior to the March meeting of the Commission, and I would like to assure Honourable Members by that time, the fact that I have a letter from the Minister is sufficient authority as far as I am concerned as the Chairman of the Commission to extend the necessary invitations to Mr. Jenkins to attend, and he would be accorded all the privileges that he would — even after the documentation is attended to.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from



Kluane?

**Question re: Oil and Gas activity in Beaufort Sea**

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Commissioner. In view of the news report of current oil and gas activities in the waters off the Yukon's northern coastline, can the Commissioner inform this House as to Y.T.G.'s representation, if any, on the Beaufort Sea contingency planning task force?

**Mr. Commissioner:** Mr. Speaker, I think that the Honourable Member is aware that we have had a continuing interest in any activity in this area, particularly as it applies in the Herschel Island area, and if the Honourable Member would be good enough to give me time on this, you know the particular detail of the question that has been asked, I would be very happy to bring the report.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Ogilvie?

**Question re: Investigating into high cost of food**

**Ms. Millard:** It's a verbal question for Mr. Commissioner. Since there's been enough in the news lately about the high cost of food and anything else, I'm wondering whether the administration is considering an investigation in the Yukon into the high cost of food and why it is so?

**Mr. Commissioner:** Well, Mr. Speaker, there certainly has been no discussion within the administration concerning any more investigations of the high cost of food. You keep on investigating these things and you keep on charging the taxpayers more for the investigations, why they won't have any money left to buy the food, because these investigations cost a lot of money, Mr. Speaker, and generally result in nothing but a lot of press releases and more verbiage, and no reduction in the price of anything.

I would refer the Honourable Member to activities that have been prompted by the administration through Statistics Canada and various consumer groups in these kinds of investigations. I would personally pass the observation that unless we can be assured that there is going to be some positive benefits accrue from any more of these investigations, that they are really exercises in futility.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Ogilvie?

**Ms. Millard:** Just a supplementary to that. Does the Commissioner have any idea of a positive benefit in the offing to the consumers of the Yukon?

**Mr. Commissioner:** Mr. Speaker, not that I'm aware of, unless they all decide to move to California where food prices are quite reasonable at the present time.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any further questions? We

will then proceed to Motions.

**MOTIONS**

**Motion No. 1**

**Mr. Speaker:** The first Motion is Motion Number 1, moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, seconded by the Honourable Member from Kluane, that this House request the Honourable Pierre E. Trudeau, and the Minister of Northern Affairs, the Honourable Judd Buchanan, to arrange by appropriate means, the transfer of the powers, functions, duties and assets of the Northern Canada Power Commission within the Yukon Territory, to a Yukon Hydro Corporation to be established by the Government of the Yukon Territory as soon as is reasonably possible.

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. In speaking to the Motion, I must first say and would hope that Members of this Assembly concur in an endorsement of the efforts of the Steering Committee dealing with N.C.P.C. rate increases. It was one of those rare occasions in Yukon where many individuals and unions and chambers and business people and other representative interest groups put forth a common and strong front in initiating and working for action that would achieve their goals. I commend all those people highly.

I must also in a small way acknowledge the action that the Minister of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development took with respect to the calling for and investigation and full report to be completed by March 31st under the direction of the Chairman of N.C.P.C. However, I strongly feel a Supreme Court Judge should have been conducting—should have been appointed to conduct the public inquiry, or a Public Utilities Board of one of the four western provinces should have been charged with that responsibility.

In any case, Mr. Speaker, we are now awaiting the results of a public hearing by the Yukon Electrical Public Utilities Board, and a report of its findings to the Commissioner of Yukon, the hearing to begin on March 11, '76, as you all know.

This action will no doubt achieve some results towards resolving the matter, but my concern at this time is what happens if the Public Utilities Board and the Chairman's report all show clearly a justification in the rate increases based on the escalated costs of operating, mainly attributable to the Aishihik project in the Yukon. Certainly many people will be leaving the Yukon if these rates hold. I don't think it would take any wizard to determine that rate increases are justified, and required to pay for or recover these types of expenditures as described in Section 10 of the amended N.C.P.C. Act., or commonly known as Bill C-13.

It appears to me, Mr. Speaker, that either the N.C.P.C. Act must be amended to provide for a direct write-off of funds expended on the Aishihik or Canada, or Canada should provide the funds at a nominal rate of



interest, say four or five percent, or better yet, let's have interest free, free loans as Canada does via the foreign aid loans to other countries. Surely we would have the capacity to help ourselves in this manner.

This might enable the N.C.P.C. to then keep rates at a reasonable level. I'm also aware that in the case of Aishihik, that expenditures were made in respect of environmental research and safeguards, land claim settlement requirements, archaeological studies and research for the development of natural resources in Yukon, all of which should be directly paid for by Canada out of other appropriations, not tied or chargeable against Yukon's power projects, as they really are of a national concern rather than of territorial.

If this premise is recognized and accepted, it would likely reduce the cost of Aishihik by probably some six to ten million dollars, a significant amount but not likely enough to have the kind of impact to hold the line on rates or even a reasonable increase. I believe all of us, Mr. Speaker, realize the day of cheap power or cheap hydro is past. We must accept the fact that increases are required in any case, but not to the extent which is proposed and for the reasons given. I think that's the important thing.

Possibly Yukon could and would accept moderate increases, if it knew for sure that as we seek and gain resource revenue sharing opportunities, that we have control over our own energy manufacturing industry, so that we can make appropriate adjustments or impose conditions as how industry must operate in Yukon, and how further rate increases, if required, might be imposed in areas of energy demand requirements.

I believe, Mr. Speaker, as I suggested in the Motion, that an appropriate means to create a Yukon Hydro Corporation can now be arranged. A transfer of assets, the assignment of duties, and the powers of a Yukon authority, the Minister can decide to cease the operation of N.C.P.C. in the Yukon as know it today. Wipe the state clean, in other words, take the losses, maybe attribute them to northern development costs, and probably this would be more in line with N.C.P.C.'s original mandate, and initiate action with the Yukon Territorial Government to operate in Yukon as a Yukon Power Corporation, with headquarters in Yukon.

There are many possibilities Mr. Chairman. I am aware of discussions in the past, and interest expressed by Yukon Electrical for instance, to enter into some sort of partnership, possibly a 60 - 40, whatever split, in operating and expanding the electrical distribution and generation in Yukon.

I think we would do well to seize on such an opportunity, as it would afford the best of two worlds, in the government and private enterprise operation.

In conclusion Mr. Speaker. I hope that this House will support my motion and in doing so will forward others or bring forward others that will call for present rates to be held 'till all investigative and reports and recommendations are made known to the people of Yukon, and only when the Minister reacts in detail to suggestions here today.

I also suggest an immediate halt to negotiations between Yukon Electrical and N.C.P.C. Efforts and

expenditures in this regard could and would be better utilized in seeking an answer to the questions about Aishihik and current N.C.P.C. operating problems. Thank you.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Klwane.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Speaker, as seconder of this Motion, I look at this motion as a Motion for the future. I hope that its not in the too distant future. And what has made us all think at the present time, what will be the solution or what is the ultimate aim for the provision of electrical energy in the Yukon Territory.

A great many people in the Yukon, a great many businesses, and a great many industries, up to this time have floated blightly along, because they have had cheap power. I am saying a great many but not all. There are many people in the Territory who have always had expensive power, and will continue to have these increases inflicted upon them.

So what is the solution? This Motion, the establishment of the Yukon Hydro Authority, which will generate, and I hope distribute the power to Yukon users, is the ultimate aim which we must strive for. We are looking at the N.C.P.C. to take over the N.C.P.C. operation in the Yukon Territory, as a means whereby this can be accomplished.

Why is it so necessary to have one authority. When this rate increase hit the newspapers, and everyone became very upset and they have justifiable reason to become upset. People started probing into how do we get our power, who sells it to us, who generates the power. And if anyone did any probing in the Yukon Territory, you'd realize that we have the awful mismash mickey mouse system, I think, in all of the North America continent.

When you think of some of the horrible examples. For example, the Yukon Electric users are subsidizing residential users, are subsidizing the N.C.P.C. users, through the equalization scheme. When you think of it, Yukon Electric established the Fish Lake generating plant. They sell power to the N.C.P.C. who in turn sells it back to the Yukon Electric for distribution in the Whitehorse area. Now if that is not a horrendous mismash type of situation, and this needs cleaning up. All the while, when you think of the small communities in the Yukon Territory, who are completely dependent on electricity by diesel generation, these people have to have to have some relief.

They have had relief through the Territorial Government equalization scheme. The rebate scheme which does make a great difference. For example, my light bill was last month for 600 kilowatts. Now that's not many. We're careful, darn careful. You know what our bill is \$67.00. The rebate on that is \$29.00. The rebate is provided because of the fact we have a middle man distributing the electricity who has to make a profit.

Now these are all of the things that have to be taken into consideration when we're going to solve the problem of providing electrical energy in the Yukon Territory on an equitable basis. Would you believe that in the Territory right now, resident consumers actually are assisting or paying more than their fair share than



the industries who develop our non-renewal resources. These are many many things and the only way out of this horrible mess, is to have one authority in the Yukon Territory who is going to generate the power, who is going to distribute the power, at cost, because its a resource, hydro power is a resource of all Yukon residents, to all the residents of the Yukon Territory.

And as I said at the beginning, this motion is for the future. This is the goal that I will be striving for, I hope the Minister and the Government of Canada want to get this monster N.C.P.C. off their back and give it to the Yukon Territory without its liabilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Any further debate? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre?

Hon. Mr. McKimmon: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I think I remember running an election campaign once on the contents of this Motion, so there's no doubt about it all, about my support of the Motion as a long range plan. I think further than that, from the comments that I have heard from the Chairman of the N.C.P.C. since the new Chairman assumed that office, that this Motion is along the lines of his thinking also. So I think that somewhere down the line, we are going to see the results of this Motion through the new Chairman of the Northern Canada Power Commission.

I don't want to dwell on the Motion as is written, Mr. Speaker, because I think that like all members, I'll have no trouble at all in supporting the philosophy behind it. I would, however, Mr. Speaker, like to see this House and its members, before this Session is prorogued, not only pass a Motion considering the long-term effects of what N.C.P.C. should become, a Yukon owned generating and distributing electrical company, but I also think that we have to look at this Session at the immediate problems facing the consumers of the Yukon.

I'm not one of those, who, every time you see an increase, cries "subsidy for the people of the north". I happen to be one of those who thinks that the north, given its own feet and given its resources, is rich enough, is powerful enough, is competent enough to be able to be one of the richest areas in the whole of Canada, dare say the world.

I was over in our sister Territory, the Northwest Territories several weeks ago, and sat in on several of their sessions, and of their 207 million dollar budget, Mr. Speaker, nearly 90 per cent of that is raised by the taxpayers of Canada and given in deficit grants to the people of the Northwest Territories. We know the very different circumstances that our sister territory exists in.

Compare that to the budget that you see before you at this Session, where just about the reverse is true. Ninety percent of our operation revenue budget is raised in the Territory, through normal provincial type taxation, a far better record than just about any of the

provincial governments of Canada.

Take a look at the mineral resource figures going out of the Yukon next year, estimated at 200 million dollars. A five percent royalty on that, if the Yukon were in control of its resources, would mean a balanced budget for the Yukon Territory. The Government of Canada at one time said you guys are going to have to buy your way into Confederation. It's time we told the government of Canada that we have answered them and what the hell is their next excuse to keep us from becoming a fully responsible and autonomous body with Canadian Confederation.

So, we don't need subsidies in the north. We are able to stand on our own two feet, and we are able to operate and able to run efficiently, a Crown owned territorial operation, a Yukon Hydro Authority. But there are things without looking for subsidies, that I feel that this House can do and should be doing. One of them is the killer on all of these long-term liabilities, are the interest rates on the projects. I for the life of me, cannot understand. You are not crawling, you are not begging, you are not asking for subsidies when you are asking the Federal Government when they lend money from one hand to the other, to not charge the interest rates which they are. I just can't see why the consumers in the north, where the Federal Government is just taking money out of one hand and putting it in the other, to build these projects, why in goodness gracious name there should be the interest rates charged to the northern consumers.

Certainly, this is the biggest cost and the most horrendous cost that is facing the Yukon consumer of electricity at this time, is the interest rates on the Aishihik project, and this House should be asking the Federal Government why those interest rates have to be charged from one arm of government to another.

The second one is under the Northern Canada Inland Waters Act, which is a federal piece of legislation controlling all the navigable waters in the Yukon Territory, and the Water Board ruling, and the Water Board consisted primarily of federal civil servants, makes the decisions of what the environmental protection has to be, because under the Northern Canada Inland Waters Act, they are charged with protecting the environment of the north for all Canadians, so here we have a federally controlled Board, making -- or making rulings under a federal Act, and who bears the cost of all the rulings that they make? The consumer, and only the consumer of electricity in the Yukon Territory. Well, if they are not going to give us the responsibility for the resources of the north -- and the Act says that the responsibility of the Water Board and the responsibility of the Act, is to protect the northern environment for all Canadians, then certainly, Mr. Speaker, all Canadians must logically pay for the rulings that are made under the Water Board rulings, and under the Northern Canada Inland Water Act.



I think that these are significant in the cost of projects such as Aishihik, and certainly they should be extrapolated from the total cost, and certainly that cost should not be borne by only one segment, and that being the Yukon consumer.

And the third point that I think that this House should make by Motion prior to prorogation, Mr. Speaker, is that if the investigation of the cost of Aishihik conducted by the Chairman of the N.C.P.C. show that a public inquiry should be called because there was gross mismanagement in the Aishihik project, then certainly those costs of mismanagement or overruns should also not be borne by the Yukon consumer of electricity.

Mr. Speaker, those are the areas that I think that this House should be addressing itself to immediately, and those are the areas that I would like to see us propose to Canada and the government of Canada by motion of this House prior to prorogation. As I said in my opening remarks, Mr. Speaker, I'll have no problems at all in supporting the Motion as presented by the Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, and the Member from Kluane, and I hope that it won't be too many years with the new Chairman of the N.C.P.C. that we'll see the results of motions such as these.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Klondike?

**Mr. Berger:** I have no problem supporting this Motion, but where the problem comes in with me is presently, I don't see anything wrong with this Motion, but I can foresee it's going to take at least 10 years to bring it into reality. What are we going to do in the meantime? I think this is the concern of all Yukoners right now. I am also a little bit disappointed, most of the speakers so far mentioned Aishihik. Fine, I condemn it whole-heartedly, but what are we going to do with the people like Dawson City, Haines Junction, even on Aishihik, we are on diesel power. We are also suffering on the short-sighted planning that N.C.P.C. conducted in 1966-67, because they said the consumption in Dawson at that time was only 300 kilowatts, so we only had to install diesel generating plants for 300 kilowatts and no more.

But what they overlooked up to then Dawson paid 25 cents a kilowatt across the board, when people couldn't afford any electrical appliances, so when N.C.P.C. moves in, the power dropped, the power consumption went up. This has continued on for just about for 10 years. In the meantime, N.C.P.C. had to purchase three or four new generating units.

Also at that time in 1966-67, N.C.P.C., the engineering turned their noses up at North Fork, our hydro installation which at that time produced one of the cheapest power rates in North America, at four-tenths of a cent a kilowatt, up a 25 mile transmission line into Dawson. It wasn't feasible to continue with that operation. We took it all, because the people are

supposed to know, they come from the east, the wise men.

Now we are suffering. There are other alternatives they could have looked into at that time. Coal, there is coal all around these communities. A coal plant could produce real cheap power, could possibly supplement the heating costs in smaller communities, because you generate steam, you could have used it for heating houses and generating more income for N.C.P.C. at the time, but nobody looked into those things, because everybody was short-sighted. Everybody said, Oh Canada is a land of plenty, we have lots of fuel.

Now we are facing a dilemma, and it's us, the little people in the Yukon have to pay for it. Now N.C.P.C. is talking about installing another generating plant in Dawson, for roughly a cost of \$500,000.00. In the meantime, they are already planning ahead for five years to revamp the North Fork installation for 3.3 million dollars.

Since we are not on the grid system, Dawson alone has to recover the costs for installations, but it would be impossible to live under conditions like this, so I would like to see an immediate solution to the whole problem.

I hope that the Commission and the Chairman of N.C.P.C. inquiry is going to bring up some solutions. The only way I can see is Canada up til now said to us, all the natural resources north of the 60th belong to Canada. Fine, give them to Canada, but let's share in the cost of bringing those resources into production. Let Canada pay for the cost of this, not the 20,000 people are required to pay for the cost of production which 20 million people enjoy. I think this is where the crux of the matter is.

This Motion is fine, like I say 10 years from now, but we have to look at the present right now, and I think this is the only way to do it.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there any further debate? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of this Motion, and I listened with a great deal of interest to what the Honourable Member from Klondike had to say to this Motion.

I think that the Honourable Member from Kluane, the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre and the Honourable Member from Riverdale, inferred that there would be motions coming at a later date during this session, and I think that we are all concerned with what is happening here at the present time. But I think that we have to look at it in light of different points, do we want subsidization?

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North



Centre has made it very clear that he, as a Yukoner, is not prepared to ask for welfare from the Government of Canada, because we always know that they come back and they are going to get something for it. I agree with the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre.

I think that it's a matter if a public inquiry is called upon, I think it's a matter of this House to ask, or suggest a Motion to the effect that if the proposal, the rate proposal in the future here in May, I believe is the date that is set now, that the rate be left with the interest rate taken off, until which time this is squared away, and the public inquiry comes out with its recommendation.

**Mr. Speaker:** Any further debate? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale.

**Mr. Lengerke:** Mr. Speaker, I won't take this House's time further really with discussion on this. I am real pleased by the reaction from the Honourable members.

I'm not convinced that this Motion is that far off in the future, that the action as suggested in this Motion is not that far off. I think this represents to the Minister, possibly a route that he can go, and he's faced a brick wall right now I'm sure, when he sees the results of the investigations and the rest of it.

I'm sure the Chairman of N.C.P.C. isn't a magician, and isn't going to be able to come up with any great wizardry in saying "Here's some money available and here's how we are going to reduce these rates". I think this kind of action is going to be seen a lot sooner than ten years, three years, or what.

**Mr. Speaker,** I think that this Motion, though short, though simple, holds the key to exactly the today problems that face the people of the Yukon.

**Mr. Speaker:** You have heard the Motion. 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**

**Motion Number 2**

**Mr. Speaker:** The next motion is Motion Number 2. Moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West. Subject to Section 50, sub 2 of the Taxation Ordinance. It is hereby moved that the general purpose mill rate will be increased by 10 mills over the rate in effect for the 1975 Taxation Year to 22

mills for the 1976 Taxation Year.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Speaker, I would move that this Motion be moved into Committee of the Whole for the discussion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there a seconder?

It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Kluane, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale that Motion number 2 be referred to Committee of the Whole for further 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 carried.

**Motion Carried**

**Mr. Speaker:** We will proceed now to Public Bills, may I have your pleasure.

**PUBLIC BILLS**

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker I would like to ask the concurrence of the House to further process Bill No. 8 on a day following.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

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

**Bill Number 1 First Reading**

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 1 by now read a first time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by

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**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 1 be now read a first time. Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion is carried and when should the Bill be read for the second time?



**Motion Carried**

**Bill Number 1 Second Reading**

Hon. Mr. Lang: Now Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 1 entitled Fourth Appropriation Ordinance, 1975-76 be now read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 1 be now read for a second time. 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**

**Bill Number 2, First Reading**

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 2 be now read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 2 be now read a first time. 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**

**Bill Number 2, Second Reading**

Mr. Speaker: When should the bill be read for the second time?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Now Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 2 entitled First Appropriation Ordinance, 1976-77, be now read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 2, be now read a second time. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the motion is carried.

**Motion Carried**

**Bill Number 3, First Reading**

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 3, be now read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 3, by now read a first time. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the motion is carried.

**Motion Carried**

**Bill Number 3 - Second Reading**

Mr. Speaker: When should the Bill be read for the second time.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Now, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 3 entitled Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1976, be now read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 3, be now read a second time. 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**

**Bill Number 4 - First Reading**

Hon. Mr. Lang: I move, seconded by the



Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 4, be now read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 4, be now read a first time. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the motion is carried.

**Motion Carried**

**Bill Number 4, Second Reading**

Mr. Speaker: When should the Bill be read for a second time?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Now Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 4, entitled Loan agreement Ordinance No. 1 (1976), be now read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 4, be now read a second time.

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the motion is carried.

**Motion Carried**

**Bill Number 5, First Reading**

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 5 be now read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 5, be now read a first time. 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**

**Bill Number 5, Second Reading**

Mr. Speaker: When should the Bill be read for the second time?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Now Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 5, entitled Municipal General Purpose Loan Ordinance, be now read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 5, be now read a second time. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the motion is carried.

**Motion Carried**

**Bill Number 6, First Reading**

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 6, be now read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 6, be now read a first time. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the motion is carried.

**Motion Carried**

**Bill Number 6, Second Reading**

Mr. Speaker: When should the Bill be read for the second time?



**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Now, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill number 6, entitled Home Owner Grant Ordinance, be now read a second time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 6, be now read a second time. Are you

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Before the question is called on Bill Number 6, I would like to take a few moments of the House's time to explain the background and principle behind Bill Number 6, Home Owner Grant Ordinance.

It is, Mr. Speaker, with a great deal of personal satisfaction that I bring this Bill to second reading of this House.

Mr. Speaker, I have talked often and long in this House as the leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, on what I felt was the true diminution of the Disposable income of the majority of the people of the Yukon, namely the middle class that is the total backbone of our economy, and provides the taxes and the majority of the taxes for the goods and services that all residents of the Yukon enjoy.

Mr. Speaker, during the past few years, I think that there's been a souring from this group of people who believed that the reasons that they saw their disposable income being diminished, was because of goods and services and policies and programs of government that generally did not apply to them.

So, Mr. Speaker, the purpose and desire of this Home Owner's Grant Ordinance is to initiate a program of home owner grants, in an attempt to provide some relief to home owners of residential property taxes in the Yukon. Many provincial authorities have introduced some form of local taxation relief, which varies from schemes with a formula based on income, to ones of maximum dollar levels and percentage of taxes levied, and the delivery systems vary just as widely.

All schemes are a means to direct senior government revenues to precise target groups, namely residential dwellers. Initially, at least, Mr. Speaker, the recipients under this proposed program are restricted to owner-occupiers of single family residential dwelling units. A broader category of recipients could be considered at some future time. However, it is preferable at this time of financial restraint, to have our initial program concise and simple until the financial requirements are indicated in more detail as well as the possible secondary effects of this legislation.

To ensure that the target group recipients receive full benefits of the program, it is our intent to make payments directly to owner-occupiers of residential dwellings, upon verification that the

current year's property taxes have been paid in full.

Another factor to consider, Mr. Speaker, is that there are many company and government owned dwelling accommodations in the Yukon who now offer a form of subsidized housing to their employees, therefore there is no incentive for this large category of people to purchase their own homes. This program would not further subsidize such residents, and hopefully will encourage, to some degree, home ownership in the Yukon.

The scheme introduced is to provide for a maximum single grant payment of the lesser of \$250.00 or 50 per cent of the property taxes, less \$50.00, to the owner-occupier of single family residences. Initially, home owner grants will be provided to owners of single family dwellings situated on property held by title, registered in the Land Titled Office or under an Agreement for Sale or a Lease Agreement in good standing.

Mobile home owners are also eligible, provided the mobile home is situated on property titled to the mobile home owner, held under Agreement for Sale or a Lease Agreement in good standing, or located in a mobile home park and registered under the Taxation Ordinance. Assessment of residences combined with other uses will be apportioned to arrive at the appropriate grant.

Home owner grants will be provided for the current year's taxes only, to applicants who submit an application in the prescribed form, attaching a copy of the receipt for current year's taxes paid on the property. The applicant must certify that he or she is the owner of a home eligible for a home owner's grant, and that the home has been used as his or her principal place of residence for a minimum of 183 days during the current taxation year. Applications for home owner grants will be paid to only one owner for any one parcel of property, and each applicant shall receive no more than one grant per year.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, some of the more pertinent terms of the plan are, the grant is for 50 per cent of taxes less \$50.00 to a maximum of \$250.00. Taxes do not include frontage taxes, arrears or penalties. Basement suites disqualify residences except when used by related family; mobile homes must be registered under Section 6 of the Taxation Ordinance; the taxes must be paid in full for a resident to be eligible; the applicant must be an owner-occupier for 183 days in the year of application; the applicant must make application by September 30th. The Treasurer may extend application date to no later than December 31st, if residence was not eligible on September 30th, and the home owner grant is not capable of being assigned to another party.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank all of my colleagues on the Executive Committee for the help and support they have given me in the preparation of this Ordinance. When I was first elected to the



Executive Committee by this House, I was determined to find out whether an elected member on the Executive Committee could actually bring an idea of his, that felt deeply about, to fruition through legislation, and be able to redistribute budget monies and the philosophy of budgeting to provide for programs that we felt that the people of the Yukon really deserved and wanted.

I am happy to say, Mr. Speaker, that I think that Executive Committee members from the elected side, who will pursue policies that they believe strongly in, can get the support of their colleagues and hopefully now, the support of the House on legislation that we feel, from the Executive Committee side, is very beneficial to the majority of Yukon people, who we feel have been ignored much too long by government.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: 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**

**Bill No. 7, First Reading**

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 7 be now read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 7 be now read a first time. 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: When shall the Bill be read for the second time.

**Bill No. 7, Second Reading**

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Now, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 7, entitled "Insurance

Premium Tax Ordinance" be now read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 7 be now read a second time.

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**

**Bill Number 9, First Reading**

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 9 be now read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 9 be now read a first time.

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: When shall the Bill be read for the second time.

**Bill No. 9, Second Reading**

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Now, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 9, entitled "Hotel and Motel Room Tax Ordinance" be now read a second time.

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

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Am I wrong.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise in opposition to this Bill at this time.



**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Vested interest.

**Mr. Fleming:** Right, for a lot of hotel owners in the Territory, and myself.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Fleming:** I will admit that I have a vested interest for myself, and also for a lot of other hotel owners in the Territory, because any time that the government want to pass a Bill, whereas they can use a few private individuals who are in private business to collect taxes for them, I'm against that Bill.

At this time, I would like to mention the fact that normally, you know, we would know when our licences are going to be raised and so forth and so on, but we don't find this very often. All of a sudden it's there. We have had it doubled on us now, now I find something that comes into effect on January, 1977, but actually in any of these Ordinances, we don't know what we are going to be charged. I'm very, very leery of what might be charged. Because all of a sudden it will be there, and we, the hotel owners, are to try and collect it, and if this don't cost us more money again, to collect money for the government, I would like somebody to prove to me how it isn't going to cost me any more money.

So at this time, I have got to rise in opposition to the Bill entirely. I just can't go along with it.

I'd say burn it.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** What, the motel?

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there any further debate. . . The Honourable Member from Pelly River?

**Mr. McCall:** Mr. Speaker, I rise in objection to this Bill also. I don't happen to have vested interests. What I am concerned about, Mr. Speaker, is that the passing of this type of Bill, it puts a lot of pressure on the outlying communities when they come to the capital city of the Yukon, where they have to provide a higher rate for the accommodation they wish to stay at when they come to the capital city.

I am very concerned about this type of tax bill at this point in time, when we are asked to curtail our spending, and yet we see this type of Ordinance presented to us today, which is going to create more of a burden on the ordinary residents of the Yukon.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Klauene?.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Speaker, I would also like to rise in opposition to the principle of the Bill, for basically the same reasons that the other Honourable Members have mentioned. One, that the bookkeeping, the collection agency again will be the private businessman.

Now, it might be okay for a large establishment that has their bookkeeping -- able to hire bookkeepers

and office staff and this type of thing, but when you have got small establishments where not only is he the gas jockey and the cook but he's also the bookkeeper, this is really quite an added load. We can smile, or we can sort of think well maybe he shouldn't be in business, but the fact is that we got a lot of businessmen like that in the Yukon Territory, and they are doing a lot of book work for the government.

Statistics Canada alone, which is not this government, drives them around the bend. And the second reason again, from the Honourable Member of Pelly River, really the only Yukon residents who will be paying this tax, are the residents of the Yukon Territory who live outside the City of Whitehorse, who come into Whitehorse to do their business. And they come in to Whitehorse a great deal. You have your additional costs of transportation and fuel, your normal rates for your hotel rooms for your accommodation have gone up normally, and quite justifiably, so we are going to add another taxation to it.

I think we are hitting one small portion of our population with this legislation. Besides, I often wonder whether in our promotion of tourism, whether this type of legislation does make a difference. I know many other jurisdictions have this tax, but this may have been a type of incentive to get more tourists here, so basically I am quite opposed on the principle of this Bill.

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

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the comments made by the Honourable Members. I'm a little disturbed that the opposition has been so outspoken until they had a chance to discuss the Bill in its totality in Committee of the Whole, and I would trust that the rest of the members would be prepared to wait until that time.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there any further debate? Are you prepared for the question?

**Some members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some members:** Agreed.

**Mrs. Watson:** Disagreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Does someone wish to call division. Madam Clerk, would you poll the House?

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Whitehorse South Centre?

**Mr. Hibberd:** Disagreed.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Mayo?

**Mr. McIntyre:** Agreed.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Klondike?



**Madam Clerk:** Member from Hootalinqua?

**Mr. Fleming:** Disagreed.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Kluane?

**Mrs. Watson:** Disagreed.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Ogilvie?

**Ms. Millard:** Agreed.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Agreed.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Pelly River?

**Mr. McCall:** Disagreed.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Agreed.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Whitehorse West?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Agreed.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Whitehorse North Centre?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** What's the score?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Agreed.

**Madam Clerk:** Mr. Speaker, the Member from Klondike is now in attendance. May I record his vote?

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Klondike?

**Mr. Berger:** I don't know what it was.

**Madam Clerk:** All right. Mr. Speaker the vote is 6 yea, 4 nay, 1 abstain.

**Mr. Speaker:** Motion is carried.

**Motion Carried**

**Bill Number 10, First Reading**

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** With some trepidation, I rise to try the next one. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 10, be now read a first time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by

the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill number 10, be now read a first time. Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I will ask again from the Chair, are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Bill Number 10, Second Reading**

**Mr. Speaker:** When should the bill be read for the second time.

**Hon Mr. McKinnon:** Now, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West that Bill Number 10, entitled Liquor Tax Ordinance, be now read a second time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 10, be now read a second time. Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mrs. Watson:** Disagreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion is carried.

**Motion Carried**

**Mrs. Watson:** I would like my vote to be recorded, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** I should possibly advise members that if you wish to have a recorded vote, you call division but it's not necessarily appropriate for the Chair to do the calling. It's up to the member so wishing the call to be done, to do so.

**Mrs. Watson:** I would like to call division, Mr. Speaker.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Whitehorse South Centre.

**Mr. Hibberd:** Agreed.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Mayo

**Mr. McIntyre:** Agreed.

Madam Clerk: Member from Klondike.

Mr. Berger: Agreed.

Madam Clerk: Member from Hootalinqua.

Mr. Fleming: Agreed.

Madam Clerk: Member from Kluane

Mrs. Watson: Disagree.

Madam Clerk: Member from Ogilvie

Ms. Millard: Agreed.

Madam Clerk: Member from Whitehorse Riverdale.

Mr. Lengerke: Agreed.

Madam Clerk: Member from Pelly River.

Hon. Mr. McCall: Agreed.

Madam Clerk: Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek.

Mr. Lang: Agreed.

Madam Clerk: Member from Whitehorse West.

Hon. Mrs. Wyhard: Agreed.

Madam Clerk: Member from Whitehorse North Centre.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Agreed.

Madam Clerk: Mr. Speaker, the vote is 10 yeas, 1 nay.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the motion is carried.

**Motion Carried**

**Bill Number 1, First Reading**

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West.

Hon. Mrs. Wyhard: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Porter Creek, that Bill Number 11, be now read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill Number 11, be now read a first time. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the motion is carried.

**Motion Carried**

**Bill Number 11, Second reading**

Mr. Speaker: When should the bill be read for the second time.

Hon. Mrs. Wyhard: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Porter Creek, that Bill Number 11, entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Taxation Ordinance, be now read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill Number 11, be now read a second time. 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**

**Bill Number 12, First Reading**

Hon. Mrs. Wyhard: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Porter Creek, that Bill Number 12, be now read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill Number 12, be now read a first time. 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**

**Bill Number 12, Second reading**

Mr. Speaker: When should the Bill be read for the second time?

Hon. Mrs. Wyhard: I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Porter Creek, that Bill Number 12, entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Tobacco Tax Ordinance, be now read a second time.



**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill Number 12, be now read a second time. Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mrs. Watson:** Disagreed.  
Division, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Division has been called.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Whitehorse South Centre.

**Mr. Hibberd:** Agree.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Mayo.

**Mr. McIntyre:** Agree.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Klondike.

**Mr. Berger:** Agree.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Hootalinqua.

**Mr. Fleming:** Agree.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Kluane.

**Mrs. Watson:** Disagree.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Ogilvie

**Ms. Millard:** Agree.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Whitehorse Riverdale.

**Mr. Lengerke:** Agree.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Pelly River.

**Mr. McCall:** I agree.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Agree.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Whitehorse West.

**Hon. Mrs. Wyhard:** Agreed.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Whitehorse North Centre.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Agreed.

**Madam Clerk:** Mr. Speaker the vote is 10 yea, 1 nay.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion is carried.

**(Motion Carried)**

**Bill Number 13, First Reading**

**Hon. Mrs. Wyhard:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Porter Creek, that Bill Number 13, be now read a first time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill Number 13, be now read a first time. Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion is carried.

**(Motion Carried)**

**Bill Number 13, Second Reading**

**Mr. Speaker:** When should the Bill be read for the second time?

**Hon. Mrs. Wyhard:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Porter Creek, that Bill Number 13, entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Compensation for Victims of Crime Ordinance, be now read a second time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill 13, be now read for a second time. Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Hibberd:** Division.

**Mr. Speaker:** Division has been called.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Whitehorse South Centre.

**Mr. Hibberd:** Disagree.

**Madam Clerk:** Member from Mayo.



Mr. McIntyre: Agreed.

Madam Clerk: Member from Klondike.

Mr. Berger: Agreed.

Madam Clerk: Member from Hootalinqua.

Mr. Fleming: Agree.

Madam Clerk: Member from Kluane.

Mrs. Watson: Agree.

Madam Clerk: Member from Ogilvie

Ms. Millard: Agree.

Madam Clerk: Member from Whitehorse Riverdale.

Mr. Lengerke: Disagree.

Madam Clerk: Member from Pelly River.

Mr. McCall: I agree.

Madam Clerk: Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Agree.

Madam Clerk: Member from Whitehorse West.

Hon. Mrs. Wyhard: Agree.

Madam Clerk: Member from Whitehorse North Centre.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Agreed.

Madam Clerk: Mr. Speaker the vote is 9 YEA, 2 NAY.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the motion is carried.

*(Motion Carried)*

**Bill No. 14, First Reading**

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Porter Creek, that Bill Number 14 be now read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill Number 14 by now read a first time. 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: When shall the Bill be read for the second time?

**Bill No. 14, Second Reading**

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Porter Creek, that Bill Number 14, entitled "Loan Agreement Ordinance Number 2, 1975, be now read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill Number 14 be now read for a second time. 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. McCall: 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. Fleming: I second that, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, 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.

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 leaves Chair)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Chairman: I now call the Committee to order and declare a brief recess.



**Recess**

**The Chairman:** We will proceed with the Clause by Clause reading of Bill Number 1, the Fourth Appropriation Ordinance, 1975-76.

We have with us as witnesses to assist us this morning, Mr. Merv Miller, and Mr. Al Williams, who is budget and systems director.

One:

(Reads Clause 1)

Two, one:

(Reads Clause 2(1) )

Three, one:

(Reads Clause 3(1) )

Four, one:

(Reads Clause 4 (1) )

**The Chairman:** I refer you to Schedule A:

(Reads Schedule "A")

**The Chairman:** Administrative Services, refer to Budget, page 5: Administrative services, Yukon Council, (\$10,000.00), you will note the decrease. Administrative services, \$21,000.00.

Mr. Lengerke? Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Mr. Chairman, I'm sure probably the other Honourable Members are going to ask the same question, but could I have an explanation for the "to make an out-of-court settlement"? What is that about? The 21,000.

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, this relates to an item that took place in 1970. At that time the government contracted to buy three group homes for the use of the Department of Social Welfare, at a contract price of approximately \$120,000.00. The government expended \$80,000.00, and then took over the project and ceased payment on the contract.

Several law cases arose out of the contract between the government, the contractor, the sub-contractor and the manufacturer, in the Federal and Ontario courts, each party suing every other party.

We are proposing to settle this case by paying the contractor an agreed sum of \$62,168.50. The benefit of this payment has been agreed to be passed on to the manufacturers, who have not as yet been paid for the houses, although we have had the use of the houses and have occupied them since the spring of 1972.

Counsel in this case was supplied by the Federal Department of Justice who have recommended the settlement. It is our considered opinion that the government is not at a loss in this settlement.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, have we any indication that if we pay to the contractor the 62 thousand some odd dollars, that the manufacturer will in fact be paid, or we start all over again?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, this money will be paid in trust to the lawyers involved in this case, and we have an undertaking, as I understand it, between the Federal Department of Justice and the Legal

counsel for the other parties, that these funds will, in fact, pass to the manufacturer.

**The Chairman:** Clear?

**Ms. Millard?**

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, I'm not quite clear why the government stopped payment when they had a contract which exceeded it?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, the story on this one fills about six volumes of files. The initial -- in the initial instance, the government was forced to take over the completion of these units, because the contractor would not complete, and at that point, it got very, very cloudy in terms of what payments were to be made to who, who had counterclaims, et cetera, but basically the answer to the question is we were forced to take over the contract because the contractor would not complete.

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, one further question. You say that we have already expended \$81,000.00. Is this the amount that was required to complete the group home?

**Mr. Miller:** This was the payment that had been made to the contractor, up to that date -- up to the date that we took over the contract.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, a further question. What I am basically trying to determine is how much did these group homes actually cost us, or would this just be too complicated?

**Mr. Miller:** No, Mr. Chairman. In total expenditures, we will have expended, if we agree to this payment, \$142,000.00, against an original contract price of \$120,000.

**Mrs. Watson:** Thank you.

**The Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**The Chairman:** Land Claims Secretariat, decrease \$46,000.00.

**Some Members:** Clear.

**The Chairman:** Intergovernmental Affairs, decrease \$26,000.00. Personnel office, \$142,000.00. For a total of \$81,000.00.

**Mr. McCall:** Mr. Chairman?

**The Chairman:** Mr. McCall?



**Mr. McCall:** I'm curious as to this figure. Is this just a estimated figure, Mr. Miller?

**Mr. Miller:** I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I was not paying attention to the question.

**Mr. McCall:** I will repeat myself, Mr. Chairman. I was just curious as to this \$142,000.00. Is this just a guesstimated figure on the salaries?

**Mr. Miller:** No, Mr. Chairman, this is the amount of money that we felt that we need for the balance of the year to fund the personnel office. It's an estimate at this point, yes.

**Mr. McCall:** Mr. Chairman?

**The Chairman:** Mr. McCall?

**Mr. McCall:** If it is an estimate, what if it goes over the estimate? Where are you going to find the funds for it?

**Mr. Miller:** Well, Mr. Chairman, we get back to our basic principle in budgeting. We cannot over-expend a vote. We have -- the administration has no ability to over-expend a vote, so if expenses were in fact higher, we would have to carry it forward into next year.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I'm a little disturbed at this supplementary. We are looking at a 25 per cent over-expenditure. I realize that recruiting costs involve a great deal of travel and this type of thing, but 25 per cent seems to be quite a large amounting to over-expenditure. Is there any other reason, is there any more definitive reason than what is given in the explanation?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, this -- the major portion of the cost results from increased recruiting to the tune of \$116,000.00 of the 142. What happened during this past year, or when we did the budget, we used our average turn-over, or average number of outside hires, which runs about 70 per annum. In the current year, or in the fiscal year under discussion, we have had to go out on outside hires for 85 people.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I thought you froze all vacancies approximately three months ago. What would we have been up to if they hadn't frozen? Why are we going outside for so many?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** That's why we did it.

**Mr. Miller:** That's one of the reasons why we put the freeze on.

**The Chairman:** It was sort of a lukewarm freeze. Clear? Department of Treasury, Page 8, Territorial

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, 175,000. Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I think we need quite a little bit more detailed reasoning for that. We are looking at a 31 per cent over-expenditure in that establishment, and I think maybe we should have a little bit more detail.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Miller?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, that figure is broken down to \$102,000.00 is the increased salary cost. The \$73,000.00 relates to other costs. A further breakdown of the 73,000, we have approximately 30,000 that we have paid to have the Audit Service Bureau come in and look at a couple of our operating department procedure.

We continued our asset appraisal, which we do on an on-going basis now. That cost us \$16,000.00, and we had a consultant come in to have a look at our computer operation, with a view to converting the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan to our own computer, which cost us \$8,000.00.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Taylor

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Yes, Mr. Chairman. I noted in the throne speech, I believe it was the other day, some mention was made of a change in the computer systems used by government from a card system to a, I believe a reel or a tape system. How effective has this been?

**Mr. Miller:** Basically, Mr. Chairman, the conversion has been very effective. The reason that we went to the conversion, or decided to convert from the card to a disc system, was to relieve us of the necessity of having to add a second shift operation. The card system had been fully utilized in terms of time available on a single shift operation; by going to discs, we are still able to operate single shift and effectively save ourselves some money in hiring additional people.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman, I just have one further question. In the shift from a card system to a reel to reel system or disc system as you call it, is it now possible to utilize the same computer facility for digital work, for instance, in engineering and this type of thing?

**Mr. Miller:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, the computer can be used for engineering type work. There are some limitations in the programming language that is available, but there are certain applications that can be put on -- engineering type applications.

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Okay.

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I may be off incrementally but some of the \$8,000.00 that was paid to the



consultant to set up the conversion or to adapt our Health Care scheme to the disc system, would not some of that be borne by the company of the computer establishment, where you are transferring to a disc? Because we've had consultants working on this computer, you know, it's been rather expensive this way. First the cards, then the consultants to the disc system, and then again the companies that are installing these things are making money on them. Are they not prepared to say, bear some of the costs?

**Mr. Miller:** No, Mr. Chairman. Basically what we have attempted to do and we don't like to use the consultant approach unless we have to, but when you are looking at an application such as taking over the Yukon Health Care Insurance program onto our own computer, it was our feeling that our own people didn't have the time to spend studying what would have to take place to put it on our own computer. The consultant that we used was the consultant that did our original work on computer applications for us, so he was very familiar with what we had, how we ran it, and everything else. I don't think we spent too much money on this one, and we have now a report which indicates, at least to me, that we would be well advised to convert, or bring that particular package back home and run it locally.

**Mrs. Watson:** How much would be saved?

**Mr. Miller:** I'm going by memory here, but it seems to me that the saving, assuming we don't charge for computer time, which we wouldn't normally do anyway, there should be no additional cost in operating the computer to bring this package home. We would save, if my memory serves me correct, 30 to \$50,000.00 per annum.

**Mrs. Watson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**The Chairman:** Clear? Insurance, \$70,000.00. Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** Mr. Chairman, I would like some clarification as to the amount, the increased Workmen's Compensation supplementary benefit and other insurance costs. What is the amounts for the compensation, and what are the other insurances?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, our general insurance, which covers public liability, this type of thing, is being over-expended to the tune of \$2,000.00. The Workmen's Compensation supplementary pensions are up by 48,000, and we have an admin. fee to pay to Workmen's Compensation in respect of territorial employees, \$20,000.00.

**The Chairman:** Electric rate equalization, \$37,000.00. Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'm wondering if the witness could perhaps inform us today as to how much money now reposes in the electrical rate equalization fund?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, we are estimating that as at March 31, 1976, we will have one million one hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars available in the electric rate equalization fund.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman, that would immediately lead to the natural second question: Is it anticipated that further benefits could be given, either in commercial or residential subsidies, under the rate equalization program in this forthcoming fiscal year?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, I think I would like to put it this way, that with all of the changes now in process, if you like, the fact that there are rate increases and decreases coming about in the -- or at least proposed to come about in the foreseeable future, with the N.C.P.C.-Yukon Electric negotiations still under active consideration, I would hate to say at this particular point that we could change the electric rate equalization plan.

What I would like to do is immediately following all of these changes taking place, is have a full review of the total plan again to see whether we shouldn't be shifting or changing the plan in some way, to benefit the people of the Yukon.

**The Chairman:** Clear? Central Purchasing and Stores, \$22,000.00. Heating fuel equalization, decrease \$16,000.00. Write-off of bad debt, \$1.00, for a total of \$288,001.00. Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**The Chairman:** Department of Education, on page 11, Administration education, \$12,700.00: Schools, curriculum supplies and salaries, \$277,000.00. Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I note that you said that your explanation to provide funds for additional teachers. My question is, this is teachers beyond the entitlement that was provided in the original budget? Has there been an increase in student population within our schools to justify an increase in the hiring of teachers, and how many extra teachers were hired?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, there was a total of seven extra teachers hired; six prior to my self coming to the Executive Committee. In one or two areas, we are over our teacher entitlement. There was a few mistakes within the Department, and they are being rectified at the present time.

The one hired in, I guess it was in November, is for one area where the teacher entitlement applied to it.

You will notice that there is a definite increase in this vote, or in this establishment, and I think to clarify it for members, if you look into --further down to the Establishment 313, there's a decrease of \$103,400.00. In this establishment for Special Education programs, there is 22 designated special education teachers, and of that, as most members are aware, we have had



some problems in the transition period of when Mr. Richard Parker left, and subsequently Mr. Albert has been hired in January, we had difficulty replacing him.

So what has happened, we have had 14 designated and 8 actually working with special education, and at the same time teaching normal classes, and this figure was subsequently expended in Establishment 302 rather than 313.

There's another area in relation to the question that the Honourable Member from Kluane asked, and this is in the area of \$80,000.00 for the seven teachers that it mentioned, and this is low because it's seven-twelfths of the calendar year. Or fiscal year, I should say.

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** I'm not completely satisfied. I asked whether our student population increase to justify the hiring of seven extra staff? You know, you get a certain allotment set in the budget, and this House passes that allotment, and one condition, I think, that is accepted, is that there is a student, a significant increase in student population, then you can go ahead and hire extra staff.

But in this instance, I don't think there has been a significant increase in student population, and yet we have over-expended \$80,000.00 for staff. This disturbs me, and another thing that -- well, I will let the Honourable Member answer that question first.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the Honourable Member's concern, and I see we are approaching lunch, and if, I do not have a breakdown of where the teachers were placed, but I will bring it to you after lunch. How would that be?

**The Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke.

**Mr. Lengerke:** Mr. Chairman, the question of the Minister of Education. Am I to understand the special programs then for exceptional children were curtailed really to provide for the additional teachers, is this what has really happened?

**The Chairman:** Perhaps that would be appropriate to discuss that item.---

**Mr. Lengerke:** I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman, I thought there was some relation there 302 and 313.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** There is a relation.

No, I think that we do need some more organization in the Establishment of special education, but as I said earlier, 8 we're not designated, but were are in some cases working with special educational classes.

We have an area in one school here in town for example, where it is not designated a special class but in concept it is. This is one of the jobs that the special supervisor for education is going to have, is to rectify the situation and get these classes clearly delineated in this Establishment.

**The Chairman:** I think we better defer discussion on this until we do come to that particular point.

Do you have something else Mrs. Watson, or was it on the same line?

**Mrs. Watson:** The only thing Mr. Chairman, if the Honourable Member is going to get us information during the noon break, where these extra teachers were hired, then possibly he can get us the information where the special classes are at the present time also. This is what we would like to know.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, the classes that are actually designated special education classes, I think I have here.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang we will discuss that when we come to special education, please. Perhaps now we had better recess until 13:30 hours.

#### Recess

**The Chairman:** I will now call this Committee to order, being it is 13:30 hours.

We were discussing the supplementary budget, the Department of Education, Establishment number 302, schools, curriculum supplies and salaries.

**Mr. Lang?**

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, Mr. Chairman.

We have had a few problems here and I think they should be clarified. I'm glad the Honourable Member from Kluane has queried me on this particular subject. If you will notice, we -- I have had sheets run off on the teacher - pupil ratio throughout the Yukon, and the question was in relation to entitlement.

Now, we have had two problems, and one was down in Watson Lake. As you know, we were in the middle of a departmental change, almost a complete change at that time, but we were notified at that time the Lower Post school was closing, and that we would need more teachers in the Watson Lake area. Unfortunately, the pupils that attended Lower Post did not decide to go to Watson Lake. Some decided to go to Terrace, in British Columbia, down to the residential school that's down there, and others came to Whitehorse and are over in Yukon Hall. So this is one area where we are slightly over.

Another area, as the Honourable Member in Klondike will probably be very much interested in, is in Carmacks here where '74 we had an enrollment of 77, we had six staff members and it was 12.8, and then if you go to the next year, we had an enrollment of 85, and 5 staff members.

Now, the reason this was down, the reason we took one teacher away from that at the end of that year was because we were notified once again by Indian Affairs, that there would be a family, two families with children in -- I think it was 9 children, would be attending, coming to Whitehorse and attending school in



Whitehorse. Therefore subsequently, we did not budget in that area for another teacher, and as it turned out, through the last couple of months — or I should say in September, November, the kids came back and we were stuck in the position that we only had five teachers for the 85.

The other point I think should be pointed out as far as the entitlement is concerned, I think if you go through from kinderarten to Grade 7, it's 25 to 1; from Grade 8 to Grade 10, it's, we figure — this is in the urban setting, we figure it's 24 to 1, and in Grades 11 to 12, we figure 20 to 1, and in the outside areas, we figure 17 to 1.

Now, it's a very expensive proposition that the Government of the Yukon Territory has launched on, in regards to giving secondary — I should say, secondary schooling in the outlying areas.

Now, if you take an example, you take Faro, the Honourable Member from Pelly River would be interested in that, the teacher - pupil ratio there is relatively low, but if you're going to give a reasonable program at a secondary level, you need at least five teachers, in order to give a reasonable level of education.

Your other choice is to bring them into Whitehorse, into the dormitories, and in the dormitories in Whitehorse here, we have in the area of 45 students and we can only take a few more and the dormitories will be full, and after that we would have to board them out.

So this is what we are confronted with. I think that we have to make allowances for the outside areas in regards to the teacher - pupil ratio. If you take a look at — oh, a good one would be Pelly River. Last year we had 31 and we had two staff members, and that was 15.5 to 1. Now this year we have enrolled 21, still two teachers, but you are still going from Grade 1 to Grade 7, which is — for one teacher to cope with that would be very much of a major problem for any teacher, no matter what capabilities they have.

I think you have to look at it in a fairly broad perspective. I think that we all realize the expense that's incurred in this endeavour of bringing secondary schooling to the outlying areas, but I think it's a policy we in the Yukon Territorial Government should endeavour to follow, until which point it's economically beyond our means, but at this point in time we are able to do it.

**The Chairman:** Mr. McCall?

**Mr. McCall:** Well Mr. Chairman, as to what the Minister has just stated, what I'm concerned about here is, what is his intent behind his explanation? We were talking for a moment there about secondary schooling, and then we go down to primary schooling. What is his intent?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** We are discussing entitlement in its totality, Mr. McCall, as far as I was concerned. I think that you have to go throughout the whole school population and have a look at it in its totality. I'm sure you found it interesting.

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I'm not going to take the trouble to add it, have you got the totals for the enrollments for '74 and September '75? Have you the totals there?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** I don't have the total figures of the number of students, it's roughly, not counting kindergarden, roughly running 4950, somewhere in that area. It hasn't changed that much, but we've been experiencing not really an increase in the student population, but a shifting population, especially within Whitehorse.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming.

**Mr. Fleming:** I would ask the Minister what these lines here where it says Carcross - 41 and then it says 2, and then it says 3, then it says 20.5, .1, 13.7, what is the idea of the two figures?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Well Mr. Chairman, we had a problem out at Carcross and we saw fit to put another teacher in that was the seventh teacher that was increased to our teacher entitlement. We put it into Carcross. I think you approached me on it in the last Session if I recall correctly.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McCall.

**Mr. McCall:** I would like to ask the Minister this figure of enrollment for September '75. It seems to me a very low figure of 261.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** You're talking Faro, I presume?

**Mr. McCall:** Yes, Mr. Chairman.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** There is a slight discrepancy there, Mr. Chairman, taking kindergarden away from December '75 figures I have 46,280, so obviously there's been some people move into Faro since September.

**Mr. McCall:** Mr. Chairman, I think the exact figure is 286.

**Mr. Chairman:** Thank you, Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member hasn't told us where these extra eight teachers were allocated though.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, the Department has looked and has really been unable to find out where they have been allocated to, right directly where they're at. So we have had to come out with the information that we have here. We can't name pick them as such.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McCall.



**Mr. McCall:** I presume that would come under housing wouldn't it?

**Mr. Chairman:** Perhaps not, Mr. McCall. We don't know if they are housed. I would like to ask the Minister, with reference to special education where this population ratio went. Where did the teachers we got involved in special education fit into this scheme?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** They don't, Mr. Chairman. They're figured in regards to, if I remember correctly, the teacher public ratio is 15 to 1, but it depends on the problems of the children in the area, some have EMR problems, and whatever.

**Mr. Chairman:** Ms. Millard.

**Ms. Millard:** The number of staff. Are the tutor program teachers also included in this number.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** No, Mr. Chairman, the tutor instructors are not included in this teacher-public ratio as it is completely separate from the school program, in regards to the way the funding was presented as a LEAP program.

**Mr. Chairman:** What he really means to say Ms. Millard, is that they're not paying for it.

**Ms. Millard:** Could the Minister of Education then tell us how many people are involved in the tutor program?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, there's a number of 16 remedial tutors and there will be Sessional Paper coming in beginning early next week in conjunction with the main estimates, I'm sure we could have a fairly good debate on the subject.

**The Chairman:** Mr. McCall?

**Mr. McCall:** Yes, just a clarification, Mr. Chairman. Are these figures of staff, I presume these are full time staff, or does it include part time staff also?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** No, Mr. Speaker, this is full time staff.

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I think the Honourable Member should mention the fact that there's been an increase of enrollment at the secondary level. We have more students going to high school, to the secondary schools, and the enrollment at the elementary level is not at the increase that it is at the secondary levels, and your teacher-pupil entitlement at the secondary levels is lower than at the elementary. What is it, 25 to 1 for the elementary, and 24 to 1 for the --

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** 20 to 1 from Grade --

**Mrs. Watson:** And 20 to 1 for the 11 to 12, so I think -- but I'm wondering whether that will account for the total eight teachers, or whether there were, in fact, teachers hired above and beyond the entitlement. This is the type of thing that I'm trying to get at, and if so, why? There must be a reason.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Well, Mr. Chairman, I thought I explained myself very well. I'll go through it again. I appreciate your comments in relation to the secondary comparison to the elementary. I should have brought that up.

No, I would say if teacher entitlement as such on paper, yes, we are overstaffed. I think that we can look at Pelly Crossing, we can look at Faro, various areas in throughout the Yukon, and I think that with some justification, we have to have two teachers even if we have not exceeded the teacher-pupil ratio and this has to be taken into account.

I think like Carcross, if my memory serves me correct, we had, I think, eight teachers rather than the necessary nine in order to actually have another teacher, but we felt that looking at the educational aspects of it, it was necessary to have another teacher there. So I would like to say that the Honourable Member is asking me a very difficult question, because a lot of it is a value judgement made by educators.

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** I don't want to belabour this to death. One other area, though, that I would like to ask, in your hiring policy, I think this is part of the problem, you're projecting enrollment. You have to hire in mid-summer and you're projecting enrollment, and it's rather a guessing game. I'm wondering what enrollment the Department hires on. I know two or three years ago, we were overstaffed by much more than this, basically because we let the principals project the enrollments for the following year, and it was on the basis of the principals at the local level who projected the enrollments that we hired staff. I think we had 12 extra on staff, and that was quite a difficult lesson to learn.

Now, how do you project your -- do you use the past year's enrollment, or do you use something with a little bit more validity than the principals' projections?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** It's a very good question that the Honourable Member raises. Yes, we do, we use the statistics, the January statistics, prior to last year they used March of the year, and they found that that wasn't adequate and now they find that the average mean is in January, and we are finding that we are very close to calculations as far as teachers are concerned.

**Mrs. Watson:** Are you?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, overall.

**The Chairman:** Custodial supplies and salaries, leases and rentals, \$696,000.00. Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman, it is a rather



large sum. Perhaps we could learn from the witnesses today in Committee, as to what portion of this 700 or \$696,000.00 was attributed to salary and what to utility, increased utility costs and expenses?

**The Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I don't think I have it all clearly delineated, but there was -- I may have a difficult time explaining this, because I don't know if I quite understand it. We had a run-over of \$300,000.00 in utility costs in 1974-75. At that time, there was some new construction going on, we were making use of portables. Subsequently the following year, the Treasury Department thought that we would be able to absorb that cost with shutting down the portables, but that was not the case. We carried on using the portables, so subsequently we've had this over-run and it's run into this year, and we have to pick it up this year, as far as the supplementary goes, but it goes back that far.

We have had to raise our base to something like \$450,000.00 in comparison to \$300,000.00 is that correct?

**Mr. Miller:** Yes.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** So this is one of the -- plus the increase in salaries has had a lot to do with it. I don't have that delineated, do you?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, the additional salary cost is \$200,000.00. The additional other costs are \$496,000.00, of which \$300,000.00 was a carry-over from 1974-75, paid in 1975-76, and the \$196,000.00 is increased utility costs during the year.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, what was the carry-over for? Was it also for utility costs, electrical and heating bills that hadn't been paid in the --

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, this is correct.

**The Chairman:** French language program, \$2,300.00. Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman, in respect to the French language program, perhaps I could be informed as to just how much revenue is being expended on this program, and does this program also affect the -- apparently there's a French language program going on within the government structure of the Yukon Territory, and it concerns me that -- it has come to my attention that many Department heads are taking this course in French, and it's taking them away from their desks and the service of the people of the Territory, for certainly, some periods of time on a given day or a given week.

I am wondering whether the whole exercise would be then worthwhile, and just what this is costing the people of the Territory, and indeed, the people of Canada? For what reason?

**The Chairman:** Would the Member from Watson Lake be interested in enrolling in the course?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** I certainly would not, Mr. Chairman.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes Mr. Chairman. The Member raises two points. One is actually in another vote, the French language program, that's -- I mean establishment, Establishment 300. As far as the French language program is concerned, the increase is due to a salary increase. If I recall the figure it's fifty-three five, is it not, in the estimates from last year. It's a hundred percent recoverable.

I understand that it's a very good program. The idea is to implement a French course throughout the Yukon, through the school system, from Grade 5 on and concentrating in the rural areas, in order to have a course that is equal in, shall we say, capabilities of what is taught here in Whitehorse?

One of the problems is that in the rural areas, we are not always capable of getting a French teacher who also is willing and prepared to teach other courses, so therefore you may go for, as an example, for a year in Teslin without a French program, because there's nobody there to speak French.

Now, the idea is to get an audio-visual course there that can be taught by anybody, and I understand it is working very well. I could get a breakdown, and I could give it to you when we are going through the main estimates in regards to a breakdown of how the money is actually being spent, if the Honourable Member wants one.

Now, the other question you asked was in regard to the public service taking the course, the French program course. As I said earlier, this is in vote 300, and apparently it's working very well. When it first began, there was some talk that it would be an all-day course, the Executive Committee put their foot down and said that as far as they were concerned, that was too much time for anyone to take off, and it was then put up to each Executive Committee member to who they would be prepared to let go to a course for half a day.

In my Department, I would like to say I am very fortunate. I have three members taking the course for half a day a week, but I know that they are putting in time over the weekends, and they are going through their lunch hours, so I can speak for my own department only, but I can say that these people are putting in the hours that they should be putting in.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman, if that be the case, and I believe I was informed or the House was -- the Committee was informed that this is a hundred percent recoverable, is then it also -- do we also recover from the federal government the half a day of lost time to the people of the Territory in taking this course? Do we recover the equivalent in salaries and loss of production from these departments?

**The Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, no, we get up to \$500.00 per student who takes the course from the federal government on a recoverable basis. We have in



the neighbourhood, if my memory serves me correct, I think 19 from the Yukon Territorial government, and 21 from the federal government taking the course, and it's -- we do not recover, as to the question you asked, we do not recover the time lost, but as I said, it's more or less an honour system, and if one of the Executive Committee members see that one of the members of their department are not doing their work, well then it's up to him or her to say hold the phone, and the course is finished as far as that individual is concerned.

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** One final question, Mr. Chairman.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** I just have one final question, Mr. Chairman, and that is, why? What justifies the taking of this course and the taking up of this time on government time? What justifies the people taking this course? What is impending upon the service, the public service of the Territory? Are we going to become bilingual? Are we having these people shipped off to Ottawa or Quebec at some point in time? What is the reason for the course? Why is all this time being taken?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Well --

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** At public expense?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I don't know about the federal employees. They could quite conceivably be going back to Ottawa, I'm hopeful that our Yukon Territorial government employees are not going to Ottawa.

But no, it's a case of we got a hundred thousand dollars as a capital expenditure to set up a lab, which incidentally is a very nice lab, has all the facilities that could be offered anywhere, and the -- one of the criterias about taking the course, as far as the federal government was concerned, was that it had to be a day a week, and we made it a half a day a week. This is about as much as I know about it, I wasn't here when it was initiated, and maybe Mr. Miller can add something further to it, but that's my knowledge.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member from Watson Lake could probably asked my question, but I just say is the reason for this staff training, really in preparation for the day that we'll just have to communicate with Ottawa in French only.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I think that's a very good question. I was reading the Minutes of the standing committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and one area there, I see the first language is going to be Cree and they're not too sure what the second language is going to be. So I think it's a very good question. I think throughout our school system, I think it should be noted that we have had French initiated from the grade four level to

grade twelve. At the present time they are changing back to grade five because they found in grade four they are not able to retain the learning of the language because its not strictly emersion. But, I don't think that we're going to be going strictly to French, hopefully not, because I intend to be around for a fair length of time.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McCall.

**Mr. McCall:** Thank you Mr. Chairman, I don't really want to enter this debate too much, but I'm just hoping that when the course is completed as to the French language, that we can then embark on a course, say of Spanish.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** I would just like to add a word to this debate. As the Minister has explained the program was inaugurated before we arrived on the scene. I might tell the House that I am not one of the people taking this course, because I didn't feel I could take the time away from the desk. I have an awful lot to learn, I'm new.

But another reason that I'm not taking that course, which I would like very much to be enrolled in, because it's very enjoyable and they have an excellent instructor. Although I've had seven or eight years of academic French in my past, I've never had an opportunity to use conversational French. I would very much enjoy being there, but I haven't got the time to be there.

The main value of this program for me and for my fellow members of this government, would be the ability to be bilingual when attending Federal and Provincial Conferences, outside of this Territory. Let me assure you Mr. Chairman, this is a very serious and important matter. I am convinced that to go to those meetings as a bilingual person, is a very, very valuable thing. When my officers in my departments go to national meetings at the Deputy Minister level, it is most valuable for them. That is why I consider it a good investment for people who are younger than I am, and who are going to be in the public service here for the next few years. I can see that it's a good investment and its Federal money.

If you have an opportunity to expand your ability to speak French in this country of Canada, you're crazy not to take it. As far as we can possibly manage to release those people from their desks, I think it is good policy to do so. I know in my department the senior officers who are enrolled in that French class, do put in overtime at night in order to make up the hours lost. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, this program is cost shared with that of Ottawa or is entirely recoverable through the Secretary of State's office, I believe. Now in the past I would say about seven or eight years ago, we entered into an agreement for French programs with the Secretary of State and the



Yukon never got, never did recover any funding from that French program.  
Have you had any problems recovering this program through the Secretary of State?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, not to my knowledge. We may have one problem in regards to the number of hours that are taken in the course, because it was planned for 240 hours and this time we are taking 180 hours with it only being three and a half hours a day. So in that regards, there may be a slight change in the money factor, I don't know what's going to happen. I understand there has been some correspondence yesterday and I haven't see it. But as far as recovering to my knowledge, there is no problem.

**Mr. Chairman:** Student accommodation decreased at \$7,700.00. Mr. Lang.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, Mr. chairman as you notice there is a slight decrease here and there is a very legitimate reason for it. Because two years ago we used to rent our dormitories and at the same time used to have to pay the operation and maintenance. Now we own our own dormitories and we don't have to pay the rent. So the base that was projected has come out to be less than what we actually needed, and if you notice its covered the monies needed for added salary increases.

**Mr. Chairman:** Special educational programs for exceptional children decreased \$103,400.00. Mr. Lang.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member from Kluane asked for a breakdown for the 14 designated teachers for special education. I have them here. There is two at F.H. Collins, there's two at Jeckell, six at Whitehorse Elementary School, one at Selkirk, one at Jack Hlland, two at Watson Lake. I would like to also point out the other eight are in some relation working with special education to some extent.

**The Chairman:** Mr. McIntyre?

**Mr. McIntyre:** I would just like to point out, Mr. Chairman, no matter how you look at it, it seems to me that this special education program is being short-changed by \$103,000.00

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman --

**The Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** -- I'm really in no position to argue that point, because as you know we had trouble replacing the individual that was in charge of that part of the Department, and we'll be getting a handle on it in a very short -- in a short time. Hopefully I can come down -- come back with a response of some kind to your query.

**The Chairman:** It would be very interesting, Mr. Minister, if sometime we could have an audit of how successful that program is being managed, in view of the fluctuating ---

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** yes, Mr. Chairman, I was very concerned about it because it's a lot of money being expended in one area, and it should definitely be looked at to make sure we are getting the best value for our dollar.

**The Chairman:** Special Services and Grants for post-secondary training, \$13,000.00  
Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Well I think the members are aware that this is by Statute, and that we have just had an increase of -- a projected increase over what we have projected last year for the number of students applying.

**The Chairman:** Have the rates changed, Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, you're as well aware of it as I am, in order to change them, we would have to come here and amend the Ordinance.

**The Chairman:** The rates have not changed, Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, that's what I'm saying, Mr. Chairman.

No, Mr. Chairman, for the first year it's \$1,200.00, its 600 and \$600.00, and then after that a \$600.00 grant and a \$400.00 bursary, and it's clearly -- we went through the Ordinance here, the Financial Assistance Ordinance here last year, and the figure was put into the Ordinance at that time.

**The Chairman:** Kindergarten, decreased \$13,000.00

**Mr. McCall:** Well, Mr. Chairman --

**The Chairman:** Mr. McCall?

**Mr. McCall:** -- I'm a little concerned about this. It says "be absorbed out of establishment 302". I would like an explanation on this.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, Mr. Chairman. There has been some problem clearly delineating between establishment 316 and 302, and the reason is because some of the schools, the way they allocate their funds, they do not refer to kindergarten, and subsequently, some of the monies for actual kindergarten supplies have come out of 302, rather than the vote 316.

There's also a definite, you know, there's a decrease, and one of the reasons for the decrease is because in some of the hiring with the kindergarten



teachers leaving, we have in some cases not hired up scale, but maybe have hired down a little bit lower, and the reason is because of the people in the areas that are available for the job at that time.

**Mr. McCall:** Mr. Chairman--

**The Chairman:** Mr. McCall?

**Mr. McCall:** How much has been taken out of 302?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I don't have the figures on that. Maybe Treasury could help me on that.

**Mr. Miller:** Well the total is 13,000, Mr. Chairman. If you like, the breakdown of that 13,000, there's 7.8 thousand in salaries, and 5.2 thousand in other costs.

Now, the other costs would be the materials and supplies that would be, if you like, taken out of the normal school supplies and not bought specifically for the kindergarten. I think maybe that's the answer to the Honourable Member's question.

**The Chairman:** Mr. McCall?

**Mr. McCall:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister another question, the teachers that he has said or stated have left, have not been seemingly replaced in the kindergarten teaching. Could he give some more clarification on that?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** No, I'm sorry, that's not the case, Mr. Chairman. They are replaced, it's just the fact that if he looks in the Y.T.A.'s collective agreement, you have your categories, and the increments by years, and if you go through that, if you're in the sixth category in the tenth year, I think you make in the area of \$24,000.00, and if you're in the third category, I don't know, in the second year, you would make in the neighbourhood of maybe 15 or \$16,000.00. That's your difference.

It's not that we cut down staff.

**Mr. McCall:** Mr. Chairman?

**The Chairman:** Mr. McCall?

**Mr. McCall:** Am I to assume by what Mr. -- or what the Minister has just stated, that in order to keep the costs down, they also have voluntary workers replacing teachers?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** No that is not correct.

**Mr. McCall:** Well Mr. Chairman, I think in the case of Faro this is true.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** I think the answer has already been given by M. Miller, I just wanted to help the Minister. In Dawson's school, for example in the past years, all the supplies were ordered by the kin-

dergarten teacher, aside from the school, this year for the first time, it's ordered directly through the school system, through the principal's office.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, there's been a discrepancy in that area as far as the allocation of funds for school curriculum is concerned for the work books and this type of thing that are needed for the various classes. For kindergarten, I think they figure it out for \$27.00 to one or something, and we have had to revise it and look at it.

If you look, we have got a policy from Grade 1 to Grade 7, it's \$19.00 per student, for Grade 8 to Grade 9, it's \$30.00 per student, and Grades 10 to 12, it's \$35.00 per student, is the way we figure out how we to each classroom for supplies and this type of thing.

**The Chairman:** Recreation and amateur sport, \$120,000. Mr. Lang, I wonder if you could give a breakdown on this figure, could you?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes I could actually. As you know, we have had a fair amount of problems with the Arctic Winter Games transportation, and as you know, the last session, we had, if my memory serves me correct, unanimous support from this House to see that the contingent --

**Mrs. Watson:** Reluctant is a better word.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Contingent from Whitehorse to Schefferville return. Subsequently, from that point in time, we had some few problems with an organization call Trans Air, who we had been negotiating with from August, who had said that they would do the job for \$82,000.00, but in the letter, at the same time, had said that they were not too sure if they could meet our schedule.

From that point on, Mr. Robb, the director of recreation, had telephoned Trans Air, I believe three or four times, asking for them to send the contract because the formality in the airplane business I gather is for the airplane outfit to send the contract because they have standard forms, and we were led down the garden path. They kept saying wait a week here or two weeks, it will be on its way and whatever, and we finally blew the whistle in January thinking well what is going on?

As far as I could make out, the little bit that I had to do with it, the Trans Air people were apparently holding the trip to Schefferville, the charter, kind of in the background, waiting to see whether or not their charters out of Toronto would be full. Apparently they did get filled and then they thought that we were going to accommodate their schedule rather than them accommodating our schedule, which could not happen. So therefore we looked for other carriers and we approached P.W.A. and they gave us a quote of \$96,000.00, and I think a couple of hundred dollars, if my memory serves me correct, as we have since then entered into an agreement with them for the transportation costs. The other point in here is that there's an agreement with the Sports Federation for \$16,400.00 for organizing



the contingent internally. They are what you term 50 cent dollars for every dollar that is needed to organize the contingent, and it's up to the Sports Federation to put 50 cents of that dollar up.

There's approximately -- if you figure that out, we are up to approximately \$113,000.00. There's another \$7,000.00, there for the Recreation Branch, which takes in the salary -- the increase in salary of the Recreation Director, and also the fact that we do have swimming pools throughout the Yukon, I believe it's nine of the, and we need a .25 or a quarter of a year, man year for each pool, so it figures out to roughly 2.25 or something that we need for the year, and there's an increase in salary there as well.

**The Chairman:** I would suggest, Mr. Lang, that it's a rather ornate garden path you have got led down to the tune of \$120,000.00.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** That's a comment that I really won't argue with, Mr. Chairman.

**The Chairman:** Mr. McCall?

**Mr. McCall:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would say he was taken for a ride.

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I don't think it amusing at all. We are looking at \$120,000.00, that's almost 50 per cent of the entire recreation budget. We are using that for approximately 200 people, and as we said last time, it's happened, but I would not -- in fact, I would vote against giving \$100,000.00 or whatever it is, if it ever happened again.

I don't think that we can go to the taxpayers of the Territory and double their business licences, add 10 mills and say that doubling the business licence brings you \$20,000., and it's really the sweat and the blood of the small businessman in the Yukon Territory, and spend an extra \$20,000.00 to take 200 athletes to Schefferville. Just where are our priorities?

I know commitments were made, but I think this is a very, very serious thing, and so does every taxpayer in the Yukon Territory, that this is a serious thing. We are really going to have to make some very firm assessments of this after this next game, before any commitments, even the initial commitment to be a part of the games, next time is made.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I agree with the Honourable Member from Kluane. I think as I stated in the House here last session, that we were reviewing the recreation Department, which at the present time we are, and we would be coming down for a policy in the Recreation Department.

I think it's a very serious issue that we are facing here, it's no laughing matter. You're looking at approximately \$96,000. for strictly transportation.

I think also, a lot of people are forgetting this, that Schefferville -- or I should say Northern Quebec, paid to come from Northern Quebec to Alaska when they had the Arctic Winter Games here.

I also would like to say that as far as making a decision

to go in these Games, and I can assure you that one will be made here within the next year, and we will not be waiting six months before the Games start to make that decision, and there will be a games policy decision made around this table, ratified around this table.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke

**Mr. Lengerke:** Mr. Chairman, I'm glad to hear the Honourable Minister suggest that a policy is going to be formulated around this table because I'm in full accord with that and it has to be done. I'd just like to comment a little further and I don't want to belabour the issue on the Trans Air situation. I did also do some investigating into that. I happened to talk to Sandy Morrison and a number of executive officers of Trans Air, who also told me their side of the story. I just find that the responsibility or the actions of two responsible parties, Trans Air and our Department, just were not all that well done. I think probably the Minister would probably agree with me, because I understand that he even sent a communique that suggested something to that degree. I think that in the future we are going to have to, certainly, look a little closer as to how we handle this, what kind of commitments we make or that we don't make. As I said earlier, I'm just glad a policy is to be formulated.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman I'm not going to say that the Department of Recreation was completely blameless, because I think where we erred was in respect to blowing the whistle maybe a little later than what it should have been blown.

I don't think that I would blame the Department of Recreation in the person of the recreation director, because we were under the illusions that Trans Air was wanting to do business with us here and was applying for a franchise, and we had every reason to believe that they would be giving us good service. Subsequently it did not happen, we apparently were dealing with somebody that did not have the power to make decisions, which is too bad because it put us in a very untenable position and it also put Trans Air in a very untenable position.

When I got into the picture, of negotiating with Trans Air, what little negotiations took place, I called Trans Air and it took me approximately 20 minutes to go through various people before I found anybody that could make a decision. I don't know, I phoned and I asked, I didn't realize how big Trans Air was to be quite honest. I phoned and I asked who runs the organization, is there a chairman, a president, I would like to speak to him.

They said oh you can't speak to him. I said well I don't know I'm talking eight to a hundred thousand dollars, I should be able to talk to somebody who can make a decision.

Subsequently I went up the ladder and finally did get to somebody and I explained our situation, that we were going to go public on the issue because the taxpayers of the Yukon had the right to know what was going on in regards to the transportation route of the Arctic Winter Games contingent. That we did and I heard on the air a Mr. Watson, who incidentally I did not get the opportunity to talk to. I must have talked to



everybody else though.

He claimed that they had no communications from the Yukon Territorial Government and that is not true Mr. Chairman, because we do have receipts of telephone calls and I assure you that we have no other reason for calling Trans Air other than for that charter purpose.

It's unfortunate that there's nothing in writing, that's our only problem.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger.

**Mr. Berger:** I have a question Mr. Chairman. If I recall correctly, I think in the last supplementary estimates, we already gave the Department of Recreation ninety-eight thousand dollars. Shouldn't this figure only read \$22,000.00?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** No, Mr. Speaker, no you didn't in the last budget, not to my knowledge.

**Mr. Berger:** Mr. Chairman, we discussed the whole problem just as we are discussing it right now.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** He said it would come as a supplementary.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McCall.

**Mr. McCall:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like, on one of these rare occasions, to concur with the Honourable Member from Kluane.

The foolishness of this expense in the way this large amount of money is being spent. I feel in my opinion a little bit ridiculous. When one considers that our own recreation facilities in Faro can not even get a \$200.00 grant.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang, do you wish to reply to that.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Well Mr. Speaker we do have a fitness and amateur sports advisory board. I'm sure if they put in their application they could see how it would go.

**The Chairman:** Is that board functioning, Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, it is.

**The Chairman:** Mr. McCall.

**Mr. McCall:** Mr. Chairman, in answer to the Minister's reply. The advisory has put in a number of applications and they have been turned down emphatically.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Well could it be that you were being financed by the private industry?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming.

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman. I guess I rise in support of everything else that was said here today almost. I absolutely, it just makes me sick to think that we are paying \$120,000.00 to go out to something like this. This has been said so many times, I won't bother with that again.

Hopefully it will never happen again. I'm very happy to hear the Minister's going to see that it does come to this Table, if there's any more decisions made as to where money is going to be spent. Some of it anyhow. I find, and probably Mr. McKinnon will probably say that I have a conflicted interest again, in this case, I would like to just mention the fact that our athletes this year in the Yukon Territory, when they came in here to play in the Arctic Winter Games, had to stay somewhere in this country and they have to travel to get in here. That expense was up to the people that owned the children or somebody in the Yukon Territory.

**The Chairman:** It wasn't Mr. Fleming.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Its my understanding that there were expenses paid for the outside members coming in.

**Mr. Fleming:** Hopefully there is something because I didn't hear anything from it and I paid some bills.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Fleming, I think the Yukon Sports Federation undertook to pay half cost and the Department undertook the other half of the costs for transportation.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** I thought I explained that earlier, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Fleming:** I stand corrected that this is right, because up to the time we came into town, there was no such thing, we were to pay our own way.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, could I clarify this. There is \$32,800.00 that is going to be spent in organizing the contingent internally within Yukon. The idea that some of this is for expenditure for people to travel into the pre-game trials. So, I'm sure they got something. I don't know how the ratio was set out.

**The Chairman:** With deference, Mr. Lang, that was a limit of \$32,800.00--

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** That's right.

**The Chairman:** --that was imposed, a half of which the Territorial Government would pay --

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** That's correct.

**The Chairman:** -- and any overrun would be the responsibility of the individual organizations involved, so that only committed the Territorial Government to a maximum of \$16,000.00



The rest was borne voluntarily?  
Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman, I just have one question, that in respect of the future of the Yukon's participation in the Arctic Winter Games, it occurs to me that there must be provision through budget programming, for the 1976-77 estimates, at least by now, and it also then occurs, it follows at what point in time would the administration be prepared to lay a proposal, one way or the other, as to future participation in Arctic Winter Games by the Yukon Territory?

In other words, at what point in time are they prepared to come to the table with a submission for our consideration?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I think it was in the Motion that was presented by the Honourable Member from Kluane, if I'm not correct, and it would be in the following session after the Arctic Winter Games.

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Well--Mr. Chairman, what is the content of the Motion approved by the House, and what sometimes results by the administration from those Motions is unclear.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman --

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** This is why I wished clarification at this point in time, as to when we would expect, so then I take it from the reply of the Minister, that we are to expect a submission before the House at the fall session?

**The Chairman:** Mr. Taylor, that was included in the Motion that was proposed before the House before, a time limit was put on it of one month after the conclusion of the games, so I don't think you need further reassurance on that at this time.

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Well, Mr. Chairman, with the greatest of respect to the Chair, I --

**The Chairman:** You are asking, you are asking, Mr. Taylor, that there should be a time limit put on it. That has already been done by this Committee.

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** That was done by a resolution of the House, Mr. Chairman, but I point out that our resolutions are not always abided by.

**Some Members:** Hear, hear.

**The Chairman:** I'm sure, Mr. Taylor, we will make every attempt to take care of it.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Just when they go to Ottawa.

**The Chairman:** Administration, vocational and technical training centres, \$3,400.00. Adult education, night school and continuing education, decrease of \$5,400.00.

**Mr. Berger:** Mr. Chairman?

**The Chairman:** Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** Can we possibly have an explanation for the reason why?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** yes, Mr. Chairman. This is because of the City of Whitehorse taking over the interest courses from the Department of Education. We are still holding courses, wherever possible, in the outlying areas, but the City of Whitehorse has taken over the interest courses so therefore a decrease in our budget.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'm kind of puzzled. I know of one particular case in Dawson where people went to get a course started in adult education and night courses, and they were flatly told "there's no funding available". And here I find there's \$5,400.00 available. I'm quite concerned. I mean if outlying areas are denied things like this from the Department because it's available in Whitehorse, I think that's ridiculous.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, you're referring to courses that are sometime 60-40 split between the Manpower and ourselves. I'm referring to courses that are self sufficient, such as a pottery course or whatever you would take at night, and you would pay X amount of dollars to take that course, so that it would pay the prof and whatever.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** Mr. Chairman, I was asked myself - was asked to get night courses started for upgrading and heavy duty mechanics in Dawson, and we were told that there was no funding available, and this goes on for the last five years.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman--

**The Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** -- this is an entirely different program in reference to the one here, and I sympathize with the Honourable Member, but we are -- happen to have agreements with the Manpower and Manpower will not sponsor, shall we say positions in various courses, unless they feel it's warranted, in regards to the work force in that particular area. We just do not have funds in the Yukon Territorial Government's funds to go off on our own. So we are ham strung in that respect.

**The Chairman:** Apprenticeship training, decrease, \$16,700.00. Mr. McCall?

**Mr. McCall:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, this particular



line brought that subject to mind. What I am curious about, funds are available due to a vacant position. I find that rather remarkable, when you consider that the vocational training here in the Yukon is about 10 years behind any other provincial apprenticeship training in Canada.

I know that for a fact because all our apprentices in the mine site in Faro are sent out to British Columbia, and we see a statement here which I find a little ridiculous.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I think there's a certain amount of clarification needed here. The Honourable Member isn't obviously that well informed.

We have what we term the Industrial Coordinator who is in charge of this establishment, who is the liaison between the industry, manpower and the apprentices themselves. We have about a total -- if my memory serves me correct, I think 60 apprentices, who are out in various areas between Alberta and B.C., mainly B.C. The reason there is a decrease here is because we had a change-over in the vocational staff, just like we did within the Department itself, and the industrial coordinator was given the position of the Director of the Vocational School. He will be replaced this coming March, so in order to get this liaison once again going, it's a very important position, if I may add, because there's a lot of people's future hinge on how well this person does his work.

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman,, your apprenticeship program is still carrying on, I presume—

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** I just said that.

**Mrs. Watson:** And it's been without a coordinator for how many months now?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I couldn't answer that, I'm not -- I couldn't give you an exact date.

**Mrs. Watson:** You know really, I wonder how important a position it is when you save the \$16,000., your program is going on, they don't seem to -- the program doesn't seem to have suffered, well maybe you should be eliminating the position altogether when you have saved the \$16,000. and your program is still going.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, the reason --

**The Chairman:** Wait until you are recognized.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Well, Mr. Chairman, the reason the course has been able to continue the way it has, is that in the person of Mr. Scholes who was in that position, has taken the director's job, and has been doing both jobs, and incidentally has been working very late at night for five or six days a week.

I don't think it's fair to a man to have to assume both positions.

And as I said earlier, it's a very important job, and we are very fortunate that Mr. Scholes is prepared to take the responsibility on while we are trying to locate somebody to take that position.

**The Chairman:** Would it not be true, Mr. Lang, that these funds are still available, because some of the programs that are offered here are not accepted by industry in all areas?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, could you -- I don't quite understand the question.

**The Chairman:** Well are the programs here accepted by industries in general, are the training programs here fully acceptable?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, for an example, if you would take a carpentry course over there, if the person wishes to pursue this, it's worth -- if my memory serves me correct, I believe one year of apprenticeship to a private organization, so therefore it must be acceptable to private enterprise.

**The Chairman:** No, let's take the reverse. You were using one instance that is acceptable, I'm asking if they are all acceptable? Because the --

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, there's a few courses that are debatable, I'll go along with that.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McCall?

**Mr. McCall:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I agree with what you just stated, as far as I am concerned, this apprenticeship training program might as well be abandoned by the government, because private enterprise has shown they can do a better job, cheaper.

**The chairman:** Thank you, Mr. McCall, for your support of private enterprise.

**Mr. McCall:** Mr. Chairman, I didn't mean it that way.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, as a matter of privilege, I would like to go back to Recreation and Amateur Sports if I may for a moment again, in the Arctic Winter Games, and --

**The Chairman:** I think you have a chance to come back to that, Mr. Fleming, when we go back to the Bill.

**Mr. Fleming:** It is a matter of privilege, Mr. Chairman, I think I --

**Some Members:** Agreed.



**The Chairman:** Go ahead.

**Mr. Fleming:** I more or less got shot down when I said we pay our expenses in the Yukon Territories here, and rightly so, maybe I got shot down, but not quite so bad. I'll give you an instance of coming into the Arctic Winter Games from the outlying districts, and we do get something. In fact we get \$22.00 for a car coming in from such a place as Teslin, at 115 miles from town, that can hold approximately four children or youngsters that are going into the games, or adults, whatsoever.

But there is an added expense other than that, and this is one reason I would like to bring this up at this Council today, is because maybe it may have a little light on something farther on. When we come in to pay for our hotel rooms, they are usually \$22.00 to \$23.00. For every person that comes to this town, we must put out \$50.00 or \$60.00 from somebody. I find that under the present situation, with Arctic Winter Games and all these things, that it usually comes from somebody's pocket at home. Then we are spending \$120,000. to send them all the way to Quebec, and I just want it understood that I am not ever going to vote for anything like that again, even though I did so reluctantly the last time we were in here.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Fleming, I think with deference to the athletes' participation, I think they should be asked to contribute something to their participation in the games. It shouldn't merely be given to them on a platter. They are getting subsidized considerably by the government, and by the Sports Federation. I think they should also contribute themselves to the privilege of going.

**Mr. Fleming?**

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'm agreeable to that. I don't want anybody to get anything for nothing. What I'm saying is that hopefully in the future that we don't let anything like this happen again, when a large amount of money goes like that to go some place, and then we forget that at home we could use that money more efficiently for the children here, or for any athlete.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman, what in essence you said, with great respect, is that it's just another way that you're penalized for not living within the municipal boundaries of the City of Whitehorse. If you want to come in and enjoy the same ability to become eligible and perhaps join as an athlete in the Arctic Winter Games competition, then you have darn well got to pay for it. But if you are fortunate enough to live here in Whitehorse, well, that's fine. And that's just another way we are penalized for living in the hinterland, and there's no compensation really for it.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman?

**The Chairman:** Oh, I'm sure you find compensation for living in Watson Lake, Mr. Taylor.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I would like to point out, that I think that the Members around this table are all pretty fair in regards to the rural versus the urban area. As far as the Arctic Winter Games is concerned, I understand over a thousand people have partaken in the pre-game trials in order to see whether or not they are prepared to go to Schefferville. I would also like to point out to the Honourable Member, that there used to be a slush fund for each member here prior to the beginning of this Council, which was in the neighbourhood of \$8,000.00 and I don't think any members in Whitehorse begrudged the fact that it was going to go into the installation of TV's for outside areas.

**The Chairman:** I would also point out, Mr. Taylor, that some of the Arctic Winter Games trials are carried on in other centres than Whitehorse, and the poor people in Whitehorse have to travel to those other centres and make those expenses as well.

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, at Faro, yes, I must say that people do have to go from Whitehorse to Faro, and that must be extremely depressing.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** I think the debate is depressing somewhat.

**The Chairman:** We will continue.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Degenerating is the word.

**The Chairman:** Rehabilitation service, decrease, decrease \$68,000.00, for a total of 909,400.00. Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**The Chairman:** Department of Territorial Secretary and Registrar General, page 15, Territorial Secretary and Registrar General, \$106,000.00. Records office, \$20,000.00. Land Titles Office, decrease at \$27,000.00 Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could have a reason for the decrease in salary, these vacant positions. Is this because it is just completely impossible to purchase land and nobody goes to their office any more or what?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, this decrease in respect of salaries is \$9,000.00 and it related to the fact that we didn't hire the Land Title Registrar until August, September of last year, in other words, the position was vacant for a five or six month period earlier on in the year, and was being — the work was effectively being done by Herb Taylor.

**The Chairman:** The Department of Territorial Secretary and Registrar General, totalled \$99,000.00 Mr. Lengerke?



**Mr. Lengerke:** Yes, just before we leave that, Mr. Chairman, could I have some sort of a breakdown on the establishment number 400, of 106,000? What does that represent?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, salaries — salary increases are \$62,000.00, the other increases are \$44,000.00. That's broken down into \$16,000.00 for additional printing costs. There was \$20,000.00 carried forward from 1974-75, which had not — which had been dragging behind, so our base was out, and there was another \$8,000.00 for miscellaneous items, primarily the Public Utilities Board.

**The Chairman:** Clear?

The Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation, page 18. Disease control decreased \$15,000.00. Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman, under Disease Control, as you know, we have been faced with a diphtheria, a potential diphtheria outbreak, which fortunately did not occur, but it did require that there was a mass immunization program, and is that reflected in this section of the budget, and if not has the federal government pick up the costs of the immunization program?

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, the immunization emergency program to which the member refers, was a federal public health service. The decrease in this amount here reflects the decreasing number of people requiring treatment and - or transportation for that treatment, who have been suffering from things such as cancer and T.B.

It's a variable factor which you cannot really forecast accurately. I might just add that major construction projects, for example, in the Yukon Territory, inevitably are followed by an increase in treatment for venereal disease and other social diseases. It's a fluctuating amount; we just happen to have been lucky this last year.

**The Chairman:** For point of clarification, Mr. Whyard, who is responsible for the control of the venereal disease program in the Territory?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Miller?

**Mr. Miller:** The Chief Medical Health Officer, I believe.

... **Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** I think the Chairman is asking who pays what share of it, federal-territorial?

**Mr. Miller:** Oh.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Is that what you are asking, Mr. Chairman?

**Mr. Miller:** There is no sharing, we pay the total cost.

**The Chairman:** Then why is it being administered by the federal government employees, Mr. Miller?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Well because —

**The Chairman:** I asked because I have inside knowledge of this situation, of course.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Because, Mr. Chairman, the responsibility for administering the public health program in the Yukon is still carried out by federal health people.

**The Chairman:** Mental health, \$35,000.00. General health services \$26,000.00

**Mrs. Watson?**

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Honourable Minister one question on the mental health. The increase. I'm rather curious to know, has there been an increase in the number of patients or is it just an increase in per diem rate?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, this cost factor reflects almost one hundred per cent the increased daily cost charged to us for the care of patients who were committed to institutions outside. Some of them many years ago. I can say that in the last two to three years, there have been no patients committed from the Yukon. They are being given mental health treatment here in the Yukon.

So that this increase is really the increase in the hospital costs outside, over which we have no control. There is no way that we can ask a year ahead what their per diem rate will be at the end of that year. They simply announce to us the increase that is effective now and we have to pay it. Does that answer the member's question?

**The Chairman:** I'm sorry Mrs. Whyard, did you lead me to understand that the patients are not being evacuated for mental illness, is that what you are saying.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** The word I used Mr. Chairman was committed to an institution.

**The Chairman:** And you say that's not happening now?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** I have been informed by the officer who is handling our mental health program, that there have been no permanent commitments in the last two to three years. They may be out for temporary treatment and return yes, but what I think we are discussing here is a long term stay in a mental institution which we are charged a daily rate.

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Going onto 502. General Health Services. Now I may be questioning a wrong area. But



if the Minister remembers I asked a question last session when we were looking at the Federal cutbacks in the health budget. I was advised at that time that there was going to be a cutback in one dental therapist, the hiring of one dental therapist. Now is this area which we are concerned with in here. The general health services?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** I think so Mr. Chairman. It wasn't just a matter of cutback either, at the time as it was explained to me by the dental people, in the dental health program. It was the matter of not being able to find a therapist at the time that the position was open.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** One further question and I know this is rather icky picky but it makes quite a great deal of difference to people in the smaller communities. We've heard a lot about the people in the smaller communities, but I notice that the Pelly River Health Station was closed down. The nurse was taken from there.

Now one of my latest reports is the fact that they're cutting down on the number of hours they are paying the lay dispensers in the small communities. And I'd like to give you an example. At Beaver Creek, it's 300 miles from Whitehorse, they have a lay dispenser. Someone qualified in Red Cross and some ambulance training. They pay them for a certain number of hours a week. And they're on stand-by. Now, they're cutting down on the number of hours, and of course, these people are just getting to the point where they're really doing a community service.

It seems so icky picky to cut at that type of level where it makes such a difference. Another thing is when your whole health trailer freezes up, because there is nobody, but nobody designated to take care of it in the winter time. We all know you don't drag away from any house, any facility and leave it without anyone taking care of it.

Again, it is a matter of a few silly dollars which are being wasted at one level and which mean so much at the other level and which really make the people who are using the services very unhappy with the service. I wonder if the Honourable Minister could look into this type of little chintzy type of cutbacks that make such a difference.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman I would be very happy to investigate this. I had not been informed that they were cutting back on hours for dispensers. I will certainly inquire of the Regional Federal Health officer.

My information regarding Beaver Creek is that the gentleman who was the lay dispenser there, who has ambulance and paramedic background, has full time employment within another government department. But that doesn't enter the principle of this at all. He is also, I would have thought, responsible for keeping the trailer heated during the winter.

No, that's another good point that we should

investigate. I know that at some of the trailer health stations, there are people hired to look after the maintenance, example, Old Crow, where there is a full time employee, to assist the nurse there.

I would have to look into it on the Federal side, Mr. Chairman, to find out why this cutback in number of hours. It may depend on how close they are to a full time nursing station elsewhere, where the nurse comes to visit frequently. I don't know, I wasn't consulted on that one.

**The Chairman:** Subsidized travel, medical necessities - \$40,000. Mr. Fleming.

**Mr. Fleming:** I question the Minister for Health and Welfare. Would you say it would be correct if I thought this greater number of claims was coming from people being more aware of this program that it is in effect in the Territory.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, that may be part of it, Mr. Chairman, but the major portion of this item, and I think Mr. Miller will substantiate this, is the increase cost of transportation. We have no control over what the airlines charge for us to ship patients out for treatment. As you know that has increased substantially in the past year. Costs of travel within the Territory have also increased.

I really can't tell you at this moment, but if you would like me to bring in the figures on the increased number of people, using the travel facility, I will do so.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming.

**Mr. Fleming:** Within the Territory.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Within the Territory.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman, there's just one question that arises. I have been asked several times by some of the aviation operators, the aircraft operators in other parts of the Territory, why when a special evacuation, emergency evacuation is required, and perhaps C.P. Air is not available as in the case of Watson Lake, that an airplane is always chartered from Whitehorse to go pick up the patient, rather than employing, you know, an aircraft in the community, for instance of Watson Lake and bringing the patient in?

I am just wondering if there is any set policy on that, or the -- the operators have simply asked me this and I told them that I would raise it. I have raised it before, but I raise it again.

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, to my personal knowledge, when a med-evac is necessary out of a settlement which has an airport such as Watson Lake, local aircraft are used from Watson Lake.

Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have personal knowledge of at least three patients who have been--

**The Chairman:** Yes, I think I might add to that.



**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** --evacuated from Watson Lake in an aircraft from Watson Lake. Mr. Miller may have more to add.

**The Chairman:** I think I might have something to add as well. It depends on the circumstances under which the patient is evacuated, and the type of aircraft that is available for certain evacuations does require some coming from Whitehorse. They just simply don't have the facilities for certain types of evacuation in the smaller centres.

For instance, a Cessna 402 is sometimes needed to evacuate a patient.

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman, I will take debates and proceedings of this discussion back to the operators. I'm sure they will be quite interested.

**The Chairman:** Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman this might be as good a time as any to bring up a question I was going to ask of the Minister of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Last session we passed a Motion stating that -- asking the Minister to look into the policy of mileage paid to travellers for medical reasons, with a view to varying the rates paid to the traveller. Has something been done on that yet?

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I had figures prepared.

**The Chairman:** Perhaps we will give you a chance to look at them while we take a brief recess.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Is it 3 o'clock? I don't have them here, Mr. Chairman, they are in my office.

#### Recess

**The Chairman:** Under discussion at the moment is establishment 504, subsidized travel, medical necessity.

Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, in answer to Ms. Millard's question, which dates from the December session of Council, we discussed at that time mileage paid to travellers in the Yukon, coming for medical reasons to Whitehorse from outlying communities.

I think what started it all off that the mileage rate paid to those people differs from the mileage rate paid to the government employees. That was the beginning of the discussion. I can inform the House that if we increase the rates which are presently paid, perhaps I should tell you that we pay for something like 80,000 miles per year, all patients considered within the Territory.

The rate at present is ten cents a mile, which means it's costing up 8,000. If this was increased to 17

cents, you would be paying thirteen six. If you went up to 21, sixteen eight, and if you went up to 23, which is the top rate, eighteen thousand four hundred, so it's a matter of deciding whether you want to go from a figure of 8,000 to 18,000, to subsidize people coming in for medical attention.

On the advice of my department administrator, I have not taken any action up until now on this matter, because the number of people who actually drive their own cars coming in for medical attention, is really not considered to be that great. If they are in a medical emergency, they are using other forms of transportation, and all the costs are picked up.

If you are simply coming in to see a doctor, the theory, I think, behind this is that you are utilizing the occasion to do other things as well, that's probably the principle on which this rate was based. But those are the figures.

If this House wants to approve a Motion later on, when we are in the main estimates, that is certainly your prerogative. I am simply bringing the figures in at this time.

Is that what the Honourable Member wanted to know?

**Ms. Millard:** Yes, I have got the information I need. Thank you, I will be bringing it up again.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** I would just like to point out to the House members those rates were set a number of years ago when the gas price was roughly about 70 cents or something like this, and I gave the Honourable Member a gas slip from myself for yesterday, at a dollar twenty a gallon at Stewart Crossing, I think it's absolutely necessary to upgrade those mileage fees a lot of times, and it happened to me personally, I had no choice but to bring my own car, because if I would have considered the taxi fares and everything else, in Whitehorse to go to the hospital, it would have been prohibitive to me, because I would never get the taxi fares back from Medicare and so on.

The other thing is, in a lot of cases, the outlying patients -- as the other member has already said, you have to consider the hotel room prices, plus the cost of food up here. I think it would be just to bring up at least the mileage to a standard which is acceptable today.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to inform the Minister too that she has answered my question that I asked before, on when you spoke of the 8,000 miles that have been travelled, this is actually what I wanted to get. Further to that, I would like to say this, that I would be very careful on raising the rates actually too much in this case, because that was one of the problems I was worried about.

The people were not very well aware of that program in the Yukon Territory, up until possible this last year, they have become more aware, and I don't mean -- it was there, always there, but I know of many people who came to town and they did not really know,



and they didn't get their travel forms filled out by the doctor, and Mr. Hibberd can verify this too, and therefore, you know, I don't think we got all the cases really, paid the way, that could have been.

Now, anything that is going to bring this to the awareness of the people is actually going to raise the amount of mileage that you are going to travel, so therefore you are going to get more, I would say in the future than you have in the past. Other than that, I do agree a certain amount -- you know, if you have to travel, it does cost more and so forth and so on, but you could be looking at a very much larger figure, I think.

**The Chairman:** Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** The Honourable Minister has mentioned that there are not that great a number of people who are using this mileage cost, which makes it all the more imperative, as far as I can see, to raise the costs, -- to raise the expenses given to them, because I know the personal case I know about, the woman has a child and has eye trouble, and she comes down a half a dozen times a year to see the specialist. She has operations, she has in between things that happen, if something happens to another child. These appointments aren't made by herself, she's referred to a specialist. She has to take time off her work to come down, drive the child here, pay for her own and her child's hotel room, and at 10 cents a mile she is really losing money and it's not her fault. She is being punished for living out of town, and she is being punished for having a child who has eye trouble.

I wonder if the Honourable Minister could give us some kind of indication of how many people are involved. Are there ten or a hundred, or a thousand, for the 80,000 miles?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, I would have to bring that figure back in later discussion.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** Mr. Chairman, just on what the Honourable Member from Teslin raised question of possible abuse. I don't think there is much of a danger involved.

Of course, I can only speak again of Dawson, and there the public health nurse, the hospital administrator and the doctor, I think, assuring everybody that this thing is not abused, because I would say 80 per cent of the cases have to take the bus out, or a plane out, and just where they think it necessary that they should travel by car, this is when they are allowed to take their car.

**The Chairman:** Alcoholism and drug abuse, decrease at \$43,000. That will include detoxication centre, \$17,000.

Yukon Hospital Insurance Services, \$116,000.

Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan, \$16,000. Administration and Welfare, decrease \$16,000. -- sorry, Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Just one question under Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan, Mr. Chairman.

I would like to ask the Honourable Minister to what degree is the Government of the Yukon Territory prosecuting people for not registering for the scheme? Are there many prosecutions taking place, and what is happening?

**Hon. Mrs. Shyard:** Mr. Chairman, I don't know how many prosecutions have taken place. I can find out for the Honourable Member.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** I was just thinking of the opposite question from what the Honourable Member from Watson Lake raised. I wonder what the administration is doing about the people who are not able to register in the scheme because of wrong information they are receiving through the mail, people asking for what they owe. Again, I have to quote myself, what happened to me a year ago. Roughly I owed them about 4 months of medicare so I wrote them a letter to get the exact figure.

I get back a letter asking me to submit a whole year's submission for the past year, which I already paid, so I concocted my own figure and submitted it, and I found out I was eventually \$11.00 over the whole thing. I think this is the type of thing that needs straightening out in the administration of Medicare.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman?

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** If I could suggest to the Honourable Member that all he has to do is step across the street and discuss the matter and get it straight any day that he's been here for the last two years. There's a very efficient, friendly staff there, who would be pleased to assist you.

One of our main problems in this area is that people wait until it's a little late and then things are uncomfortable. People move away, people change addresses, they do not notify our office staff, and all kinds of difficulties result.

In fact it is a common problem, and because of that, we issued two press releases in recent months, urging people to keep in touch and notify of change of address, what the procedure is when you leave the territory on a holiday, et cetera, et cetera. If there is still some difficulty, perhaps we need to do more work educating the people who are using this plan.

I would just like to say that one of the consultative services which was referred to earlier today concerned that particular department, branch of my department, and I am happy to inform this House that after the experts had finished going through every piece of paper and square inch of whatever, in administration, that one of their chief complaints was that that branch spent -- seemed to feel that providing a service to the public was their main priority, rather than paying more attention to keeping their bookkeeping on most of them.

I am very happy when anybody tells me that one of my branches is serving the public so well that they



are not making the internal audit people happy. I know that in a plan this big, there are always going to be difficulties, and I am sorry that you have had trouble with your particular account. I would like to assure you that we would be happy to straighten it out if you care to step into the office.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**The Chairman:** I am wondering if the Minister, if her staff is clear on the point that they are functioning so efficiently in the payment of the doctors' bills as well, there seems to be a considerable deficiency in this area.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, a conflict of interest here.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I don't want to belabour the subject here at all, because I am quite happy with the program and so forth and so forth, and I agree with the Minister.

I would like to ask though, due to some findings on my own this summer, in the case of -- in this case, sad, a death, but I found the family, the whole family, including the person that was gone, was never registered with the Department and should have been, and forthwith, of course, I had to go and register, one, two, three, four in this one instance.

I am wondering if you have any clarification, or do you know or are you very sure that you do have all the people in the Yukon registered with that plan?

Do you think there are many outstanding that are not registered and paying.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, no I am not going to take an oath that we've got every person in the Yukon registered in that plan, and we probably never will have. It doesn't matter how many regulations or plans you provide for the public, if they're not going to do their part in signing up or registering or paying their premium. It's impossible to have a hundred percent participation.

I don't know if Mr. Miller has anything to add to the difficulties of getting the general public into this plan.

**Ms. Millard:** Well Mr. Chairman, I really dislike hearing that's it's our fault that the administration isn't running it properly, because I know of many instances when the Medicare system has been completely screwed up and it certainly was with mine. For a year and a half, I was getting bills and everytime I would get them, I'd send them back and say that these have been paid, would you please look them up.

I finally threatened to write to you Honourable Minister, before I got some action. Now I'm paying my own and I write to them to get another little booklet and they say they don't have any. It took me two years to get my card. I kept writing to them and these are just my own complaints. There are many, many. Everytime I go to see the doctor in Dawson, we spend more time talking about his problems with medicare than with anything else.

I think it should be looked into for sure.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Well I must congratulate the Honourable Member, Mr. Chairman, for being in such a good state of health.

I have nothing that I can add in way of explanation about why you are having particular personal problems. I cannot understand why people who live here half a year are writing letters though. I would prefer to go in and see about it myself, if it was my problem.

**The Chairman:** My vested interest states that they have gone in many times to try and get the problem straightened out. Administration Welfare, decreased \$16,000.00.

Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman, I notice that funds are available because of vacant positions. I noted in the community of Watson Lake this summer, there was a vacancy, a social worker had left, it was necessary for some reason internally that the social worker who was to replace the vacant position or fill the vacant position, this person had to have a Masters Degree, in this type of endeavour.

It seemed to many members of the community that that was a rather odd requirement. Certainly there must be qualified social workers who could handle the case loads and so forth in Watson Lake, without having to have a Masters Degree.

I'd like to know the answer to that question. I'd like to know why the standard is set so high for a social worker in that community, or any other community for that matter.

Also at the same time there was an assistant's position to a social worker. I can't recall the exact terminology or what you call these people, but it's a local person who assists the social worker. There were four applications by people I felt personally any one of the four of them, should or properly could fill the job with no problem at all in Watson Lake, and yet they gave the job to somebody from out of town, had to bring them down, get them housed and everything else. A case worker or something of this nature.

I'm wondering if the Honourable Minister may have the details on these two questions.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, to answer the second question first. I have no part in the hiring of social workers in the department, that of course is done by the department of personnel.

The requirements however, for their professional qualifications are set down by the director of Social Welfare. It is the opinion of the director and I presume most directors of social welfare branches anywhere in Canada, that a qualified trained professional should be employed whenever possible. As you know, a degree in social work, nowadays is accepted at the Masters level. Most social workers have proceeded that far.

If you're asking us to lower the qualifications for trained professional people in the Yukon, I would have



to take a very serious look at it. It would be exactly the same as saying you don't really need a qualified graduate in medicine, use a paramedic.

It would be the same as saying you don't need a qualified R.N., use a Nursing Aid.

It may on the surface at times appear that's all you would require in the way of training. but believe me, Mr. Chairman, if we tried to down grade any of these professional positions, I'm sure the Honourable Member would be one of the first to complain.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Taylor.

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman, I thank the Honourable Minister for her reply. Perhaps in detail there may be a good reason why these people must have a masters degree, I really don't know.

Certainly in the case of the case worker, though, there were well qualified people. People who had at least some experience as social workers in the community, I can't understand why personnel or anyone else in government wouldn't really take a look at the local situation and when there's four applicants certainly one or two of the four applicants applying for this case worker position, could have been considered and why instead they go to Whitehorse or go somewhere else around the country and hire a person when there's four qualified people sitting in the community.

I'm not talking about Whitehorse. I'm saying yes, indeed there is more to the Yukon than within the municipal boundaries of the city. I think that perhaps each department in this case, the Department of Welfare should really take a close look at this and make provisions. In other words, don't be so rigid in your hiring policy that you can't make provision in the smaller communities to solve little problems such as I suggested.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, maybe the Honourable Minister could tell me is this representative of one position that's been vacant where and how long?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman --

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, this represents a number of vacant positions over the course of the year, but if my memory serves my correct, there has been one Assistant Director position that has been vacant the full of the year, so it's a combination of --

**The Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** It probably would be the intention of the Department not to fill that position for the next year then?

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** No, Mr. Chairman, I can't let that go unchallenged. There are some personnel changes taking place in that branch at the moment, and I would expect that with the appointment of a new

director, we will have another look at the assistant's position.

**The Chairman:** Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, why is it so little then if there is one position full time for the full year, who was probably paid more than \$16,000. a year, and several other vacant positions for shorter periods. Why is it only 16,000?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, what you don't see there is the increase in other salaries. In other words, those people who are here got an increase in salary, so one is offsetting the other.

**The Chairman:** Child Welfare Services, decreased \$95,000. Social Assistance, decreased \$200,000. Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, as a former social worker, I find these figures astounding, that actually Social workers succeeded to the tune of \$300,000. Not to spend that is amazing. I wonder if the Honourable Minister could sort of give us a brief outline of the success of the Welfare Department, and why she feels that it has been accomplished?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman --

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** -- I would be very happy to have that opportunity. I was hoping somebody was going to ask.

As the Honourable Member knows very well, and probably better than I do, the changing approach in the Child Welfare policy over this last several years, has been to work with the family and keep the family as a unit, rather than snatching children away and putting them into care in our own group homes or government institutions. That is one reason.

The reason for the \$200,000. drop under Social Assistance, I should really pass the gratitude of this government on to the federal Department of Manpower, whose attractive offer under Unemployment Insurance is more attractive than our assistance is under this. I'm sure that's the main factor, I may as well be honest about it.

Also, we happened to have a good year with not too much unemployment in the Yukon. We didn't have to step in and assist too many more families than we predicted, in fact less, as you can see.

But the Honourable Member is quite right in her assessment. It is a change of policy, we are trying to work with families and keep children there. The problem here is that this is a very time consuming process for the social workers, and you end up usually needing more social workers because of the hours, extra hours you are spending with each one of those cases, rather than just neatly putting them off somewhere for somebody else to look after.

So I hope we will have this same receptive approach if I have to come before this House and ask for an increased number of workers because of that policy.



In the meantime, it is saving us money.

**The Chairman:** Lodges and senior citizens' homes, \$75,000. Corrections Branch, \$173,000., for a total of \$129,000. Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, if I may, that entire figure of 173 and 60,000 out of the 75 in the lodges and senior homes, and the equivalent number up the list, are for the across-the-board salary increases for government employees.

**The Chairman:** Department of Local Government, page 22. Administration, \$15,000. Community planning and land disposal of \$3,600. Protective Services Branch, \$14,500. Assessment Services Branch, \$9,500. Municipal Services Branch, \$26,700. Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman, is simply this simply reflecting the costs of energy, fuel and electricity?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, the costs under establishment number 605 is almost exclusively increased costs of power to the Territorial Government, with the Dawson City sewer and water system. We have gone from a planned budget deficit of \$15,000 this year, and it looks like we may be faced with a total deficit of \$90,000, all completely and absolutely attributable to a uni-lateral cost increase without being informed, by that grand and glorious company, who my friend to my left has the honour of chairing, the Northern Canada Power Commission.

That's why I was a little angry this morning, because it's putting our estimates just in an untenable position, and I have a paper on the increase going to Ex-Com tomorrow, and hope to be having many long chats with the Chairman of N.C.P.C. on this method of doing business with a fellow junior government.

**The Chairman:** Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, I don't know if this is the proper time to bring this up, but it is under this Section.

I wonder if the Honourable Minister could give us figures on the sewer eductor system in Old Crow. How much it costs, and who is paying for what, and how is it coming back into our government?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would be pleased to have a complete -- give a complete breakdown of the Old Crow sewage lagoon and eductor system. I've got the total figures, I don't have them with me here.

**The Chairman:** Ambulance service, \$39,000. Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** I would just like a little run-down on just what this involves, how many people are involved and where are these people located? Are they all in Whitehorse?

**The Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, the escalation of wage costs for this establishment results from the new wage agreement, the increased overtime due to increased demand for service, as well as the provision of casuals to fill positions in lieu of holidays. The creation of the position of ambulance inspector also requires funding, as this was not budgeted for, Mr. Chairman.

The majority of the costs are in the ambulance service in the Whitehorse area. There will be, in next year's budget, in our Department, funds allocated to take over the four communities remaining on the highway that are not under the responsibility now of the Territorial Government for ambulance service, and with that, the total ambulance service in the Territory will be under the direction and control of the Yukon Territorial Government.

I might add also, just for information, that the Department of Local Government is actively looking at an analysis of the ambulance service in the Whitehorse area, as the cost per trip is getting completely out of line at this time.

**The Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon, I was going to ask you regarding the cost that you project. Would this be with reference to the fact that the ambulance service now is separate from the Fire Department, and is there costs relative to each way, which would be the most economical way to run this service? Is this what it's going at?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** There are many different avenues to approach an overall look at the ambulance service. The method that you mention is one of the areas that is being looked at, where prior to the separation of D.P.W. and the Territorial government, the ambulance service was run as a part of the fire hall service. People being on call 24 hours in a fire hall -- the ambulance service and the fire service was run together. This is one of the avenues of approach that the Department of Local Government is willing to look at again in some type of an agreement with the City of Whitehorse. That's one of the avenues of approach that we will be actively pursuing.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Mr. Chairman, as the majority of increases for all the establishments are with regard to salaries, could I ask the Honourable Minister if he could run through them, actually all the establishments, and give me an idea of the new positions that have been created?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** There are no new positions, Mr. Chairman, for the last two years, there have been no new positions in the Department of Local Government. There will be some -- the ambulance inspector. The ambulance inspector was the new position in the Department of Local Government, but next year there will be increased personnel in the Department of Local Government, only in the area of land disposal, and that



will be reflected in the budget of -- a rearrangement of the land disposal administration in the Department of Local Government.

**The Chairman:** I have to go over that, Mr. McKinnon. In view of the government's stated policy of not enlarging their services, why was an ambulance inspector hired?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** That was prior to the freezing of the positions, Mr. Chairman.

**The Chairman:** I see, it must have been pretty close.

The total, \$108,300.00

Clear? Department of Tourism, Conservation and Information, page 25, establishment number 700, administration \$49,000.00. Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Yes, Mr. Chairman. Last, or during this fiscal year, but more particularly last summer, an exit survey was undertaken at Watson Lake, and I'm just wondering if anyone could inform me as to what the results of that survey was in terms of cost benefit. Just basically what did we learn from that survey, and is it necessary to continue the program again this year, or have we perhaps learned enough in the one year of operation of this, or is this merely a matter of getting people employed?

**The Chairman:** Mr. Commissioner?

**The Commissioner:** Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Honourable Member would be satisfied to bring that question up in the main estimates, when undoubtedly Mr. Gillespie will be here to answer on behalf of the Department, because the question is one that I know he is prepared to answer. It's already been asked internally, Mr. Chairman.

**The Chairman:** All right, Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Agreed.

**The Chairman:** Game Branch, \$80,000.00. Library Services Branch, \$26,000.00. Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, back to Game Branch. What is the special study?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, this was some work that we undertook primarily on the north coast, and it was work that had been carried out previously by the Canadian Wildlife Service. They asked us to carry out this particular -- carry on with this particular study, and they are funding it through I.A.N.D. So our people did it, we had control of it, and the federal government is paying for it, let me put it that way.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Is the federal government, Mr. Chairman, also paying for the survey which was just

done out of Watson Lake? The air survey, the game count?

**Mr. Miller:** Oh, no, the game harvest census -- I'm sorry, the game census, no, that's part of our ongoing program.

**The Chairman:** For a total of \$155,000.00. Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**The Chairman:** Department of Legal Affairs, page 28, establishment number 800, general administration,

Police services agreement \$110,700.00. Criminal injuries compensation decreased \$12,000.00, for a total of \$151,700.00

Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** One question that my recollection isn't very good on the Police Services Agreement, Mr. Chairman, but perhaps I thought that when we entered an agreement with the R.C.M.P. that agreement was good for the year, and that additional costs weren't reflected. Maybe I could have someone jar my memory on that.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Miller.

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, our agreement with the R.C.M.P. calls for us to pay for fifty percent of eighty percent of their costs of the previous year.

When we come to making up our Budget, we never know what those costs are going to be, because it takes them three or four months after the end of the fiscal year to get an actual costing. By that stage we're well into the new year. So it's a timing thing more than anything else.

In other words we can't get an estimate, you know precise figure from them, we get an estimate. We put that in our estimates. Then things reflect actual after that.

**The Chairman:** Department of Highway and Public Works, page 31. Establishment number 900, Administration Highways and Public Works \$116,000.00. Building Maintenance \$118,000.00, Airport Maintenance decrease \$26,000.00 Mr. Berger.

**Mr. Berger:** Could we possibly get a breakdown on that airport maintenance figure?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, this decrease relates -- let me restart that. Airport maintenance in this case we're talking about M.O.T. airport, funded by M.O.T. They came to us last fall and told us they didn't have enough money to allow us to maintain those airports at what would be our normal standard. They asked us to cut back on the amount of maintenance that we were doing. We have done that and this is the result of making that decision.

It's their money, we can't do anything about it.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Taylor.



**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman in anyway do these cutbacks result in any type of a dangerous situation arising in an airport through lack of maintenance?

**Mr. Miller:** No, Mr. Chairman. I think for all intents and purposes, while we're doing the minimal amount of maintenance that we can because of M.O.T.'s requirements. I don't think that there's any danger to the flying public in this case.

**The Chairman:** Third Party services \$80,000.00.

Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** I just wonder if I could have an example of specific third party service.

**Mr. Miller:** Oh, Mr. Chairman, these range from hauling trucks out of ditches to doing work in a local improvement district etcetera.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger.

**Mr. Berger:** I was wondering, there's also included third party on police equipment and historic sites equipment, if I'm correct, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if some of the costs would be covered through those agreements.

**Mr. Miller:** What was the question, Mr. Chairman? I'm sorry.

**Mr. Berger:** I'm sorry, I'll try and repeat myself again. The third party work is also work involved in police equipment and historic sites equipment and stuff like this. I wonder if some of the costs is recovered from those people.

**Mr. Miller:** Oh yes that's correct, Mr. Chairman, that includes that type of work as well.

**The Chairman:** Ms. Millard.

**Ms. Millard:** I think the member from Klondike asked is any of it recovered?

**Mr. Miller:** All the work we do for historic sites, or R.C.M.P. or any other Federal Department, is billed to them and paid by them to us on the same basis one hundred and ten percent of our costs.

**The Chairman:** Tote trail assistance decreased, \$20,000.00. Alaska Highway and Haines Road, \$550,000.00. Alaska Highway flood control \$50,000. Write off of obsolete parts \$26,000.00.

Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman, under Alaska Highway Flood control. It seemed to me that last year was a pretty good year as far as runoff was concerned. Where did we incur all these funds.

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, these were funds that were expended when we went to the assistance of

D.P.W. on the B.C. section and crews down there to help them around the Racing River Bridge and in that area. This is the cost of doing that work, which they are paying for.

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Which we will recover?

**Mr. Miller:** Yes.

**Mr. Berger:** In light of the obsolete parts, I wonder if some of the costs couldn't be recovered by just putting them up for tenders to private enterprises.

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, this is what we do. Once we establish that we have obsolete parts, we have a standard procedure whereby we put them up to public tender and they are sold. Probably this spring will be the time when all this will be done. But we need a vote to allow us to remove those from the revolving fund.

**The Chairman:** Highways and Public Works total \$894,000.00. Yukon Housing Corporation page 35. establishment number 1800, Yukon Housing Corporation Administration \$25,000. Operating subsidy decreased \$280,000. Staff accommodations services decreases \$93,000.00. Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, a question at 1801. Amortization payments not made. I wonder if Mr. Miller could explain.

**Mr. Miller:** Basically this evolves, comes about because the scheduling of completion and the actual completion date often varies. Now in 1974-75, we didn't get all of the houses completed in that particular fiscal year, so that delayed the agreement with C.M.H.C. which delays the requirement to pay an amortization payment until 1976-77.

It's a timing problem on completion. We will be voting money in the next budget to make those payments in respect of that year.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger.

**Mr. Berger:** I wonder if what Mr. Miller is telling us is part of the \$280,000 will be showing up in 1976 and '77 budget.

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman the first year's amortization payments will be shown in 1976-77, that's correct. And the full year operating costs.

**The Chairman:** Staff accommodations services decreased \$93,000.00.

Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** I wonder if Mr. Miller would explain that?

**Mr. Miller:** The majority of that, Mr. Chairman, relates to our ability to turn back to D.P.W. during the last year, some 22 leased units.

**Mrs. Watson:** In Whitehorse?



Mr. Miller: In Whitehorse.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman --

The Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: -- the saving then was on maintenance and lights and all of it, and rent and the whole thing?

Mr. Miller: That's correct, yes.

The Chairman: Yukon Housing Corporation, total decrease \$348,000. Clear? Project Capital, page 38. Establishment number 2004, staff housing, \$145,000. Territorial Administration Building, \$1,620,000.00. Furniture and office equipment, \$9,000.00. Liquor Control equipment, decrease \$34,000.00. Central purchasing Equipment decreased \$36,000.00. Public Housing, \$270,000.00.

Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, unless I was mistaken, I thought we were getting out of public housing, housing construction. Is this not so, or are we still embarking on more public housing?

The Chairman: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we still have in the current year, at least, the year under review, we built, if my memory serves me correct, some 30 units of public housing in various locations in the Territory.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I am separating public housing as being different from rental purchase housing.

Mr. Miller: Sorry, Mr. Chairman. In that context, what we are talking about here is rental purchase housing.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Oh, that's quite a bit different. Okay.

The Chairman: Mayo School Replacement, \$450,000. Faro School, \$49,200.

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, maybe we could have an explanation on that?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, when we built the Faro school, or put the addition on the Faro school, there was some additional land assigned to the Department of Education, and somebody forgot to put through the entry charging that land cost to the school project. Subsequently, our Faro land account is considerably in the red, so what we are trying to do here is to regularize that. It's an internal entry, but it allows us to keep our Faro land account in balance.

Mrs. Watson: (Inaudible)

Mr. Miller: No, because we have to pay back to the federal government the original loan that we got to develop the townsite of Faro, and that's being paid out of land sales.

Mrs. Watson: Is that the total then?

Mr. Miller: This is the total amount that was assigned to the school, yes.

The Chairman: Robert Service School, \$14,000. Northern Health Services Construction, \$388,000. Could you give us a breakdown on this, Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: This is primarily the new Watson Lake Nursing station. There may be some other minor things in there, but that's the majority of this.

The Chairman: After report of that, I wonder if it would be appropriate to ask the question of what is happening to the Watson Lake Hospital! Why isn't it operational?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I asked that same question today, and my latest information is April.

The Chairman: The "why" still remains. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, am I correct though that the contractor has turned over the facility now to the government, is that correct?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, he hasn't turned it over to this government.

The Chairman: It has been my understanding that that was the case, Mr. Taylor, yes.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: We were all down there and transferred it over to some government. Well Mr. --

The Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Chairman: Mr. Chairman, perhaps if the Honourable Minister would have an opportunity between now and the time we get to the question in the mains, perhaps she could find out what the reasons for these delays are?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I will endeavour to do so.

The Chairman: Norman Macauley Lodge, \$5,200. Local Services, \$25,000. Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, is this part of the expenditure for the sewer eductor system?



Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. --

The Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: -- Chairman, the total cost of the sewage lagoon and eductor truck program and garage in Old Crow amounted to approximately some \$40,000., and the Environmental Protection Services have a program where they provide cost funding for environmental protection service programs to federal institutions, so we were able to recover \$25,000. of that cost through the R.C.M.P., because they are a federal government institution, and environmental protection services will fund.

It's one of those incestuous government relationships, Mr. Chairman, that happen all the time.

The Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, 2339, Robert Service School, for the completion of the school \$14,000., Norman Macauley Lodge, completion \$5,200., the addition.

Now, it seems years ago we voted money for the building of these two structures. Are these truly completions, or are there some other alterations or things that people want added and that are being called completions to the building?

The Chairman: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, as I understand these, these are truly completions. The Robert Service School addition was just completed last year, if you recall, and the Norman Macauley Lodge was the same way. We added an additional ten units on last year.

The Chairman: Land development, \$760,000.00. Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like that explained where the \$760,000.00 --

Some Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Fleming: What areas of land development?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman. We had developed or in the budget for last year, the amount of \$400,000.00 that was placed in the budget prior to my becoming responsible for -- land charge of local government. It was for a Riverdale extension for \$330,000.00, and \$70,000.00 to look at small holding development. It was obvious that this was completely impractical for the expansion year, so we went ahead and did the job of developing in Mayo, Watson Lake, Hillcrest, Porter Creek, a mobile and residential subdivision, Haines Junction, Riverdale, Pelly area, Riverdale DEFG and J subdivisions, Riverdale A,B,C, and H subdivisions. Carmacks, industrial; Beaver Creek, Porter Creek and miscellaneous costs and planning survey, et cetera, for the cost of \$1,115,000.00 total, which is an additional supplementary of

\$760,000.00.

I hope that because of that expenditure, that we are a little more on top of land development than we were two years ago. I think the budget next year will realistically reflect what the Department considers they want to do, and you will see there will be an increase of approximately two million dollars over the \$400,000.00 budgeted in last year's estimates. There will be a development plan in next year's budget of some two and a half million dollars through various areas around the Yukon.

If this money wasn't spent on supplementaries last year, in the development of the properties that I have outlined, I think that you can all see the dire circumstances in all the areas of the Yukon, there would have been for land development. We had a good year of selling land, we had a good year in developing land, and we hope that we will continue to try to be on top in this area, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman: Mr. McKinnon, as you say, it was a good selling year. Isn't this money you spend recoverable --

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: That's right.

The Chairman: --these lots you developed?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: That's why I was able to get it.

The Chairman: Are they not recoverable? Why is this a debit item? Is this money recoverable, the \$760,000.00?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Well, Mr. Miller can give you the budgeting ideas better than I, but when it's spent in the supplementaries for the development, it has to be shown. It's also shown in the recovery section of the budget, and the two are supposedly supposed to match at the end of the 20 year or 30 year period, when I'm long gone down the line somewhere.

Mr. Miller: Basically, Mr. Chairman, we have to vote the money before we can pay the bills. We need your authority, your appropriation authority, to be able to --

The Chairman: But you have already developed it.

Mr. Miller: Yes, I realize it may seem an anomaly, but in fact, if we didn't have this vote, we would be in trouble, because we cannot overspend the vote.

The Chairman: You don't seem to give us much choice, do you?

Haines Junction Administration Building, \$38,000.00.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Plus five.

The Chairman: Community Assistance



Ordinance, decrease \$87,000.00. Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, is this the money that was in the budget for T.V.?

**Mr. Miller:** No

**Mrs. Watson:** What money is this then?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** This money was transferred from Community Assistance over to Vote 2616 to take care of such programs that came about after the Community Assistance Ordinance Monies were all allocated, such as the Watson Lake arena, of \$125,000.00; such as the increase in the Mayo sewer and water from \$400,000.00 to \$474,500.00; such as the special grant to the Rock River Curling Club of \$20,000.00, so part of these monies in 2616 were transferred from the unexpended portion of the Community Assistance Ordinance of last year's budget.

But that made the 2616 vote which as you will see was for \$818,000.00 originally, up in a supplementary of \$359,000.00 to \$1,177,000.00, and these are the costs which I have just stated, which reflect that \$359,000.00 increase; part of which were made up from the transfer of establishment of that \$87,000.00 from 2612.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, a question directed to Mr. Miller.

Just back to the land development for a minute, I'm interested in that \$760,000.00 recoverable. Are you going to recover that on the basis of the acreage price, or the per lot price that you are charging now, so this has been figured all the way through then?

**Mr. Miller:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, our land prices are based on the cost of developing the land, plus the cost of borrowing the money for one year.

**Mr. Lengerke:** Plus contingencies, like for instance you have to go back and do work over, and this kind of thing? Is that recoverable?

**Mr. Miller:** It gets pretty difficult to pin this down, because normally we end up selling the land before we have all the bills in. But we are hopeful that the pluses and the minuses will even themselves out.

Now, someday I guess we will find out, 20 years down the line we will sell that last lot in Riverdale. I think the price tag is going to be \$950,000.00, for a 50 foot lot.

**Mr. Lengerke:** Okay, I just -- that's fine.

**The Chairman:** Mayo Administration Building, decrease \$695,000.00. Community Services Improvement Program, \$359,000.00. Road equipment, \$15,000.00. Sundry equipment, decrease \$25,000.00 VHF radio communications system, \$93,000.00.

What is this VHF program now? How extensive is it and how is it being used?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, it's a radio com-

munication system which is intended to cover all of the highways of the Yukon. It is being used by the -- by our Highways Department, by the R.C.M.P., by the Game Department, by Indian Affairs, part of Indian Affairs, by the welfare workers, Northern Health is now on it. It's a fully integrated VHF mobile system, used by all government departments.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman, what is the total cost of the system to date?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that we have just slightly less than a million dollars involved in it to date.

**The Chairman:** Ground improvements, various locations -- sorry. Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** One more question on the community services program. Is this program now completed, completely, or is there additional work to be done on it?

**Mr. Miller:** Well, Mr. Chairman, there is one further year's work at least. I think they are going to get most of it done in this next summer, but there may be a little bit to carry over into the following year, and where this work -- we had some timing problems, and it's basically related to getting the C.N.T. drops in, where we are integrating into their system, and they are providing trunking in some cases for us.

**The Chairman:** Ground improvements, various locations, decreased \$30,000. Temporary maintenance camp, Dempster Highway, \$20,000. Robert Campbell Bridge, \$235,000. Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Mr. Chairman, \$155,000. is recoverable, is that right? Somewhere in there?

**Mr. Miller:** That's correct, Mr. Chairman. The City will be billed for \$155,000.

**The Chairman:** Whitehorse Work Shop extension, \$635,000. Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** That was quite significant sum of money, is it not, \$635,000? Maybe we could have an explanation of that. Was not the entire amount funded in the original capital? And now we are looking at more?

We originally voted the first time in '74-75, 875, and we revoted 575,000 in '75-76 and we are looking at another \$635,000. I wonder whether we could have some explanation on that?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, this was one of those projects that we decided to do in phases. We started the project, our initial estimates at the time were \$875,000. to complete the total job. We had called two phases of the project, and when the final phase came in, we discovered that the total cost of the job was going to be \$1,700,000.



**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, are you still with the original design, or have little things been added?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, the design has been cut back, as far as I could cut the thing back, and those are the facts of life.

**Mrs. Watson:** Now you know how N.C.P.C. feels.

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Watson? Territorial road improvements, decreased \$25,000. Recreational roads, boat launching ramps, and air strips, decreased \$6,000. Dawson Airport terminal, \$15,000. Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** Mr. Chairman, one question that sticks in my mind is that building being taken over right now?

**Mr. Miller:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, we have taken over the airport building if my memory serves me correct, last November.

**Mr. Berger:** Then, Mr. Chairman, I think somebody was lacking on inspection, because the roof is rising up and had to be steamed out a couple of times this winter, I believe, because of lack of insulation in the ceiling or something like this, so it wasn't constructed properly, and I think it's going to be an additional cost to the Territorial Government to straighten this building out also.

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, that's the first I've heard of that particular problem. I will see what's involved.

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, with your permission, I'll go back to 2921, Recreational Roads, Boat Launching Ramps and Air Strips. The full allotment was not required, we voted \$31,000., and I know that Destruction Bay has been waiting for a backwater for years and Kluane Lake.

The request, the submission, has been in for two years, and we see that there's \$6,000. that wasn't required. I wonder whether it was required somewhere else, and yet we voted it for recreational roads, boat launching ramps and that type of thing?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, to my knowledge, this government has never had a policy on building breakwaters in any community in the Territory.

Now, I realize that Kluane or Destruction Bay requested one two years ago, and it seems to me that at that time they were told that we did not have -- that we did not do that type of thing as a normal course of events.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman --

**The Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** -- you can't build a boat launching

ramp unless you have a breakwater, and they were not told -- in fact, they were expecting it, to have it built, so I think we need some clarification where we have \$6,000.

**The Chairman:** Mr. McIntyre?

**Mr. McIntyre:** Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the type of thing that Mrs. Watson has been saying. I know that recreational roads have not been kept up the way they should have been throughout the Territory, and that that \$6,000. could very easily have been spent in the Mayo District, on the few recreational roads there are there.

**Mr. Miller:** I'm sure, Mr. Chairman, that we could have spent a hundred thousand dollars if we had really wanted to, but recreational roads, we attempt to do the minimum amount on, to keep them as recreation roads. I think you are all aware of it.

**Mr. McIntyre:** Well you shouldn't have any balance.

**Mr. Miller:** Well, sometimes you can't spend it all.

**The Chairman:** Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** I'm not satisfied with that answer, because I was just going to stand in defence of the Bonanza Road and the Hunker Road, which certainly could have used \$6,000. any time. It could mean snow ploughing in the winter, or increased maintenance in the summer, and I'm not satisfied that it just isn't used so then it sits there.

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, this is capital, it's not maintenance money.

**The Chairman:** With difference to your engineering department, I think that the vast majority of boat launching ramps do require breakwaters of some kind. It is considered an integral part of it. Certainly in most of them that I have known in my experience.

**The Commissioner:** Mr. Chairman by the time we satisfied the environmental control measures required before we put in breakwaters. Why \$5,000 I'm afraid wouldn't even pay for one study on one breakwater, let alone put in a breakwater.

I would recommend that we stay away from the breakwater business for a while.

**Mr. Chairman:** Pre-engineering Federal projects decrease \$40,000. Miscellaneous minor Federal projects decrease \$10,000. Steward Crossing, Dawson Road, \$220,000. Campbell Highway decrease \$648,000.00. Cano Road \$130,000. Mr. Fleming

**Mr. Fleming:** Could we have a reason Mr. Chairman, for the decrease in the Campbell Highway?

**Mr. Fleming:** Mr. Chairman, this was planned, we



had planned to do some paving on the Campbell Highway just out of Watson Lake and under the engineering services agreement, funds were not forthcoming from Ottawa. This was one of those programs where we have in the past voted money on the understanding that we would get approval and the money from the Federal Government. We have now had to my knowledge three consecutive years where we have voted money at this table and the money never came about. So we were not able to do the work.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming.

**Mr. Fleming:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Am I to understand that you were intending to pave some of the Stewart Road out of Watson Lake?

**Mr. Miller:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, the proposal was to pave from the community of Watson Lake to the airport the first six miles.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I'm just quite disturbed over the remarks of the Commissioner and Mr. Miller made regarding the environmental study for a breakwater. By whom, who wants it. You know or do have to have it for a boat launching ramp too?

**The Commissioner:** That's right.

**Mrs. Watson:** Who is asking us for that.

**The Commissioner:** Northern Inland Waters Act.

**Mrs. Watson:** You have to go to the Water Board?

**The Chairman:** With respect, I would also suggest with regard to Mr. McKinnon's remarks regarding salt check. It's much easier to build a breakwater on a lake than it is where there's a big tide running. The breakwater is considerably less expensive in these waters, than it is in the ocean.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, the fact of the matter remains that the Yukon Territorial Government has got a boat loading ramp, boat launching ramp policy. The LID of Teslin and unorganized of Destruction Bay have both approached the Territorial Government for Breakwaters.

I know the necessity of them in both those areas. There is not, at the present time, any program in any of the Territorial Government budget allocations for breakwater engineering design and construction. If we are asked through a Motion of this Council to look at the capital assistance program, to include breakwaters as part of the program. Then I don't think there will be any difficulty at all in starting to work on the project of this nature.

They have never been designed as part of the Y.T.G. program in any one of the areas, either under local government or Highways and public works. Perhaps it's time now that these two communities, started looking at that program as one of the areas of

this House then we will start examining that as a policy.

**The Chairman:** Are these breakwaters, are these boat launching ramps functioning as effectively as they could, if they did have a break water.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Well generally the boat launching ramps are put in an area where you can launch a boat. They are in a protected area, of a bay, or on a stream or on a river. Not in the area of Teslin, where evidently all the land that is accessible for boat launching has been now taken up by private enterprise, at least private enterprise used to allow the people to launch boats and will no longer allowed access to that area where you didn't need a breakwater.

The only area left that is accessible to the majority of the public at Teslin, is an area which is going to need a breakwater, at a considerable cost. So don't fool yourself, a considerable cost.

The same holds true for Destruction Bay, because there is a prevailing wind at Kluane Lake that everybody knows all about and it's going to take an considerable amount to build a breakwater to protect the boats and those who want to launch them.

So we're not looking at a major new program of government. Do we want to get into it at this time. I don't know. That certainly is the choice of this House.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, you're talking about now a breakwater under the community assistance program. That means.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** I don't care.

**Mrs. Watson:** This is your suggestion and then you're saying under a community assistance. If the capital expenditure, then the community is responsible for ten per cent again. Right. We're going that route and then there could be a possibility of an increase in the mill rate. I think we're going back to the same argument that the Yukon is using with the Federal Government on N.C.P.C., should the residents of Teslin fund through their mill rate, or part of their mill rate, a breakwater that can be utilized and used by every tourist or every resident of the Yukon Territory.

That would be if it's put under the Community Assistance, that's how it would have to be handled. So I would advise you not to put it under the Community Assistance program.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** I'm afraid I'm getting words put in my mouth, because I was very careful since I've been on the executive Committee the policy of the breakwater has not been raised. If it were, I said should it be under the Department of Highways and Public Works or under the Department of Capital Assistance program. Until we know the intentions of this House that government should be looking at, and we haven't looked at it. What should it be under, Highway and Public Works. I don't know. Should it be under Capital Assistance program, I don't know that either.



Are we prepared to begin to look at that as a policy of government as a service that we are going to provide. I don't know that either.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Fleming.

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think my questions have been pretty well answered now. As to one of your questions I think you asked wasn't answered as to whether the boat ramps are being utilized and are very good now. Launching ramps and loading ramps, I can only speak for the one in Teslin area, which I would say is probably one of the most difficult to look after in this territory, due to the rise and fall of the water there. From anywhere arounds 13 feet at the first of July and 27 feet from spring to the first of July, anywhere in that neighbourhood the lake can rise. Therefore I would have to rise in support of the Commissioner and the Honourable Member, which I very seldom do. But if we're going into any building of breakwaters, we had better look into any building of breakwaters, we had better look into it very, very carefully due to the fact that it is going to take a lot of work. And as a construction worker myself, I know it is going to take a lot of thinking first before you just throw any kind of thing to hold the water back.

**The Chairman:** Project capital, total two million, nine hundred and sixty-one thousand four hundred dollars.

Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**The Chairman:** Loan capital, PAGE 45, \$520,000.00 Through Manpower? Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**The Chairman:** Federal aid for a total of \$5,948,801.00. Agreed?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman, I wondered if anyone had noted on the revenue side, the increases and decreases, accordingly on projected revenue under these supps?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, if you would like me to highlight the revenue for the members of Committee I would be quite happy to do so.

**The Chairman:** Please do.

**Mr. Miller:** All right, if you want to have a look, starting at page 47.

In the property tax area that increase of \$404,000.00 relates to the federal grant in lieu of taxes which we have now finally caught up with for all of the past years. We had some problems with the Department of Finance in getting the money in respect of

two previous years. We have now managed to acquire it all.

In the case of fuel oil tax, it is our feeling that the majority of this relates to the very heavy highway traffic that was experienced during the last year.

Now we were a little uncertain, and when you look at next years estimates you will see that uncertainty being expressed. We are a little uncertain as to when that is going to stop, I mean the highway traffic, and the revenue that goes with it.

Is there anything else in that first section on tax revenue that anybody has any particular questions on? Those are the two major items.

**Mrs. Watson:** What about the Western Lottery?

**Mr. Miller:** No, Mr. Chairman, the Western Canada Lottery we had estimated \$95,000.00 it is not coming about now. This is only our portion of it. The community organizations are still collecting theirs in addition to this. This is in fact covering our administrative costs, so we are not out-of-pocket as a result of it.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, I simply wanted to add to what Miller has said regarding the Fuel Oil Tax and point out to the Honourable Members that there is some benefit to some pipelines.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Where, Mr. Chairman, does the aviation fuel tax show?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, that goes into Fuel Oil Tax, it is part of the Fuel Oil Tax Ordinance.

**Hon Mr. Taylor:** Okay.

**Mr. Miller:** Now under licences, the Motor Vehicle Ordinance, again this results from the heavy truck traffic and the purchase of permits or the licences that these truckers have been buying.

That reflects the permits, the single or the double trip permits that are purchased at the check points.

In the Game Warden Ordinance, the decrease is just a bad estimate, that is all it is. We can't substantiate -- there is no other reason for the decline.

Interest on Investments, again, we had a lot more cash this year that we had originally anticipated. It is up \$220,000.00

In the Fees, our Registration and Campground fees are just not materializing that we anticipated. I think, Mr. Chairman, that is the major items in that.

In the Recovery area starting at page 49 there is nothing really substantial. These are reflecting the changes that would normally flow from the expenditure side. These are normally the coast sharing side of things.



**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, the Federal Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee Secretariat, the \$25,000.00 recovery is for the Manpower Needs Officer, is it not? It is not for any expenditure on behalf of the Committee?

**Mr. Miller:** No that is correct, Mr. Chairman, it is in respect of the Manpower Needs Officer.

**Mrs. Watson:** Through Manpower?

**Mr. Miller:** Through Manpower.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** Mr. Chairman, do I understand that this twenty thousand decrease in campground use is that just a matter, do you think of overestimating what was going to happen in the Yukon?

**Mr. Miller:** No, Mr. Chairman, this is a reflection of a poor estimate. In other words, we thought, when we started the thing that we could collect more money that we actually collected.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, is it recovery from their Electric Rate Equilization, is it just a bad estimate or is it because you are selling more electricity or what would it be, the revenue from it, if it is two years behind too, isn't it?

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Chairman, what you are looking at here in this recovery is the offset to the expenditure that we dealt with in Vote 2 this morning. Basically what this is is just the money that we would take out of the trust funds and put back into our Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Mr. Chairman, just for Mr. Berger's benefit I might point out the item under Treasury there, the net proceeds of sale and surplus equipment at \$50,000.00, that reflects the type of thing we were discussing earlier.

Unless anybody has any specific questions, Mr. Chairman, that would conclude my remarks.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes there is one point that I would like to raise in the Education here. On the Fitness and Amateur Sports you will note that the original estimate is \$115,000.00 and a decrease of \$449,000.00. This apparently was an estimate made by the previous director of recreation and I don't really know where he came up with that figure. The \$49,000.00 did not materialize.

I rose on this point Mr. Speaker, to discuss the \$66,000.00. This has been in agreement since apparently in the area of 1968, I if I recall correctly with the Recreation Canada for monies for the Recreation Department. This year they will be paying the \$66,000.00 this year and it is expended through the

Fitness and Amateur Sports Advisory Board, but we just received a letter here, approximately two weeks ago saying that they had completely evaluated the program and they thought that the money was not being expended correctly and therefore they would not be funding that aspect of the program any longer.

The reason I brought this up is because I have heard a few members say around this table why do we have to get a working capital together? Well this is one good reason because we have an example in the Arctic Winter Games where they used to pay for the transportation, we got a letter, thank you, but no, thank you. Now we have got another letter, thank you, but no, thank you and we will have to fund it out of Y.T.G.'s funds.

**The Chairman:**

(Reads Preamble)

**The Chairman:** I will entertain a Motion.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, I would move that Bill Number 1 be reported out of Committee without amendments.

**The Chairman:** Seconder?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** I'll second that.

**The Chairman:** Question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**The Chairman:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**The Chairman:** Motion carried.

(Motion Carried)

**The Chairman:** I will declare a brief recess. The witnesses are excused, thank you.

**Recess**

**The Chairman:** Mr. McCall.

**Mr. McCall:** Mr. Chairman, I move that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

**The Chairman:** Seconder? Mr. Berger. All in favour?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**The Chairman:** Carried.

(Motion Carried)

**Mr. Speaker resumes the chair.**



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

**Mr. Hibberd:** Yes, Mr. Chairman. Committee convened at 11:20 a.m. to consider Bills and Motions. The Committee recessed and reconvened at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Merv Miller, Assistant Commissioner and Mr. Al Williams, Budget and Systems Director were present at witnesses during the reading of Bill Number 1.

The Committee recessed at 12 noon and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. to resume discussion of Bill Number 1.

It was moved by Mr. McKinnon and seconded by Mr. Lang that Bill number 1 be reported out of Committee without amendment. This motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Berger that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and this motion carried.

**Mr. Speaker:** You have heard the report of the Chairman of Committees, are you agreed?

**Some members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** May I have your further pleasure? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse

Riverdale.

**Mr. Lengerke:** Mr. Speaker I move that we now call it five o'clock.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there a seconder?

**Mr. Hibberd:** I'll second that.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre that we do not 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 that the Motion is carried.

*(Motion Carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** This House now stands adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Monday next.

*(Adjourned)*













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