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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

DAILY ROUTINE

Mr. Speaker: Any documents or correspondence for tabling this morning?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I'm told I have for tabling today Legislative Return number 5.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further documents or correspondence for tabling? Are there any reports of committees? Introduction of Bills? Are there any Notices of Motion or Resolutions? Are there any Notices of Motion for production of papers? We'll then proceed to the question period. Have you any questions this morning?

QUESTION PERIOD

Question re: Government Housing

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, I have a question for the Commissioner regarding government employees in their rental situation in homes now, such as the Takhini area. Is there anything in the offing that the government may be going into some system whereas they will be selling the homes to the employees or trying to sell the homes to the employees, and if so, how soon?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Speaker, I think I would have to refer to Honourable Member to my remarks at the opening of the Session. It is the intention of the people, who are in charge of the Northern pool housing over a period of time, to change their modus operandi of having housing available here, Mr. Speaker. I think that the best thing I could do would be to bring back an extract, either from my opening remarks, or supplement to that, so that I explain the whole program fully.

If there's anyone that has any ideas that all of a sudden all these houses are going to be put up for the open market on some kind of a priority basis, this is not the case at all. It's a very long-range package, Mr. Speaker. I will bring something back further for the information of members on this.

Question re: L.I.D.s at Ross River and Carmacks

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Local Government this morning. Yesterday, when I questioned him regarding the formation of L.I.D.s at Ross River and Carmacks, in his reply he stated the Indian people of the Yukon Territory have, by letter, stated that depending upon what is involved in the land claims settlement that they would be more than willing, ready and able to join the government of the Yukon Territory in establishing L.I.D.s that would encompass all the people of the Yukon Territory.

I recall when the expansion of the L.I.D. at Haines Junction was proposed, when the formation of the L.I.D. at Ross River and Carmacks was proposed, there was quite strong opposition by the Indian groups in those communities. Now, the letter that you refer to is the complete opposite, and that is rather surprising to me. I would wonder if the Minister would be able to table that letter in the House.

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

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, the speech that I gave was verbatim and I checked my records and that statement came out twice by the Ross River Indian Band at the minutes of the Ross River L.I.D. hearing. I would be more than willing to table those minutes with those statements that were made by the Indian people at Ross River before the House, Mr. Speaker.

Mrs. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Mrs. Watson: A supplementary so that in fact you did not directly – the government did not directly receive a letter from the -- I would assume the Council of Yukon Indians stating that they would be ready and willing to become of L.I.D.s in the local government structure in the Yukon Territory.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Those were statements made in that respect as a result of the Local Improvement District hearing at Ross River by the Ross River Band,

Mr. Speaker, and I would be willing to table those minutes before this House.

Mrs. Watson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale – or Porter Creek, I am sorry.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Shame, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on February 25th, Ms. Millard asked whether or not I could tell the Assembly who the artists were that were going to the Olympics. The answer, Mr. Speaker, is that the Yukon Arts Council is in charge of selecting the three artists and will notify the public once they have been selected.

MOTIONS

Motion Number 14

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions? We will then proceed to motions. Motion number 14. It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Kluane, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that existing government assistance for child care be continued at the same level in 1976-'77 as in the current financial year and that, before the assistance is expanded to cover persons of a higher income level, that information be provided to the House respecting the cost of assistance for child care covering both working and non-working parents within the scale proposed. The Honourable Member from Kluane? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Speaker, I would like to move that we refer both Motions 14 and 16 to Committee of the Whole for further study.

Mr. Speaker: It would not be possible at this time to deal with any other motion but Motion 14.

Mr. Lengerke: Then 14, that's fine, Mr. Speaker. I would so move that we refer Motion number 14 to the Committee.

Ms. Millard: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, seconded by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, that Motion number 14 be referred to Committee of the Whole. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Motion number 15, moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, seconded by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, whereas at a recently-held Federal-Provincial Ministers of Health and Welfare Conference, the attendance of Yukon's Minister of Health and Welfare was reported to be limited with respect to the degree and meaningful and active participation in the discussions and presentation of material and, further, that Yukon's Minister of Local Government attendance at a forthcoming conference dealing with problems of Municipal Government has been limited to that of observer. Therefore, be it resolved that the Yukon Legislative Assembly strongly protest this limited type of recognition of Yukon's members of the Executive Committee and now appeals to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Honourable Judd Buchanan, to clarify with his ministerial colleagues of cabinet this situation and then to state his position forthwith by letter of direction so that future attendance of Yukon's elected representatives of the Executive Committee at Federal-Provincial meetings or conferences will be assured, not as a status recognition but by active and full participation hopefully for the benefit of all citizens of Yukon.

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't think this Motion need too much more explanation. I know that, certainly, we had good discussion about it during the discussions the Health and Welfare budget, the estimates. I would like to say, or I would like to add to this Motion, that I hope that a letter is sent along with it, an explanatory letter or the transmittal letter which would say something to the Minister that "oh, we hope this motion will not confuse you or amaze you, Mr. Minister. We as Northerners want to have a little bit of meaningful participation by our members of Ex-Com. We don't want them just in name only, we want a little more than that, Mr. Minister". I think this is the point of this Motion and I think it comes quite timely as I understand the members of cabinet will be discussing this situation. So, hopefully, he will get the message and, hopefully, we will be allowed to have our members certainly go and attend these conferences and attend any meetings with some meaningful input. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Mayo.

Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if in the penultimate line on this Motion that those terms status recognition is not very clear. Perhaps it should be token recognition?

Mr. Speaker: Is there any other debate? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the spirit in which this Motion has been put forth. I think that I would like to add a note of explanation regarding the treatment given to your Executive Committee member.

At the conferences for Deputy Ministers in nearly every federal department, staff members from the

Yukon Territorial Government departments are made most welcome and are allowed to participate and participate fully in discussions.

For example, the Director of Social Welfare or the Director of Corrections, or the Administrator of Health Services, can attend conferences of Deputy Ministers with full participation and they are accepted at the Deputy Minister level. Although we have no Deputy Ministers in this government.

The difficulty presents itself when a member of your Executive Committee goes to ministers' level conference because one of the underlying problems here is that nobody at those conferences has ever heard that, in the Yukon, we have a form of government where there are elected people responsible for a departmental line authority. The exact equivalent of a Provincial Minister.

This is exciting news to people when you tell them you are, in fact, an elected official in charge of a department of government. They say, in amazement, we didn't know you had such things in the Yukon. Now, Mr. Speaker, I think a great deal of the problem here is ignorance in the provinces of the form of government which we have in the Yukon. Nobody has ever told them that we have elected members who are doing a minister's job.

There is absolutely no point, Mr. Speaker, in trying to explain to anyone outside of the Yukon Territory what Executive Committee means. There is no point in trying to explain what Yukon Council means, as the Speaker well knows. He has received correspondence addressed to the Council at City Hall in Whitehorse because "council" is such a general term that nobody outside of the North knows what it means in this particular application.

We have to have an educational program here, in addition to this kind of motion, before anyone is going to understand what you are asking for. It cannot be stressed too much that even the majority of senior civil servants in other federal departments than Indian Affairs have no knowledge of the fact that we have elected members serving as ministers. I think, if we get no farther than being allowed to call this Council a Legislative Assembly and your elected members Cabinet Ministers, that is a major breakthrough as far as the outside world is concerned. I think if we keep approaching this via this Assembly, with such motions and in every other form available to us including the Department of Information in this government, we may finally make a breakthrough through this wall of misunderstanding and incomprehension and ignorance.

It is straight ignorance. Nobody has told them the facts of life in the Yukon Government. I think it is time we started pounding away on that.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I think this Motion is most timely. I agree with the remarks of the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West that part of it is ignorance. People do not know. I am looking at it more from the practical point of view and we are hearing every day and I spoke about this last time and I will

refer to it again and it was on the news again yesterday, that the Federal Government is looking at reducing the expenditures and the cost-sharing for health care in the provinces and the expenditure of monies that they are going to be making on behalf of health care.

We are going to have to live with these cost-sharing arrangements that are being made. And we have to have representation at the ministerial level at the table, when these cost-sharing arrangements are being finalized. It is amazing how many cost-sharing arrangements we do in fact have.

All you have to do is look at your recovery section of our budget. We have it with Manpower, we have it with Health, we have it with Welfare under Canada Assistance. Just so many of them that we just - they affect our lives very much. Our people have to be able to sit at the table when these things are being discussed and to be able to submit and put forward our point of view and our capabilities and responsibilities and authorities in providing the services to the people of the Yukon.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In conclusion, as I said earlier, I hope that then we do make sure a complete letter of transmittal goes with this motion and certainly I am sure the Honourable Minister of Health will help draft that letter.

I just want to make it perfectly clear that this request is not to gain more status. It is just truly -- I look at it this way, that if you are given a chest of tools and it is in a tool chest and it is locked, somebody has got to give you a key to use those tools, and we have got some people here that are quite capable of carrying the ball and carrying the message and doing the job.

But we want them to be able to do that and, as I said earlier, let's hope that -- and I hope you put in that letter of transmittal, let's not confuse you, Mr. Minister. I hope this doesn't amaze you. This is not another one of those requests that -- like the reaction to the N.C.P.C. thing, please.

With that, I sit down. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member having last spoken brings us to the question. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion Number 16

Mr. Speaker: The next Motion is Motion number 16. It has been moved by the Honourable Member from

Kluane, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that family allowances paid to the Director of Welfare on behalf of children in care not be paid to group homes or foster parents as at present, but that, instead, an allowance be paid to such parents varying with the age and requirements of the children in accordance with regulations to be made for the purpose.

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Speaker, I would like to move that we refer Motion number 16 to the Committee of the Whole.

Ms. Millard: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, seconded by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, that Motion number 16 be referred to the Committee of the Whole. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare that the motion is carried. May I have your further pleasure?

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. McCall: Mr. Speaker, I would now move that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and hence resolve the Committee as a Whole for the purpose of considering Sessional Papers, Motions and Bills.

Mr. Lengerke: I will second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House resolve in the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing 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 as carried.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

RECESS

Mr. Chairman: I now call this Committee to order. We have witnesses with us this morning, Mr. Miller, Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Williams. We are at present discussing Establishment 701, page 66 of the Main Estimates with Appendix, page 26. Page 66 of Main Estimates, Appendix 26.

Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Just one final word on the question of the campground fee, and the matters I raised yesterday, pointing out that, perhaps with the raising of the fee, we will be driving tourists out of the campgrounds and camping in the bush and the matter of forest protection and the incidents of forest fire and the loss of these valuable resources by this means.

I did have an opportunity to talk to some of the officers involved with forestry this morning in an attempt to bring before the House some statistics of past years which would show, for instance, the number of fires created by such camp fires and this sort of thing. I am informed that, to date, they have not segregated or had an opportunity to segregate these figures. They expressed to me, informally, the same feelings that I expressed to the Committee yesterday. I would once again ask that the administration consider or reconsider the lowering of the campground fee back to, perhaps, the \$5.00 figure rather than the \$10.00 anticipated within this budget.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, all I can do is indicate my willingness to speak to the forestry people to discuss this problem with them and to alert them to the possibility that there may be more fires arising from the increase in this campground fee.

I would hope, though, that we can go through this one summer with this new system and determine at the end of that summer if, in fact, it has created the kind of problems that Mr. Taylor is concerned about. At that time, assess the situation and if there is a serious threat to our forest resource, then next year we would certainly be more than willing to reconsider our whole fee structure at that time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that if we have a hot, dry summer, we are going to lose a great deal of our resource. Why wait and burn up a bunch of territory and say oh, yes, maybe we shouldn't have done this.

Why not reverse the fee now, at this point, rather than endanger the resources of the territory?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor, I think your point has been well made and if you wish further discussion on that I suggest you bring it forward as a motion for further consideration of the Committee. Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I have a question for the witness regarding the campground maintenance manpower establishment. We have 13.5 man years and I note that 1.5 man years of campground development is charged to the project.

Now, my question is: what do your campground maintenance people do in the off-season? These are permanent positions, some of them, not all of them. Some of these are permanent positions. What do they do in the off-season during the winter months and what type of projects are you referring to?

Mr. Gillespie: In answer to the latter question first, the 1.5 man years; those projects are primarily for the campground fee collection. In the wintertime, you will see in Establishment 701, wages recoverable from Capital Projects \$23,000.00.

These are the wages that are allocated to these summer maintenance people who, in the wintertime, turn their activities to constructing privies, tables and this kind of thing for the campgrounds.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: To further pursue this, would it not be advisable for the government to go to private enterprise and to go on a tender basis, put up for bid, the construction of privies, campground tables and this type of thing so that private enterprise would be able to have some employment during the winter months, during the off-season?

Mr. Gillespie: I can't say for sure that this has ever been examined as an alternative. I assume that it has. I would be concerned that we might not always have available the people to do the job in private enterprise. Also, the availability of these same people to work with us in the summer time. These people are fully occupied all year round.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the witness may not be aware of it, but it used to be the practice of the government to go to tender, to go to private enterprise to have these types of projects constructed by the private sector.

I'm quite concerned with building up sort of another quasi-carpenter shop or this type of thing in the winter, to be used in the winter time when you can in fact go to private enterprise so that they can do it. Now, why did you switch is the question I'd like answered and maybe Mr. Miller would be able to answer it as he was here when we did go to contracting this type of work. I don't think any of us like to see government grow too large if private community can provide a service, let's give them the opportunity to - particularly in the off-season.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, as I recall the situation the reason we switched to doing it in House was twofold. One, we had a complement of three personnel at the time who we felt we needed to keep on staff as year-round persons, primarily to look after the supervision of campground extensions in the summer and also the supervision of the maintenance function in the summer.

We found that in the winter-time, if they weren't

doing something like building for these tables etcetera, they were doing nothing. The other factor was that the last year that we called tenders, the cost that we received, the bids that we received, were so far out of line in view of what we could build them for ourselves. While we were stuck going to the contract, it just was not economic. This has not been tried, to my knowledge, for about five years and we've fallen into the pattern, if you like, of using the three, I guess it's now four, permanent people to do this in the winter time, along with help that we get from the Correctional Institute.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman. It seems that whenever I stand in the House I have some involvement somewhere. I can tell you about the last contract that was let by the government for the campground maintenance and I can also tell you about the first one, because I was the person who, not personally but my company, did have that contract.

I'm quite interested and was at that time too of the price that's used for campground maintenance and the theory that the government have that they can do it cheaper, which I think they should be able to do, if handled properly. I think they should be able to do these things cheaper than the contractor can, possibly.

On the other hand, as the Honourable Member from Kluane is more interested in possibly this is some work for contractors in the winter time to build tables, to build campground garbage stands and so forth and so on. It's a small item actually, but it still is work for private enterprise.

However, I would like to see in the House possibly a breakdown of some of the prices it does cost you now to build these articles, so we might compare them.

Just for the information of Council here at that time we had the contract, the one year they did let it out to contract, they decided to do this in the government and see what happened. The bid was somewhere under the \$40,000.00 that my company did bid. I was very interested in the fact that you know they thought I was making too much money, I realize this. The next year the same contract, which may have amounted to one site or more or two, but not very much because they don't build many campgrounds in one year, was somewhere I think in the neighbourhood of \$78,000.00, done by the government.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Before pursuing the tendering bit, I would like to know if I could have some figures or could Mr. Gillespie supply me with numbers of tables that are built, numbers of privies that are built. Certainly, when you're looking at any tendering kind of a system, if you haven't got the numbers, well then, certainly it's uneconomical to do it as the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua has said.

Also, in response to Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller, did you try to, say, call a long term contract - in other words, award a contract not only on a yearly basis but on a three or five year basis? So that an individual getting into that who would have supporting carpentry equip-

ment or what have you would then be able to build other business around that and it would become more substantial.

I'm really looking at the benefits that can happen and can accrue to a small contractor in the smaller communities. I think this is really a nice outlet for them. Certainly, there must be things like docks and gates and barricades and other things like this that are built. Also, maybe I should have clarification, as I said before pursuing this, you did or somebody did mention that some of the stuff was built by Corrections and maybe that is a bit of a key in this question too.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, our contract regulations permit us to call tenders subject to appropriation. So, we could not guarantee any bidder anything beyond the current year. We could let the tender and we could enter contract, but it would have to be subject to the appropriation of funds by this House.

With regard to the question of Corrections: they put a lot of time into assisting these campground people in building these facilities. I don't have the number of days; we could get that - but it is substantial. So, it is one of their work projects.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, we will get some figures on the amounts of tables and privies and these things, as I understand?

Mr. Gillespie: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Two remarks. I remember it was approximately four years ago when they did go to tender for the construction of these small unit things for the campgrounds, and the tender opening was in these Chambers and these Chambers were full. This room was full at that time.

There must have been at least 30 people, I am sure, bid. It was a popular contract that was coming out, because there were a lot of people looking to go to work. There were a lot of people out of work at that time. I think you have to consider the benefits to the community and that's why I would like to have further statistics also.

Now, the Honourable Member from Riverdale mentioned the three year contract, which is good, so that a person can go the longer term contract and the witness informs us we can't guarantee funding. However, I think you can get around it because your school bus contract isn't tied in to a year-to-year contract. You don't have to go to contract every year for the school busing. So, I think there are ways that this can be accommodated. I think that in many areas, when the Territorial Government is looking to go to private enterprise rather than build up the government more, and this is what I was talking about with L.I.D.s the other day.

Should we go to contract for street maintenance but you have got to give it to somebody for three years. They are not going to buy a grader for one year. I think these

are some of the things that this government is going to have to look at and see if they can come up with some of the answers.

So that, instead of government getting larger, there are more employment and job opportunities for the private sector, so that they can build their homes, so that they can qualify for a Home Owner Grant. Hoe the potatoes.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I have to rise in defence of the government here because, if I recall, when the contracts were out to tenders we never had a uniform campground site. Some contractors were very good in maintaining a campground and building and looking after the campground but other campgrounds were a mess. I think it is very important that we look after - if we want the dollar from the tourist industry, to maintain uniform campsites all through the Territory.

I think that, by contracting things out, you are going to end up getting supervisors running around in a pick-up or car again, looking after this type of thing. This way, we have the people running around anyway. Let's let them look after the campgrounds at the same time.

I think that a lot of people are trying to save a buck here and a buck there but I think, on the whole, we have to look at the dollar coming into the Territory through tourism and I think it's very - right now we have a very good campground facilities unit formally established in the Territory. Let's keep it this way.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding that our campground maintenance is done by contract now, is it not?

Mr. Gillespie: For the most part, Mr. Chairman, it is by casual labour contract. In some instances and for some campground areas, we tender for that campground maintenance job and we do have supervisors that go around and check up on the work that they are doing.

It hasn't always been satisfactory. We have had and will always have problems with some contractors or some casual labourers in certain parts of the Territory, but we try to correct those as they become apparent.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: All right, now, further, you are only charging one and a half man years of your maintenance back to the projects. Should you not then be charging more than one and a half man years back to your project because they are in the shop working on projects six months of the year, aren't they?

Mr. Gillespie: Well, it's hard to say just exactly how long - that's probably true, that they are there for six months during the year but they are also doing other work. For example, they travel the roads on occasion to pick up garbage. They do other maintenance type work during the course of the winter. They don't devote all of their attention to capital works during the wintertime,

these people.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, my question was answered actually by Mr. Gillespie just a moment ago when he said that they do have some problems now which was going to be my comment in answer to the Honourable Member from Dawson because we had the problem.

Of course, as I say, we were the only contractor that has done it for the Yukon Territory in the campground maintenance area. It was only the one year. Therefore, I will say this is a problem, too, and I have to agree. Also, they have the same problem now. Some of the campgrounds, I know, last summer were cleaned very well, exceptionally well, and yet I know of a campground or two in a certain area that was not cleaned very well. In fact, very bad.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I am curious about the increase in travel costs from \$33,000.00 to \$59,000.00. I wonder if this has any connection with the quandary yesterday about hiring students to go out and make sure everybody has got a sticker.

I have to agree with the Member from Hootalingua that I am not very clear on just how that is going to be managed. Are they going to be hired in Whitehorse and whip up to Dawson and check the campground there or are there going to be people from each little community going out and are we going to pay for their travelling, etcetera?

Mr. Gillespie: Our intention, Mr. Chairman, is to hire locally in communities that are near the campgrounds that need fee collections. These students will be provided with mileage recoveries for the use of their car to go to these campgrounds to collect fees. The increase in travel, that is reflected in Establishment 701, is primarily due to the costs, the travel costs for these campground collectors.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Supplementary Mr. Chairman. Last year we lost five thousand dollars in collecting campground fees, this year we are going to lose thirty one thousand dollars then, because if we are going to pay travelling in addition of about twenty-six thousand, maybe even twenty thousand, if you say, it is not totally used for that. I don't see that it is going to be economical to even raise the ten dollar fee.

It would seem to me it would be almost more economical to do it free than to do it where it is costing us money, charging fees. Last year it cost us six thousand dollars to collect the fees. It doesn't make economic sense to pay another twenty thousand dollars to have a little car running around to collect fees.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, we won't know until the end of the summer just how viable, or how profitable a proposition this camp ground fee system that we are

proposing will be. We have put in our budget an additional thirty-one thousand dollars of expenditures to cover the cost of collecting these fees. We are budgeting an increase over last year of thirty-one thousand dollars in recoveries. We expect to be recovering from a good many more people than we did in the past. We are hoping the expenditure will be balanced off by the recoveries, but experience will tell at the end of the summer.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, thank you, my question has been answered.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Another question. In the maintenance of your camp grounds do the people that you do employ now in that, are they involved in any enlargement of the present campsites, do they actually do work if you are going to clear extra areas for extra tables and things like that. Are they involved in that kind of thing?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, those that are employed permanently do help in this area. Those that are employed on a casual basis don't.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, supplementary to that. It may take us back into the 700 Establishment, I realize this we are talking of campground maintenance. What campgrounds this year, have you got some plans this year for any brand new, totally new camp ground, and where are they?

Mr. Gillespie: There are no plans for new campgrounds this year. We are going to be doing some rest stop development work, which I will come to once we move into Capital, if you can wait until then.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I was wondering about the - I think there has been some mistakes in the campgrounds building sometimes in the territory too, in the years past there was a lot of money spent, maybe where it shouldn't have been. It wasn't really there for the tourist industry, in fact, I would even suggest that some of it may have been spent for the V.I.P.'s a little bit.

Would you say that the Quiet Lake campground would be open this summer, it was not last summer, the gate was closed and there was no maintenance there. Would you say that you are going to open that this summer or is it going to remain closed?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman I will have to come back with the answer to that, I simply don't know whether it will be open or closed.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, does the campground and the tourism branch have a vehicle inventory of their own? I know that departments use vehicles as required from the car pool, but does the, particularly the campground branch, do they have a vehicle inventory of pick-ups and this type of thing? If so what vehicles are in their inventory?

Mr. Gillespie: I will have to return with the answer to that as well. I don't know, they do have some vehicles which are assigned to them on a full time basis. The number and the nature of those vehicles, I don't know. I will come back with the answer to that.

Mrs. Watson: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, while we are on campground maintenance, we are talking, and have been talking for some time about the development of territorial parks. Where does the maintenance of these parks come, or where do we find reference to these parks in this budget?

Mr. Gillespie: We haven't any parks at the moment, other than campgrounds, if you want to consider those to be parks. We haven't any maintenance money in our budget for parks.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: That partially answers my question. Then we can conclude that there will be no territorial, no territorial park development this year, for one thing. Secondly, my question hasn't been answered, when we have territorial parks under whose branch, who will head up the territorial park system?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, we have roughly five thousand dollars, aside from salary, for parks and historic sites planning purposes. This will be primarily for travel. As you know now our parks planner is currently, today, in Watson Lake with a slide show, a slide presentation to the people there indicating how we hope to proceed with our parks planning.

The organization for parks, once we have it, is something that is going to have to be developed and come into place, not this year, at the earliest next year, if we had the money to do that and it will be under the Tourism Department.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman this is part of my concern. I had heard rumbles that this may be possible and it certainly occurs to me that the travel and publicity department is no place to put territorial parks. If you suggested, perhaps under the Game Branch, you might be talking a little logic, or perhaps some new department. To put it under Travel and Publicity would be a grave mistake in my opinion. Probably the Game Branch I say would be more amendable to the operation of a territorial park. But certainly not the peopl that are

putting out the information pamphlets and this type of thing and talking about tourism.

Territorial parks, you're talking about resources there and you're not talking about the human resource, you're talking about the wild life, the aesthetic value of something. I had heard this rumble that perhaps, for ease of administration or something, this was going under Tourism and Publicity and I don't think it should be. When we talked around campground maintenance I thought that I would raise the subject.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman. With the completion of the Dempster Highway coming up and the necessity coming up of creating more campgrounds along that highway. Is there any studies going on at the present time in conjunction with the Game Department on the location of the new camp sites?

Mr. Gillespie: At the time that the, the planning for the campsites along the Dempster Highway is undertaken the Game Department will be fully consulted, I can assure you of that. We want to place them in places which are not going to affect the migrational patterns of caribou and so on.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Another question on rest stops. We had just in the last Session the question arose on highway signs. Is there any consideration taken on construction of new rest stops of facilitating say a whole cluster of signs in those rest stops with the possibility of getting away with highway signs as we have right at this stage?

Mr. Gillespie: At the present time we have a group, an interdepartmental committee, comprised of people from the Tourism Branch, from the Highways Branch, from the Territorial Secretaries Branch Department and from Local Government examining the signing policy. Their work is not concluded. We haven't yet seen their recommendations. Therefore I can't tell you just how this might be done. We would expect to have that policy, as we indicated at the last Session of this House, that policy ready early this summer.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that takes me to the question regarding Historic Sites and for the last few years we've had \$30,000.00 in the Capital Budget for the establishment or acquisition of Historic Sites. Have we made any provision within our budget for the maintenance of these HISTORIC Sites? Or would that be included in the campground maintenance?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, its the latter. We have not made any special provision in our budget this year just as we have not last year for the maintenance of these Historic Sites signs or historic sites per se.

We are forced to lurch along with what little funds we can scrape up from within our budget to provide what maintenance is required. But we don't yet have a

Historic Sites policy, a posture, a program that this government has decided it is going to follow for the next number of years. As I indicated at the last Session this is something we are going to be discussing with the Historic Sites and Monument Board when it meets in mid March. I think it's meeting on March 18th to 19th of this month.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that was my next question. Had the Historic Sites Board been called to meeting and I'm very happy to hear they will be called before the end of the fiscal year, so their recommendations can be taken into consideration for the expenditure of the \$30,000.00 or what's left of the \$30,000.00 for the 1975-76 fiscal year.

My further question is regarding the mile posts. In the last Session we had a Resolution from Council that certain mile posts would be restructured as Historic Sites. I don't know whether this is a responsibility of tourism or of engineering. News released by the government, I presume, stated the various places along the Alaska Highway that were going to be designated for historic mile post signs. I've had representation from two areas in my constituency who feel that their communities warrant historic mile posts, namely Champagne and Burwash and I'm sure you can't deny that they do warrant some significance, they do warrant the historic mile post at their communities too.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the intention is as soon as the ground is soft, those historic mile posts will be put back and that will include Champagne and Burwash.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I believe the suggestion was that perhaps every five miles one could put the mile post back so that at least somebody in the Territory might know where they're at when they go up and down the highway. Is this still in progress?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, a Resolution of this House is that historic mile posts be placed and that is what is happening.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, at that time I said we would be watching this very closely and it's unfortunate that the news release came out with just a limited number. I would hope that the government would leave themselves open to further recommendations of significant historic sites along the Alaska Highway.

I'm sure that maybe the Historic Sites Board may be recommending other areas where they would like the historic mile posts placed. They wouldn't be historic if we had them every five miles. I do think that if you have a board, an advisory board such as this, you certainly should be having some conversations with them in this regard.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, our policy has been that we will remain open for further suggestions but they must be of some significance.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: How about every mile?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: For reasons that I cannot make public, but mile post 890 was of very historic significance for me. I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if I could ask whether for old times sake, mile post 890 was put back into place.

Mr. Chairman, I was interested to learn that the Quiet Lake campground wasn't open last summer because my family and I, without a campground sticker, had a very pleasant lunch at Quiet Lake campground last summer and I talked to the Territorial Government road foreman and also to other people who were camping there for several days, Yukon residents without campground stickers, also I might add, and enjoying the Quiet Lake campground.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member was probably up at the Quiet Lake but maybe speaking of another campground possibly too, by the maintenance camp. I am speaking of the campground at mile 56, where you go into the lake and there has been tremendous work done down there in the campground site there. I think the reason possibly for closing it down I might say or ask the question just - I am wondering why, you know, it was closed last summer although I realize nobody goes to it that often.

That is a very poor site because of the fact that the ground gave way on them and dribbled over the road and so forth and so on and started to thaw out because it was all permafrost in there. Whoever did this job of picking the site in the first place, didn't really look at what would happen after he dug the ground up. He just saw the beautiful trees and the beautiful lake and everything was wonderful.

I am just wondering, since the Department of Highways is now Territorial and not Federal, I am wondering just why the campground and the whole aspect of campground, maybe wouldn't be a better place to have it under the Department of Highways, other than under Tourism, myself. I just wonder why it has to be under tourism or if it has to be, because I think the expertise that we have right at hand in the Department of Highways and the fact that they do handle the highways along side of these campgrounds, through these campgrounds, the machinery they have, the engineers they have, whereas this department wouldn't have it but they possibly could get it, if they get hand in hand, which they very seldom do, the two departments.

I am just wondering why possibly it wouldn't be a thought to put it with the Department of Highways.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, before a campground or rest stop is sited now, I can't speak for the past, but certainly now there is extensive consultation with the Department of Highways as to the exact location where it should be and other assistances provided. The reason that it is not in the Department of Highways is, with a view eventually, to having a park system.

Now, that park system will go - will range all the way from parks which are conservation oriented, not people - not recreation oriented but conservation

oriented. There may be some reason to protect an area from encroachment of people and machines, all the way down to very intensive use of parks for primarily recreational purposes and campgrounds - we consider campgrounds to be a part of that system. So, the park system is situated within the Territorial Government, that is where we would also have the campgrounds. It would be all part of the same thing and the same expertise that goes into creating, developing and maintaining the other parks will be used to maintain the campgrounds that we have.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: This brings me to another question, in the current resource sharing talks, is there any talks about the Territorial Government taking over the Department of Forestry, because I can see that there is a possible association again with the Forest Department, where the campgrounds are originally from in the first place.

Mr. Gillespie: Perhaps in the future, Mr. Chairman, but there aren't ongoing conversations or negotiations to that effect at this time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I see some merit, certainly in the questions that were asked, with respect to putting together services of highways and parks and forestry. I think I can tell you from a little experience that it doesn't work.

People have various priorities. There are professional people employed in parks and recreation and the same with forestry and while I think that - I think we could show you again, throughout a lot of the provinces, we always use them as examples, that they certainly have tried this and again, it just hasn't worked. There has probably been some liaison and co-operation of special equipment, the use of special equipment by Highways in parks and I think this could certainly be encouraged.

I personally wouldn't like to see it happen. I like the comment Mr. Gillespie, and I am on your side this time, of the park system, and I think as that evolves, you will find that you are definitely going to need people that are identified in that system working for that system, aware of people problems, of tourist problems.

So, as I say, I certainly would like to see it carried on as it is. While I am up here, I would just also like to point out that, maybe we have asked a few questions of you Mr. Gillespie, and I think we are really just trying to get at probably even a better system of maintenance in campgrounds and the rest of it. I would like to commend you and certainly the campground maintenance people that I think in the Yukon we do have a very good system of recreation sites or campground sites. I know, speaking to many, many tourists who come from all parts of Canada and the states, they found this to be so and the standards are pretty good. Certainly when you take into account the distances that our people have to travel to get to those sites and to do their work and the areas that have to be served, as I say, I think we have done a pretty

fair job.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman with ABATE 4.G being used in the Mosquito control program will be even better.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to say that I think that the Yukon has an excellent person in Don Hutton, who is the Territorial Parks Planner. He's probably put together the best audiovisual presentation that's ever been put together on anything in the Yukon, concerning Territorial Parks. I know he is touring around the Yukon showing this at various communities. I don't know whether all members of the Assembly have had a chance to see this presentation. I think the Assistant Commissioner should try to have the press and the Assembly invited to a showing of this audiovisual presentation, which is just superlative, it's an excellent production. I urge all of you to tell your constituents to see this show when it comes to your community because it is an excellent presentation.

I just hope we can arrange all members of the Assembly sometime during the Session, with Mr. Hutton's availability, to have a look at it, because it's just a darn good show.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure when he's due back from his present tour but I imagine it's at the end of this week and I will see that such a presentation is arranged if members are interested in seeing it next week.

Mr. Chairman: Very good, Mr. Gillespie. Are we clear?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, this is pending further information coming.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Game Branch \$749,818.00. I refer you to appendixes on page 27. Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, while the witness, and I was going to call him an Honourable Member again, while the witness was getting the inventory of the vehicles that the campground branch has, I would appreciate it if he got a list of the inventory of the vehicles that the Game Branch has at their disposal and by vehicles, I mean, skidoos, canoes, boats, trucks, you know the whole bit.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I will come back with that information.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I noticed when you called Game Branch why the two witnesses hollered "clear, clear" but I'm afraid it's not going to be cleared for a few moments yet.

One of my first questions would be a request I made at the last time we went through this budget. It had to do with the hiring of Game Wardens. I think I made the point that we had enough guns and badges running

around the Yukon Territory in various segments of our government services. And that it was time that we did two things. One is, that we had enough expertise in our department at this point in time, that we could hire Yukoners as game wardens, qualified Yukoners. At the time I pointed out that in the advertising for new game wardens in the Territory, one of the prime requisites was that you were an ex-policeman or that you had been involved in law enforcement. I think at that time as I do this time, make the point that what we need in our Game Department now are Yukoners first to be trained. We have people here for inservice training and two, is we don't need anymore policemen. We seem to have sufficient policemen, let us get game wardens who will indeed sit down and work with the hunter, and work with the trapper, work with the sportsman and work with the community and indeed hopefully get the community support in the performance of his duties.

I'm wondering now if the administration could perhaps advise me that this is indeed the policy of the Game Department and will be in the future.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I can confirm that is the policy. We are in the process of writing at this very moment, it just happens that last week I was speaking to the Game Director about this. A new job description for our Conservation Officers as they're called now, to identify four functions for the Conservation Officers. One which is enforcement. Another of which is to assist in research, game research. We will have, in this coming year, biologists and technicians who will be doing work in the field, while I hope that our Conservation Officers would accompany them and help them in that work.

They will also be involved in game management and whatever that requires. This field work directly relating to game itself, not to people and what they might be doing against our game laws. In addition to that, they will have an educational function to perform to go into the schools and speak to the public about game management and why it's required and what it's trying to achieve. In this way hopefully, the public in general will co-operate with the government in its game management aims, voluntarily rather than because they're forced to do, because there's a Game Conservation Officer around the next tree watching.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to see that at least some consideration is being given to this because it is really important if we are going to have any respect for our Conservation Officers. He is one man in a large community and if the community are not working in concert with him he is simply another policeman, that is all there is to it. The people avoid him, they won't give him any information and perhaps he might even, in some cases as I have heard suggested from time to time, appear a little damp going through a hole in the ice some winter and nobody will ever see him again.

On the other hand, if you get a man who will be part of the community, who will exercise good discretion in the performance of his duties in enforcing the Game Laws of the Territory, working with the trapper, work-

ing with the sportsmen, then I think the whole community comes to his assistance.

It is better-off for everybody and I am sure everybody would appreciate having this type of person around. I hope, indeed, you can one of these, hopefully a Yukoner, to Watson Lake I might add.

I have another question and it relates to policy in the Game Department in respect of trap lines. When a trap line licence is issued, it is issued for a period of five years. This winter some problems arose; I have brought these to the attention of the Director of Game who, I appreciate, maybe perhaps cannot formulate the policy. I believe this is done at the Executive Committee level. When you issue a trapline licence for five years, it is my contention and the contention of others that it remains that way for five years. When a trapper goes out knowing he is going to have this five year period to trap, he prepares his cabins, he purchases his traps, he looks after his line, he might farm that line, he might not trap it a year. Maybe he feels that the marten or the lynx should be left for a year and the opportunity to build up.

This winter, the policy seems to have been, in some cases, they have heard that Joe Blow isn't trapping his trap line this winter so he is getting a letter stating that next year his trap line licence will be cancelled. This is grossly unfair. It is an unreasonable policy to pursue, especially when there are people all over the territory not trapping their trap lines. I speak of both native and non-native people. I know that there are native people in beer parlours all over the territory you couldn't drive to a trap line with a whip who will always have the trap line and no problem in renewing it. I think that it is only equally fair, then, that the non-native persons should enjoy the same treatment.

In other words, we have got to get this on a same level. I think that what the Executive Committee must do is say, okay, if we issue a licence for five years, which is great, and it should be five-year periods, then don't take it away from him unless he does something terrible like go out and shoot a game warden, like I suggested earlier or something like that, commits a criminal act or violently, violates the Game Ordinance so badly that it is obvious that you have to take it away from him, then reconsider his performance over that five years when he goes in for the renewal.

Somehow you have got to look at this whole idea, this whole problem of trap line licences. A lot of problems were created this winter with this question.

I am wondering if I can have the assurance of the Executive Committee Member, who is witness today, that this indeed will be done, looked at and a policy formulated along this line.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman. Further to that, would the witness be able to tell us if, in fact, the government does have a policy regarding renewal of trap line permits?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman. I will have to look into the details of that before answering because I don't know. I know we have a policy but I can't enunciate that policy at this point in time until I look into it.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, would it be possible to

have it for this afternoon, if the witness could have it for this afternoon. I think it is very important for this discussion.

Mr. Chairman: The witness has indicated that it would be, Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: No thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, my interest in this vote is under the biological research. I am wondering how much co-operation there is between the various people who are running around doing all this research. There is Canadian Wildlife Service, even some of the private companies, Arctic Gas, Imperial Oil and other conservation interests are all doing research. I am wondering if there is a determined effort to work together and to share the information that is being obtained, not only when the study is done and finished but in the actual application in the field. We just don't spend enough money in this area as far as true research, we just don't have the money in the territory to do justice to our Game. I am wondering if a determined effort has been made to use the other people who are actually doing the work also?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, it is a valid criticism to say that there has been a lack of co-ordination in research of any sort, that is being conducted in the Yukon, be it sociological, biological or otherwise. At this present time, the federal government, together with the territorial government, is establishing or has established a committee to co-ordinate the social research activity that will be carried out in future in the Yukon.

There will be a companion committee dealing with the hard sciences which will probably centre on the laboratory which is to be built at some time in Whitehorse where all the planned research will be identified before it takes place to be sure the co-ordination is effective and to which centre all the research results will go. So that there is a compendium on inventory of all research that has been conducted and an indication of what is contemplated so this co-ordination can be carried out.

Canadian Wildlife Service is doing far less research in the north now than it did in the past. Most of what they had in their budget has been transferred to our budget. During this current fiscal year, we received \$40,000.00 from them. With that \$40,000.00 we did work in the north coast, in the Old Crow flats. Mr. Dave Mossop did a study in that area. That is work that might otherwise have been done by Canadian Wildlife Service. We still have to do more to co-ordinate our work with that of the private enterprise research that is being conducted.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I have a question for the witness. I see

in Nisutlin Bay and Tagish a couple of thousand dollars included in here. I am just wondering what actually that was spent on. However, I would like to speak a moment or two on Nisutlin Bay and also on Steward, Teslin, Yukon and the reconnaissance of river valleys.

I know, everything we seem to do, we have conservationists here, conservationists there, we have environmentalists here and environmentalists there that we are paying and they find out all sorts of things that should happen and things that you can't do. But when it comes down to really doing something about it, everything seems to fold up and on the Nisutlin Bay - and I don't think I am wrong when I say that this is one of the largest areas in the Yukon Territory for our migratory birds, definitely the geese, the ducks, the swans, that used to be there and I am speaking of what used to be there, I am not guessing. I know what used to be there because I have lived there for twenty years.

There was a time that there was a beautiful site there in the fall and I have sat there duck hunting and watched this in the evening where there has been probably five - up to anywhere from 5,000 geese down to 2,000 and 3,000 sitting out on the lake around you and on the mud flats as you are up there, in an area of probably ten miles square altogether. I have seen up to two or three thousand swans there. This is a few years ago, and now there have been an influx of hunters. Naturally, in the country you know, there used to be one hunter to two there. Now, there is thirty on opening day there.

Being an area where it is only - actually the only area in that territory that there is a large amount of feed for them and mud flats, they are congregated there but now, you go there and on opening day there is possibly a few. The next day there is nothing there. They are shot out and scared because the hunting just wipes - don't wipe any out. They don't get many, but the fact is they just run them completely out of the country.

You will find those same birds now, and I find them because I am there, down in the area of the Swift River area and the smaller sloughs and ponds scattered all over the Yukon and you find, and I have pictures last fall, of a small pond that gets so full of birds now that they can hardly sit in there and I know that is not going to be a good situation when they have to stay there for any length of time because the feed is not there. The value is not there for them, the food.

So, I am wondering and I have spoken many times on this to the Game Department, is there any thought at all of taking that Nisutlin Bay possibly and not taking the whole monstrous country and say now this is a game reserve or a wild fowl refuge and nobody can hunt for a hundred miles, but doing something like they possibly do in Alberta and those places. Although, I don't always say that works here because it does in Alberta, but the small area they need to feed in - their feeding grounds in other words, because you run a bird off the feeding grounds and he will go away. You can shoot at him here two miles away somewhere. He will come back into his feedings grounds and sit down and eat, but if you shoot at him on his feeding grounds he is not going to come back there.

I am just wondering again, is there any thought of checking this over and making a small area, maybe say five miles square or something, that they can go to and

stay there and you leave them alone. If you want to hunt them, hunt them in the outskirts like they do anywhere else, rather than getting right in amongst the pot and just blasting them until they don't come back.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, the answer to that question is yes, the Game Department has been actively looking at the possibility of setting up a wildlife reserve or preserve in just that area, in a small area of the nature that you described, but there are, as you know, some land use complications that have to be overcome before we establish any new reserves.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard, you had a supplementary to your question?

Ms. Millard: Yes, Mr. Gillespie has mentioned the possibility of setting up a research centre in Whitehorse at least, that is my understanding. I wonder when we can expect that?

Mr. Gillespie: We haven't any firm indication of just when that will be built. The site selection is being carried out right now, but funds have not been allocated or committed by the Federal Government and it is going to be the Federal Government that will build the thing.

I know that they were hoping for 1978, but whether this will be realized in view of the budgetary constraints is a moot question at this point in time.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I have a question for the witness and it is in the same vein as the question that the Honourable Member from Ogilvie asked regarding co-operation between the Territorial Government and the various federal agencies who are doing studies in the Yukon Territory.

I believe several years ago there was a study done in my constituency on grizzly bear. I believe it was in the Shawkak Valley and I think it was done by mammalogist, Art Pearson.

I would like to know whether the results of that study have been filed with the Canadian Wildlife Service and whether the Territorial Government does, in fact, have a copy of that study. There was quite a tremendous amount of money involved in that study because I believe it was carried on for two years.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I believe the answer is no, we have not received this study, but I will confirm that this afternoon when I return with some of these other answers.

Mr. Chairman: If the answer is no, it might be interesting to know when the results of that study might be forthcoming, Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, I, too, would like to hear and see the report from what's-his-name. Mr. Chairman, I would like to know, if some information is being gathered over the noon hour, first of all if we could

determine how many buffalo are left in the Yukon Territory of the group that we brought in. I do believe it is down to nil but I would like to know for sure. I would like to know how many elk have been sighted over the last years as a result of the research, this ongoing research program. Also, yes, I was about to raise the same question, the same question in relation to the participation of federal agencies in some of these research programs, big game inventories, reconnaissance, special continuing projects on elk, goat, sheep, moose research and so forth, because it seems to me that the information we are gathering is going to be of big benefit to all Canadians and certainly contributes somewhat to the activities of the Canadian Wildlife Service.

Perhaps I could learn as to what participation Canadian Wildlife Service are involved in the Yukon.

Mr. Gillespie: The Canadian Wildlife Service retains what you might call residual responsibilities in the Yukon for migratory birds, for, I think the term is anadromous, fish which means the fish that travels out to sea and into fresh water, for advice to the National Parks program with regard to Kluane National Park. That is the extent of Canadian Wildlife Services' direct involvement. The Territorial Government now has the complete management responsibility for wildlife in the Yukon, with the exception of those things that I've outlined.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, further to that: inasmuch as this government, in fact not really a government, it's an administrative arm of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Retardation, would it not seem logical then that some federal monies could come from one of those other federal agencies and be made available to us for our research projects to assist us inasmuch as these research projects are a benefit to other Canadians and the Feds as well?

Mr. Gillespie: Under the Yukon Act, the Territorial Government has responsibility for game and game management. We have received the money that the Canadian Wildlife Service used to have to conduct game-related research, that is now in our pocket. We received \$40,000.00 outside the financial agreement last year. We have received it within the financial agreement and it's in our budget this year.

Beyond that, I'm not sure; I would think that the Territorial Government and this Assembly would be very reluctant to see the Federal Government starting to move back in to game management, even by way of funding.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I rise to clarify the point. We manage our own game resources. I'm strictly speaking on research, just absolutely research, and that's all I'm speaking of, not of game management.

Mr. Chairman: That's the same thing, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Gillespie: The research that's carried out in the Yukon, that we carry out, is not what you might call basic research for the sake of research. It is applied research that is being conducted to help us with our

game management activities. There is a distinction.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: Yes, a couple of questions from the Appendix. First of all, I note that there is an increase in materials and supplies of nearly a hundred percent. I wonder what the emphasis is there; is the emphasis in the increase on biological research or is it on enforcement? Just to get a general idea of where the department is going. On page A-28, reconnaissance of river valleys Stewart and Teslin-Yukon: I presume this is a helicopter reconnaissance and is that all that is going to be done is running up and down with a helicopter, that's about all you can do for that amount of money. When is Pelly-Macmillan going to be done? Since that's apparently in question about a dam being put there. Can we expect that in the following budget, we might have some emphasis on the Pelly-MacMillan.

Mr. Gillespie: Well, if I could refer you back to page 70 where our man years in the Game Branch are shown and identifies certain positions we do not now have on staff - although we have in our budget for this current year a big-game biologist position and a fur-bearer biologist position. These have not been filled because of budgetary limitations.

We are intending to fill those positions early in the new fiscal year. We are also intending to fill in the new year a Habitat Biologist position and a Fish Biologist position. On further I believe, somewhere in here, we have an Ornithologist, Mr. Chairman - a bird man.

But with this increase in our biological capability will come an increase in our field work and most of the increase that you're seeing in the inventories in the various project costings that are shown in the appendix are related to the work that these people will be doing.

I'm sorry, the second part of your question you were asking about the reconnaissance of river valleys. Here we've shown the Stewart-Teslin-Yukon river valleys. This is helicopter time, this \$4,000.00, that is required. We will also be going into certain areas by horse or by truck to the extent that this is possible. But the amount that is shown here is for the helicopter time. As regards the Pelly River, although the results are not yet available, in totality, much of that work has been concluded but not written up for this year.

Mr. Chairman: The Committee will now recess until 1:30.

(RECESS)

Mr. Chairman: I will now call this meeting to order. We will resume discussion on Establishment number 720 - Game Branch. Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, before we rose I believe we were going to have some information coming as to questions arising out of this morning's discussions. Perhaps one of the witnesses would have that information at this time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, that information will be coming to be during the course of this afternoon. It's not yet available.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, just a question with respect to rental of equipment and machinery under 720.

I imagine that there is aircraft rental under that, is there? Aircraft rental.

Mr. Gillespie: Yes, I believe most of that is aircraft rental.

Mr. Lengerke: Could you advise me the amount exactly that was aircraft rental?

Mr. Gillespie: I'd say that virtually the whole thing is aircraft, whether it be fixed wing or helicopter.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that does raise a question to in terms of aircraft rental. More particularly for instance the moose research project, big game inventories and so forth. Is it the policy of the government to ensure that perhaps some of the smaller operators in the outlying districts would have an opportunity in bidding and utilizing their aircraft in these programs. Or is it the policy to have this aircraft rental strictly out of Whitehorse?

Mr. Gillespie: The aircraft rental is put to tender. Generally speaking what we try to do is to in order to get the lowest cost to the government, is to get a tender for the use of an aircraft for the whole summer or a large part of the summer. And then use an aircraft, as we did this year, in part up in the Old Crow Flats to do research work and in part, in essential, in southern parts of the Yukon to do inventory work. So we make the best possible utilization of the aircraft that we get.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, having had some experience with this type of thing. It occurs to me that, for instance, if you run a moose research project, you may be doing some work in the Dawson area, or perhaps in the Watson Lake area, or perhaps in another area of the Yukon, where there are local operators who would perhaps putting in a tough winter and having very capable pilots, suitable aircraft for the job. Usually when you're doing projects of this nature, it's all most like flying a geophysical survey, it's a terrain oriented thing. You've got to stay two hundred feet above the surface sort of thing.

Sometimes its beneficial to have a pilot, for instance, I'm thinking in the Watson Lake area, who is very well acquainted with the terrain in which he's flying and has the suitable airplane for the job.

It is of concern to me that, maybe perhaps, those operators when the Game Department are doing research work in their area, should have an opportunity to

bid in that area. I think it's rather important rather than taking one pilot from the Whitehorse area for instance maybe doesn't know the area he's flying in at all. Both for the safety of the operation, for the efficiency of the operation and this type of thing.

I would personally prefer to see, you know, if you go into the Dawson area and there is a local operator there with the suitable aircraft, suitable pilot, that they be given an opportunity to share in some of the flying that is generated as a result of the Game Department work. I'm just wondering if the administration would give any consideration to this idea.

Mr. Gillespie: We would certainly give consideration to it. If we could provide as efficient service at the same or less cost in doing it that way, we would certainly do so, but this is something we would have to look into.

I know that we use local aircraft occasionally for special work, be it enforcement or special research or management programs but generally speaking, we keep the same aircraft.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, my next question relates to the fishery aspect of the Game Department. For several years in the Yukon, we were fortunate enough, to have a restocking program in terms of Rainbow Trout and perhaps other forms of fish, principally Rainbow Trout restocked throughout the Yukon. There were many lakes restocked on an annual basis because they didn't lend themselves for natural reproduction vis a vis the streams weren't there to allow the fish to naturally recycle.

I wonder, first of all, if this program is to be continued in the Yukon, and secondly, if consideration could be given by the Game Department to stocking, in some instances, lakes which would lend themselves to water sheds to introduce Rainbow Trout into the eastern slopes of the mountains, so that we can get Rainbow Trout moving around the country rather than in little isolated lakes.

Mr. Gillespie: I have had some help here, Mr. Chairman. The program, the Fisheries Program, as you know, the commercial fishing program, is a Federal program not a Territorial one.

Mr. Chairman: Excuse me. I am sorry, Mr. Gillespie, I would like to declare a brief recess.

Mr. Gillespie: Oh, fine.

RECESS

Mr. Chairman: I call this Committee to order. Mr. Gillespie, I apologize for the rude interruption. If you would care to continue.

Mr. Gillespie: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the Department of Fisheries, the Federal Department of Fisheries a few years ago conducted, on an experimental basis, a stocking program to deter-

mine whether a commercial fishing enterprise could develop from such a stocking program.

Now, that was carried out for a few years and then, as far as I know, it was dropped. The results of that stocking program and whether they intend to start it again, I don't know the answer to. But again, I could find out and I could let you know privately or come back to this House but I have to go to the Federal Department of Fisheries to find the answer to that.

It is not our responsibility. I will do that.

Mr. Lengerke: A question with respect to the rental of aircraft and I see in 720 in the Appendix, aircraft fuels. If you rent aircraft, don't you rent them with them fueled up or is there, because of the advantage for the --

Mr. Gillespie: Not necessarily. For example, when we rented a helicopter to do the work in the Old Crow area, the Old Crow Flats area this summer, we provided the fuel separate from the --

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, while we're on the topic of fishing in the Yukon Territory which I think we should have under our own control so we can do a good job of it, look after it and don't have it. I would like to inform the Council here because I don't think you'll hear about it from the Territorial level as they're not about to say too much of what's going on.

In 1967 we had a meeting in Teslin, we're very concerned about Teslin Lake which is one of the larger lakes in this Territory, be fished out commercially or ruined in any way shape or form. We felt it was beginning to be ruined then. That was ten years ago.

Last week after saying many times and for years and years trying to get the federal department to do something, there was a meeting in Teslin and we are informed now that they are going to have one man on that lake next summer. They are going to possibly get out on the lake and do a little moving around themselves and do some testing with nets and so forth and so on, to find out if what we have been saying is true. Although, we feel it is too late, that they are now going to do this, this summer. That was the answer they gave us in Teslin.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie, can you give us any information regarding the number of commercial licenses, fishing licenses issued?

Mr. Gillespie: I can obtain that information, Mr. Chairman, I don't know the answer.

Mr. Chairman: With particular reference to Teslin but other lakes as well.

Mr. Gillespie: Throughout the Yukon and where they are. You'd like to know how many licenses on which lakes. Is this the information you want? I'll obtain that Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, we have quite a number of biologists, or it looks like we are going to have quite a number of biologists on staff within the Game Branch and I believe they are going to be doing research studies and inventories. Has the Game Branch developed sort of a master plan for the research and the inventory of the whole Yukon Territory or of certain areas so that one isn't going off in one direction and another direction. Is it all going to co-ordinate so that we can get a complete over view over period of time to really know what we've got in the Yukon Territory.

I don't want, three years from now, coming back and saying look we're going to examine what we've got. I would hope very much that we've got a plan before we even begin to hire these people.

My second question is and it's probably technical what is the difference between a fur bearer biologist and a fur bearer technician? But I would like an answer to the first question.

Mr. Gillespie: The answer to the first question is yes, we have a plan. I have it in my office. I'd be happy to show it to you in the form of bar chart which shows in each year what kind of research work we're going to do where, both with regard to inventory and management research. So we do have a comprehensive research plan and I'm prepared to show it to anybody who wishes to see that.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think it would be most helpful if it isn't too much trouble, to have copies of it made. Now, what is the difference between a fur bearer technician and a fur bearer biologist? You seem to be giving a great deal of emphasis to the fur bearer aspect of game management and is it the fur industry, the trapping industry, is it becoming a rather lucrative industry in the Territory?

Are there any dollar bill statistics, dollar amounts that you have?

Mr. Chairman: Before you reply Mr. Gillespie, I wonder, Mr. McCall, would you take the chair please.

MR. McCALL BECOMES CHAIRMAN

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie, do you wish to reply to Mrs. Watson?

Mr. Gillespie: We have, at present time, a fur bearer technician on staff. His name is Joe Jack. We are planning to hire - hoping to hire a fur bearer biologist this coming year. The fur bearing or the fur bearer industry in the Territory is one that is very much under exploited at this present time. There is far more that could be done to take advantage of the fur bearing animal population that we have. That is the case up to this point.

So, what we are planning to do is to hire a fur bearer biologist to learn more about the life cycle and the viability and whatever else it is that they need to know about the fur bearers in order to manage them properly and to do that, we have a fur bearer technician to back him up in his field studies and also to do work back in the office here, whether it be aging or whatever of the fur

bearers.

Now, I should add that while we call this person a fur bearer technician an indeed that is what he spends most of his time doing, this technician and others that we will have on staff, will not be restricted in their activities to just that one area. When a biologist goes out into the field to do either research or management work, they should not, at any time, properly go out alone for one thing. They should have somebody else with them and a technician experienced in the game management field can be of far more assistance than some casual person accompanying this person.

So, the fur bearer technician will be doing a number of things more than he is able to do now and more constructively too if we have a biologist to complement his work.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, having a casual person with him kind of got through to me. We have life time long trappers in this country that I am sure could add-you know, having lived a lifetime with fur bearers, trapped and lived in the environment that could give a wealth of knowledge to some of these degreed people who come in here with all these great, big, long degrees but no practical experience and would it not be logical, Mr. Chairman, that when these people go out in the bush, they be accompanied by a game warden hopefully who is a Yukon resident who is very knowledgeable not only in how to survive in the bush but in matters such as game and fur bearers and this type of thing.

While I am on my feet, I did have another question related to an amendment we passed to the Game Ordinance at our last sitting and I don't have it in front of me but I raised the question of whether or not it was legal for a trapper in the Yukon to feed wild meat to his dogs, more particularly in a remote area where this has always been a practice and seems no great problem in terms of depletion of game and I was informed, oh yes, and I read and reread that section and I am convinced in my own mind that right now it is illegal for a trapper to feed wild meat to his dogs and I would hope that the administration would look at this particular situation and rectify it as soon as possible with a further amendment to the Game Ordinance to provide for this.

Also, just as a matter of interest, it seems to me it is also illegal at this point to trap a mouse under the Game Ordinance.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Schultz International Environmental Study on the Dempster Highway recommended a whole environmental study, recommended a whole lot of follow up studies. I was wondering if some of the studies the Game Department is doing right now are in line with the Schultz International recommendations?

Mr. Chairman: You wish to comment Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: I can't Mr. Chairman, because I've

never heard of those studies. No doubt at least the game people have.

Mr. Chairman: Any further questions?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman what's the Honourable Member from Dawson referring to?

Mr. Berger: If the Honourable Member would have been awake the last time I asked could I get a copy of it and there's copies available in the clerk's office.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I was aware of a study that you had asked for and that was tabled. But what does the study involve? We get study, study, study.

Mr. Chairman: What Mrs. Watson is trying to get at, who did the study and what was it all about?

Mrs. Watson: Why and who commissioned the study and who paid for it?

Mr. Gillespie: Would you like to move over here?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Welcome to the club.

Mr. Berger: Thank you, thank you. Well the study as far as I understand was commissioned by the Department of Public Works, a federal department, but since the Territorial Government is taking over the responsibility of the highway, as the highway is completed. I feel but I don't know how the administration feels about it, I think the Territorial Government, especially in the Games Branch Department should be involved in those things. Especially since there was this study made. Like I say there are recommendation in the study, there should be some follow up, at least some correspondence with the people who recommended the whole thing.

Mr. Gillespie: All I can say Mr. Chairman, when I distribute this bar chart indicating the research activity that Game Branch plans to undertake, it will indicate that there is work planned for the Dempster Highway area. To what extent it ties into this work, I don't know.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Just a follow up on this, like one particular item in the studies was the concern the impact the highway will have on the Porcupine caribou herds and so on. The idea, as I interpreted it, was that highway could have a much greater impact on the caribou herd than any pipeline building.

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

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member from Dawson has referred to this study quite a number of times. Now you're saying it was commissioned by D.P.W., was it sort of an environmental impact study that was done on the effect the Dempster Highway would have in that area? Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Watson. Is there any further debate on 720? Clear?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I don't think we can clear it until we have some of the information that was asked for this morning.

Mr. Chairman: Well we can then proceed on to the next vote, 730. Library services branch \$598,758.00. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, unfortunately I wasn't able to attend the meeting at Takhini last night where I believe there is a problem related to library services. Just before I conclude my remarks, I wonder if I could just ask one question. What is the annual cost of operating the library? And then I would like to continue, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Are you asking Mr. Gillespie that point? Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: The projected cost for this coming year was \$7,878.00. The cost for this year would be roughly \$1300.00 less than that.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman without beating this horse around and flogging it severely, it seems to me have perused the budget, that we have an item under the acquisition of materials. Materials and supplies, general \$114,765.00, that some where we should be able to find the sum of six or seven thousand dollars that we're looking for in order to keep the library open. It seems to me that the people of the area of Takhini have vocalized long and hard on this one. They have indeed gone to a lot of work and I've noticed listening to the media interviews with young children who have expressed very intelligent views and very confident views, particularly for their age, as to the desirability of keeping this service in upper Whitehorse.

So I simply rise to state that certainly somewhere within this vote and the estimates, if we buy less books this year than maybe we had anticipated in buying, perhaps we could find the money to keep the library open, Mr. Chairman. I would like to hear the opinion of Mr. Gillespie on this comment.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, this government has gone through a major exercise of examining each and every department, cutting and paring costs wherever possible. Examining priorities and as a consequence allocations of dollars within each of these departments, and it has been a gruelling exercise. The Library Services just like every other department and branch have had to go through this. Within the Library Services Branch, we, in the Executive Committee, defined two areas that were not of as high a priority as where the other expenditures were being allocated.

One of them was the Takhini Public Library, and the other one was in the acquisition of, primarily books, but also records and film and this kind of thing. The acquisitions budget was cut from what had been plan-

ned by close to fourteen thousand dollars. This included a reduction to the per student entitlement, not entitlement, per student expenditure, on library books, school library books, from \$8.50 to \$7.50. It also included a roll back, in what up to now has been the pattern in the past of increasing our acquisitions budget for general reading by roughly ten per cent per year. That ten per cent was cut off, plus a little bit more.

Our acquisitions budget in total was cut by \$14,000.00 and that was one contribution. The other contribution was the Takhini Library. I think it is important to recognize, and we do, that the Takhini Library has grown into something that is very important to the people that live nearby that particular library. It is not so important to the people that live beyond walking distance, because those that live beyond walking distance generally drive down to the Public Library in Whitehorse. For those that live in the neighbourhood of that library it has become a very important facility.

It is a facility that has been operated as a library for over twenty years. First of all by Nation Defence, subsequently by Federal Public Works, and finally, in 1968 by the Territorial Government. It is there, in effect, by historical accident, but by virtue of its long existence and the use that people have put to it, as I say, it has become very dear to the hearts of the people in that area. I can appreciate that because I happen to live there. I have kids of my own that have used that library and in the years to come could use it a great deal more, as they grow a little bit older.

We are, though, faced with the prospect of saying, okay, where are we going to put our money? If that library had not been in operation, and we were suddenly given that building today, and asked should we spend eight thousand dollars there, or should we spend eight thousand dollars elsewhere in the library system? I think we would have to say that it would be more important to spend that eight thousand dollars, particularly in the outlying communities like Destruction Bay, Beaver Creek, Dawson, Mayo and so on, where the level of services compared to that which is available to residents in and around the Whitehorse area have available to them. In the Whitehorse area it is far better, even for those living in Porter Creek, and those in Takhini, than it is for those living in many other parts of the territory.

So it was on the basis of this hard priority examination, and where we were trying to establish, as best we could, a balance of service, that we decided that, however, desirable this might be, this was an area, if we were going to cut, this is an area we would have to cut.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, though, agreed, that this, perhaps in terms of the administration, prior to the upheaval that has just occurred over this library, this was perhaps a wise decision and a wise decision to make. Let's face it, the people have spoken, they have clearly shown, I think, to society and to the other population of the Yukon, that they really need their library. They are getting something out of it. In terms of cost benefit, perhaps, the expenditure of \$6,578.00 to keep this library going, in terms of cost benefit, I would think, that perhaps, I can't say with any assurance, but I know

Yukoners well enough, that perhaps somebody would go without a few new books this summer if they knew that somebody was getting benefit out of a facility that already existed. What you have allocated for public library acquisitions throughout the territory has been \$47,300.00. If you, Mr. Chairman, were to reduce that figure by \$6,578.00 dollars to keep a facility going, a library facility going for that area, and I wouldn't be surprised that there were people from Porter Creek and other areas that would just as soon come to Takhini as drive all the way downtown, and Crestview and these other places, that would leave you \$41,722 by my reckoning in order to buy books for the rest of the territory. I really can't see, when a segment of the public of Yukon have spoken out, why that shouldn't be considered.

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

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, if the Honourable Member had been able to be with the rest of us last night, he would have heard a great deal of encouraging comment about the value of the library from the people who use it. In fact, Mr. Chairman, they did not leave that building before they committed themselves to make every effort possible to help raise the funds required to keep the library in operation and I thought all members had received a letter today from the President of the Takhini Recreation Center which also doubled as the Takhini Library Board, saying that they are applying to a number of other agencies for funds to assist them to continue and they are looking at money-raising projects of their own which would also assist in the cost of keeping this branch open.

In their conversations last night with Mr. Gillespie, they accepted the possibility of providing volunteers as librarians and it is my understanding that they are looking at other money sources for the maintenance costs of operating the building. In fact, there are a number of plans which are now being discussed by the Committee and the Library Board.

The request made to this body today is that they would like a little time to come up with a solid solution to the problem and they know that there is a deadline at the end of this month because it is the fiscal year for this government. They are asking that this Council withhold final decision on the disposition of the Takhini Branch Library until such time as they can make alternative arrangements for financing.

Now, I realize the problem here in terms of passing the budget and I think that their intention is that they hope to arrive at some solution before the proposed date for closure which was April 1, and I think that all members who attended last night were most supportive and a number of them made very helpful suggestions to the Takhini Library people and I understand the Honourable Member's concern and his suggestion regarding transfer of the funds for acquisition of books but this has also been explained to the members of the Takhini Library Board.

There is already a reduction in that vote, a considerable reduction in this year's budget and a number of dollars for acquisition of books for all the libraries in the Territory has already been reduced. So, it was not a

serious suggestion that this should be reduced even further. It is quite true, Mr. Chairman, that people from the other areas such as Hillcrest and Porter Creek do utilize the Takhini Library and the efforts to keep it alive will be shared by residents of those areas and not just the Takhini residential section.

The Chairman: I might also add, if I may, that the figures in the budget were completely and fully explored last evening at the meeting along with Mr. Gillespie and the residents of Takhini. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think at the outset of my remarks, I did note that I was unable to attend the meeting regrettably and it was very unfortunate I didn't get the information that was just supplied by the Honorable Minister.

However, it still occurs to me that apparently the onus is now on this Takhini Rec. Centre to come up with monies, fine. But what I am saying is, if they don't come up with the monies, that still—that the library does not need to be closed down, that funds in the amount of \$6,578.00 required for its operation be still available to them so that no matter what happens, if the library does not shut down. That is my concern, Mr. Chairman. Simply that.

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

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to comment on the library budget this year and I notice that there has been quite a reduction, quite a significant reduction in library services, particularly in the area of book acquisitions and we have to remember that the dollars that used to buy a book, two or three years ago, do not buy a book at the present time.

The cost of paper and books has risen such a great deal and the fact that we have already cut the acquisition for our school libraries by \$1.00 per pupil is quite significant that they have looked at all other areas and I share the Honorable Member from Watson Lake's concern about the possibility of the Takhini Library being closed down but I would also suggest that we should give them an opportunity to explore the things that they wanted to—undertook last night and if they are not able to do it, well, they will likely be back and at that time, we are going to have to make another assessment of it but I noticed the whole library budget this year has been pared pretty well, pretty well, and we might have to look at some other avenues for assistance.

But I would hate to cut your acquisitions and your school library grants any further at this time.

Mr. Chairman: I would say it is a poor assessment, Mrs. Watson. Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I can't really add too much to what the Honorable Members have said other than the fact that I too wouldn't want to see anything pared out of the acquisitions as they now stand but I would be quite prepared after having seen a submission from the Takhini Library people and see what arrangements were made, I would be quite pre-

pared to offer them my full support in acquiring any funding that is required. I will just leave it at that.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Mr. Lengerke. Any further discussion? Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I am wondering about rentals of land and buildings. I understand that the increase is probably because it is within the complex now but such a tremendous increase for a building that won't be changed.

Mr. Chairman: Do you wish to comment, Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, these figures are a little bit misleading. In the last year, part of the expenditures shown under materials and supplies general and in addition, part of the expenditures shown under repairs and maintenance of buildings have been moved this year into rental of lands and buildings.

Effectively, what we are doing with the library is charging them—the library on a per foot basis, the same as we are throughout the rest of the capital building but in doing so, we are providing not just the rental figure, which was what was shown in last year, but we are also providing this repair and maintenance service to that area as well.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Mr. Gillespie: And the—sorry, and the utilities as well.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, in that connection, do we have any information about the state of the present building, whether or not it will require major and costly repairs and renovations in the next year or two, the Takhini Library building?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: My understanding is that it will not require any major repairs. It will in time. There are deficiencies that we would have liked to have had repaired, such as the insulation in the walls is inadequate, but structurally the building is sound, at least for a period of time according to what I understand.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, would it be a fair statement to make that there was an understanding last night at the meeting with the Takhini Library supporters that the Y.T.G. would look favorably upon a request to transfer that building to them so that they could operate and maintain?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: This is a fair statement, providing this is a part of their submission. I haven't seen yet what they are asking for. I would just like to add one more thing to that, and that is if they are seeking money from the Territorial Government to contribute toward the cost of maintaining and running that library, that we would have to look from within the budget, that we have before you, to find those dollars.

In other words, we wouldn't be looking to add on to the dollars that are here. We are going to have to cut and pare somewhere else, either within the library system or elsewhere to find whatever contribution we may need to make.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, the situation at present is that a submission from the Library Board is awaited with their proposals for continuing it.

Mr. Gillespie: That is correct, Mr. Chairman, and once we receive that, we will be in a position to evaluate to see if, in fact, there is something we can do. We will certainly look at it in a very sincere way.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard . . . Mr. Chairman, just one final comment.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mrs. Whyard.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: One comment that was made at the library meeting last night, which should be drawn to the attention of members, as worth pursuing is that it was made evident, there is no ongoing plan for the extension of library services in the Territory. As one person at the meeting last night pointed out, if you are expecting increased population in the surrounding areas, there should be some kind of a plan being prepared now with a time frame for construction of additional branch libraries throughout the Yukon so that planning and financing can be done ahead of time.

The point was made that with the expected growth of the metropolitan area, it will not be too far off before we are facing the urgent requests for branch libraries in other areas and I think this is a suggestion worth pursuing, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: I think to add another point further, if we, within our wisdom, we see that this study is going to happen, Mr. Gillespie, and you should also consider the fact that mobile library units as part of the study.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I think the Honourable Minister again echoed some of my thoughts very vividly and—

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: This time I said them first.

Mr. Lengerke: This time you did, yes, because I certainly feel very strongly of an ongoing plan and certainly a development plan for branch libraries to be in the mill. The other thing that I got up earlier and said

that I would certainly support and work for further funding as, I think everybody has said, but I want to and I say this to the people of Takhini Library at this point, I hope that in their submission they do give us a fair amount of detail with respect to how they would intend to carry on with the operation if they were lucky in obtaining some grants. Because a one time shot isn't really going to do that much for them either and there is great danger in all of us saying, yes, great, get going.

I hope they are listening on that and we will be quite prepared to look at that further.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lengerke. Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Gillespie you're saying that there is going to be a similar charge on the floor space in the library. Could we have that figure on the charges?

Mr. Gillespie: Six dollars per square foot.

Mr. Berger: The library building being an older building, was it necessary to raise the charges to \$6.00 as in the new Federal Building?

Mr. Gillespie: You mean the Territorial Building?

The rental figures as shown last year as I explained earlier was just a straight rental figure. It did not include utilities, did not include repairs. It did not include maintenance. These figures are being added in and all parts of that total Territorial, the new Territorial Building including the library, are being put on a similar \$6.00 per square foot basis, for ease of administration, if you will.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Could it be quite possible you would be misleading the charges, the charges could be less in any building, I'm not talking necessarily the library building. Like I say the building is older, the costs should have been recuperated from the building, such as the cost of maintaining the building, should have gone down, no?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the allocation of costs in our building such as the new Territorial Admin. Building or the library include our out of pocket costs for janitor service, building maintenance and utilities. There is no cost of capital and with respect I would suggest that the old library might be more expensive than operating the new Territorial Admin. Building.

So what we do is we charge a flat fee across all, the square foot, regardless whether it's new or old.

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

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I'm afraid I have to be the spoil guy. We're talking about an all over plan and a planning of branch libraries and planning for the future. I look at appendix A - 29 and I look at the grants in aid of

salaries for present for branch library workers. I notice we have Dawson City, Watson Lake, Haines Junction, Mayo, Faro and Elsa. Now I could add Destruction Bay, Beaver Creek, Teslin, Carmacks, Ross River. What about the rest of the people in the Territory? How do they get library service at the present time and have you any plans for the future for these communities? These people really do need library services. Now what are the plans there and what are we doing now and how much is it costing us to do what we are doing, which is quite limited ?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie, you wish to comment?

Mr. Gillespie: The salaries for the people who are helping to run these book deposit centres in these smaller communities are zero. In other words, it's done on a volunteer basis. The cost of providing that service is minimal. I would say the cost of sending the materials to the centres and receiving them in return and processing them. But there is just a minimal cost in those smaller areas.

Now as to our plans for the future we don't have any plans to provide a full time branch library service in any of those smaller communities at this point in time. But should those communities grow, then at that time, we will very clearly have to examine that possibility and provide for branch library services. But at the present time we have no plans to establish new branch libraries in the Yukon.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, just in response to the Honourable Member from Kluane. I apologize for not making it clear that when I did ask the question and I know the Honourable Minister again made reference to the plan, and I'm sure she was also referring to an overall plan for, not just Whitehorse, but the outlying community as well. Certainly that is a concern and we're vitally concerned that those communities have exactly the same kind of services that we have.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I realize that and I am looking at the very refined and we do have a fairly refined library service and audio-visual service with the Whitehorse area. It might be possible for the Takhini Branch library to be classed as a book deposit centre rather than a branch library and treated in this manner. Then your costs would be quite minimal, it's just a matter of an exchange of making the books available. The book deposit centres in the other areas are operated out of a school, operated out of a community hall. They're operated out of a curling rink, they're operated out of somebody's home. It might be that you would be looking at various areas in the Whitehorse Metropolitan area with book deposit centres, rather than going into the full branch library with added expenditures.

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

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Yes, Mr. Chairman, this subject was also explored last night. The Regional Librarian made it very clear what the difference was between a branch library and a book deposit centre. I think it was quite well understood by those present that they would continue to be supplied with books whether they were called a branch or book deposit centre. The main thing was to find some volunteer librarians and to keep the building open.

There was another point which the Honourable Member raised. I don't know what it was.

No about last night's discussions. M'hhm, experience, yes, with other buildings, other community buildings. For example we inquired regarding the possibility of using the school at Takhini and it was made very clear that this is not a practical suggestion for a number of reasons. It would be preferable to try to keep the present building open.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: The Jack Hulland School was constructed to facilitate, if necessary, at a future date, the establishment of either a book deposit centre, or even a branch library at the Porter Creek, in the Porter Creek area.

Now, the whole design of the Jack Hulland School, the library near the front entrance with the large gates that go across and the whole bit was so designed, that if it was necessary to go for library services in that area you wouldn't have to rent or provide another facility. Schools can be utilized.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: That is very encouraging and this could certainly be considered in future planning. The point that was made last night was that the Takhini School is not so constructed.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson you brought up the point there about the Jack Hulland School. How long has this school been in existence, if I may ask?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman it has grown like Topsy, I think it started ten or twelve years ago and it has been added to. The last addition was completed two years ago. It was the last addition that had the adaptation, you know, was built with a view and if we had to have a branch library in the school library it would be possible to do so.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Mrs. Watson. I would like to ask one question if I may, Mr. Gillespie. I noticed in our figures here we don't have a breakdown of any working hours or salaries in the Whitehorse Library. Do you have these figures?

Mr. Gillespie: Working hours?

Mr. Chairman: And the salaries involved?

Mr. Gillespie: We don't have a breakdown in this budget, you are quite correct, Mr. Chairman. I could provide you, or this House, with such a breakdown, of not only the salaries, but the hours during which the Whitehorse Public Library is open if you wish?

Mr. Chairman: I would appreciate it if you would provide the House with these figures, Mr. Gillespie, so we can compare with the outlying districts. If that is agreeable to the House?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Any further questions?
Item 730 we will have to leave -- yes, Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, I just had one other question, but perhaps it can't be answered. As you know, as we move into the new building there is a Parliamentary Library, what is happening to it? Is there anything going on with it or is there going to be one, or what?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman the physical facility is there, the shelves will be placed there, and if anybody ever figures out what should be kept in it there will be things put there. The intention is, to move out of the Public Library, the Hansard material that is there, to have available the Votes and Proceedings, that type of thing. It will be under the direction of the Whitehorse Public Library.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Mr. Miller.
I think we can then leave item 730 for the time being.
I think before we go into Vote 8, I think I will declare a five minute recess.

RECESS

Mr. Chairman: I will now call this Committee to order. I would like to take the opportunity for Mr. Gillespie to just go back to, when he is finished talking there, to just go back to the -- I believe it is the Games --

Mr. Gillespie: The Games, right.

Mrs. Whyard: Arctic winter?

Mr. Chairman: You had a couple of answers I believe.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, first of all, there were a series of questions that I set out to answer this afternoon with regard to the Game Branch budget. Starting off with the inventory of vehicles and equipment. Boats: we have three river boats, four canoes, three car-top boats and one cabin cruiser. Motors: seven boat motors, five small back-up motors. Trucks: seven district vehicles -- I presume these are cars.

Mr. Miller: No, trucks.

Mr. Gillespie: Trucks, sorry, trucks. Three headquarters vehicles and snow vehicles, we have five district snow vehicles and one at head quarters. That's our inventory of transportation equipment.

Trap line renewal policy in Section 68 of the Game Ordinance it reads, "The Director may cancel a certificate of registration where, in his opinion, the holder thereof, without reasonable excuse, does not actively engage in hunting fur bearing animals on his trapping area during the open season in any year that the certificate is in force."

That is the way that the Game Ordinance reads now. The practice has been generally to speak to the holder of a trapping permit that is not using his trapping permit or a trap line properly or using it at all, to try to persuade him either to give up that trap line, if he is not intending to use it, or to use it effectively. If, after some warnings that he might lose his trap line, he does not then use it, then the general practice has been to remove that permit from him or not renew that registered trap line after the five year period is up.

There have, however, been exceptional circumstances, one or two, where the trapper has not used his trap line, clearly does not intend to use his trap line, and indicates no intention of using his trap line and in those very few instances, the permit has been removed and given to other persons who have been clamoring to acquire a trap line.

In speaking to the Director of Game just a few moments ago, I was informed that if anything the pressure of complaints is from those who don't have trap lines but who would like to get them. We are having tremendous from that source and very little pressure from those who stand to lose their trap lines if, in fact, they don't make better use of them.

I have other answers here that --

Mr. Chairman: I don't want to labour this Mr. Taylor. I have allowed Mr. Gillespie to bring back these answers and I would like him to proceed with the answers.

Mr. Gillespie: All right, Mr. Chairman. With regard to Mr. Art Pearson's study on grizzly bears, Mr. Chairman, his study arrived here yesterday and I have it here, one copy. It's available for anybody to see, at the Game Branch, should they wish to see it. The last question that was asked concerned the numbers of buffalo and elk that we have.

The last buffalo in the Yukon was seen in 1966. At that time, a group of three buffalo were observed along the Nisling River, northwest of Aishihik Lake and it is doubtful if any still remain. However, unconfirmed reports of sightings still occur in the Nisling River area.

As to the elk population, I am told that has sustained itself at roughly 50 elk for the last few years.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Gillespie. I would now like to pass the chair back to Mr. Hibberd. Mr. Hibberd?

MR. HIBBERD BECOMES CHAIRMAN

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I distressed to hear confirmation, of course, that the buffalo have disappeared and perhaps it will never be known whether they died of natural causes or wound up in stew pots, but nevertheless, it is too bad that they have gone.

My greatest concern, Mr. Chairman, out of the replies that we have had from Mr. Gillespie is that of the trap line issue and the policy in respect to trap line licenses. As I stated earlier, these licenses are issued for five year periods. I do not feel, myself personally and I know many of the trappers in the area I represent and perhaps elsewhere in the Territory, feel that when they have a trap line permit for five years, they can project and farm their trap line for five years on that basis. As I stated this morning, there are people who do not trap their lines for various reasons.

One of which is that maybe, as a farmer involved in agriculture or agricultural pursuits, manages his farm; so should a trapper properly manage his trap line.

Mr. Chairman, in accepting a policy where by notwithstanding there's a section of the Ordinance permitting the director to lift these peoples licenses, I don't think it's a good policy to lift them until the five years had expired. I think that that's the point of time for review as to performance of the trapper on the trap line.

I find another inconsistency and that is the fact that if it do be the policy to go and lift traplines then you must lift trap lines from everybody. If you're going to lift a trap line for a non-native person you must lift all the trap lines off the native people who are not currently trapping. It is only fair and right and equitable. It's my understanding that the administration wouldn't like to touch this one with a ten foot pole, but if that is going to be the policy, then I feel it behooves the administration to adhere to that policy.

The policy, I suggest is the proper one, the fair one and I would again ask that reconsideration be given to the policies I've expressed. When a man gets a license for five years, he retains it for five years unless he does something very, very bad for which his license should properly be lifted.

There are too many trappers who are forgotten by men in steam heated offices here in Whitehorse. There are too many trappers out in the bush. It's a tough way to make a living, you're depended on fur prices and they work pretty darn hard and they've got a good investment in traps, in cabins. A lot of them go out in the summer time and upgrade their trails and this type of thing. I don't think it is one that should be passed over lightly and I really think that the policies that I expressed today should be adhered to. If they are not, then make it fair and equal for everybody take all the trap lines away from all the native people who aren't trapping them either.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I think, I have complete confidence in the Games Department in the way in which they deal with the trap line permits. I don't for a moment doubt that they would not take away the license from any person who can demonstrate that he is properly farming that trap line. In fact there have, in the last few years, only been a couple of occasions where trap

line licenses have been removed. These have been cases where the person has not done work on his trap line, has indicated no interest in doing that work. As far as the game department is concerned that trap line is sitting idle for so long as it remains, as the license remains in the hands of that particular individual.

Meanwhile there are other people in the area that do want to work that trap line and they should be allowed to do so in my view. I would not personally like to change that policy as long as it is being exercised in the way I described.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, with due respect I know people who wanted to trap too, to help assist a trapper who couldn't get out on his trap line this winter through the assistance of an assistant trapper. This is a remote line and you must remember that all the trap lines aren't along the highway or around the outskirts of the City of Whitehorse. Some of them are rather remote. It's rather expensive to get to these trap lines. It's very expensive, as a matter of fact. I know people who have made application who can't get assistant trapper's license to go out and help trap on certain trap lines.

I know of other instances where personality conflicts have come into it. I'm just saying that if you lay down a policy, it should be a good policy. The policy as described by Mr. Gillespie, at this point Mr. Chairman is not, in my opinion, a good policy and is objectionable unless it's administered flat out across the board.

I say the only fair way for ease of administration by the Game Department is to allow a man to have his license for the full period of it's issuance, five years, and then at the end of the five year period, judge and evaluate the performance of the trapper over that period. I'll say no more on the subject Mr. Chairman, but I hope that the administration will take another look at this and start dealing fairly to the segment of our population and with an industry that has a pretty tough time of it as it is.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I can agree with the Honourable Member on some things and on some parts I can't agree, because I think that anybody that has a license to do anything should perform the duties of what that license is for.

I don't know, I do think the Game Department is doing something in this sector. There is some personal problems I think with some people as we always have.

I would say yes if the licenses is for a five year period, he has a right to farm and do things to his trap line, but he also has a commitment to make for the license he's paying for, which should be that he does certain things. Maybe that's not in his license now, maybe it should be there, I'll agree with that.

As to the equipment, I would like to ask, I'm wondering about a boat that is a cabin cruiser, when you speak of a cabin cruiser, you're speaking of large monies and big boats, and very expensive boats. I haven't seen anything like that in the Game Department. Hopefully I don't think they have anything like

that, but where would this cabin cruiser be? What size is it and what is it used for?

Mr. Gillespie: It's used for patrols on some of our major lake and river systems. It spent a good part of last summer on the Bennett, Tagish, Marsh Lake system, also on Kluane Lake that I'm aware of. What it does is patrol as a means of enforcing, particularly during the hunting season, the Game Ordinance.

And it can also be used for game management to transport, particularly in the future when we have biologists, to transport these people to some of these areas that they will want to gain access to.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I take it then I don't think it is really a large cabin cruiser.

Mr. Gillespie: It's pretty big, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I do have to agree with some of the things the Honourable Member from Watson Lake has stated regarding the trap lines and with the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua where they have a permit to use a trap line for five years, they should indicate they are utilizing it. And the point a lot of people feel very, very threatened who do have these trap lines at the present time and the point that the Honourable Member from Watson Lake made is very true, that the Game Branch is doing a very careful scrutiny of the non-Indian people who at the present time have trap lines, but it appears that the Indian people who have trap lines and who are not utilizing them are not being given the scrutiny and are not being faced by the threat that they could possibly lose it because they are not utilizing it.

I think this is a real thing and, you know, we can't hide behind the policy. It is there. We all know that is there and just how far can our Game Branch go in this area or how far is the government of the territory expected to go to protect the trapping rights of the Indian people. If they don't use them, will they lose them?

Mr. Gillespie: I don't have an answer to that question, Mr. Chairman. Actually I am very reluctant to be honest with you, to move into commenting on this area because it is not something that I specifically discussed with the Game Director and I am not aware of any conscious policy that we have to avoid that issue when faced with it. It may be an implied policy that we have. I can't deny that it is or confirm it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I rise to say that you are now faced with it and perhaps now is the appropriate time to formulate that policy really, Mr. Chairman. It has been raised here by the elected or a member or several members of the elected representatives of the people and we represent native and non-native people alike and we want to see it fair and equita-

ble.

If the policy, as it exists today or as it is understood by the citizenry today, is as stated, it is a discriminating policy and should not be in existence. So, we need a policy that is fair for Indian and non-native alike.

Mr. Gillespie: It is within the policy of the Territorial Government but we treat all Yukoners alike. That is the policy. The application of that policy, as I said, may be a different issue.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it is quite obvious that they don't have a policy by avoiding the issue and I can understand why you are but it still is an issue.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I have had a little to do with some of the trappers and native trappers too that own the trap lines. It is a matter of federal policy and that's it and now if you want to argue with that policy, okay, but I will go as far as to say this, that you are not going to take and tell the native people what they are going to do with the trap lines from this government at this time, even if you did make a policy because it is under there and in no way will you be touching it because that trap line is given to him to keep forever and amen and I think I am right. In fact, I am quite sure I am.

Mr. Gillespie: The only correction I would like to make there, Mr. Chairman, is the responsibility is ours. It is the Territorial Governments, it is not the Federal, for the Yukon, under the Yukon Act.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I feel a little threatened shall I say.

Hon Mr. Lang: Yes, and with good reason.

Mr. Chairman: The Department of Tourism, Conservation and Information.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, we cannot pass this inasmuch as the information which is not in from the library yet on the Takhini Library.

Mr. Chairman: I am sorry. I wasn't aware of that.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I have a note, if I can give it now.

Mr. Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Gillespie: The total staff in the Whitehorse Public Library comprises 4.5 man years. It is spread over two full time and seven part time employees. The total salaries, including fringe benefits, amounts to \$53,693.00. The hours of opening are Monday to Friday, 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. Saturday, 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. and Sunday, 1 P.M. to 9 P.M. for a total of 71 hours a week.

Mr. Chairman, I still don't have the answers for the Tourism Department but I do have—I have all that was asked for for both the library and Game Departments.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I guess then we could perhaps simply pass by this item until we receive the information which we have forthcoming from the Takhini people with respect to the library.

Mr. Chairman: Very well Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Chairman: I will now --

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, with respect, I think it was made clear in earlier discussions that the Takhini Library Board will be pursuing this matter with the department responsible for libraries and come to a suitable accommodation. The two of them will negotiate for the future of this library. I don't think these estimates are dependent upon that.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: With respect, Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding and the Minister stood up and said that they wished this matter deferred. Yes, we request that you would withhold final decision on the disposition of the Takhini Branch Library until such a time as we can make alternative arrangements for financing.

Now if we have a clear understanding from the administration, that yes indeed, they will fund all of it, part of it, but they will see that the Library continues I would be more than pleased to add my vote to passing these estimates, but I want assurance, as an elected Member that the Administration are going to do this.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman:, I cannot give that assurance now, and I am not sure just how long it will take before we can reach some kind of an agreement. What we did tell them last night was that we wouldn't -- if we were in the process of negotiating come April 1st on how we might arrive at a solution to keep that library open, we would not then close it, sell it from under their feet. This may take some time to negotiate. They have come in, I haven't seen it, but I take it, with a proposal out of which will arise a series of negotiations with the Library Services, perhaps with other parts of the Territorial Government, and I gather, perhaps, also with the city before we determine just, finally, how this thing can be retained as a library.

I would ask that our budget, if this House can see its way clear to passing it, remain as is because we are not going to be looking for new funds. Any funds that come out of the Library Services that are going to be contributed toward the Takhini Library are going to be found from within the funds that are currently there in the budget, they are not going to be in addition to it.

We have to examine, Mr. Chairman, whether they can be found, and if so, what the effects of the dilutions in other library services would be, or if there are indeed other places within the government that they could be found.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: With respect, what the letter to the M.L.A.'s is asking is that the library not be closed until their submission has been considered and that is

all we are asking for.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, with due respect, all I am saying is the monies that are required for the operation of the Takhini Library have normally come from government. If a cost sharing arrangement can be worked all I want to know is that there is a desire, or an ability of the administration to sit down and find their share, if it is necessary to cost share the operation, to ensure that the library remains open. I am simply asking that. I agree it can be found within the Vote, as I say, under Public Library acquisitions \$47,300. Perhaps the government share may be two thousand dollars, perhaps it can be found.

All I am asking is, do we have the assurance that monies can be found if these negotiations come to this degree.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman I am sorry, I would like to, but I can't give that assurance until we find out from them how much they are seeking.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I am quite satisfied to leave it in the hands of the administration as long as we have the assurance that the Takhini Library will not be closed, the doors won't be locked at the end of March and the talks will continue in exploring ways and means that the doors can be kept open. I am quite prepared to let the administrative people, if it is necessary to find a thousand dollars, for goodness sakes let them pare it where they can find it. They are the people who know where they want to take it from.

I am quite prepared to go along with this to pass it.

Mr. Chairman: The Department of Tourism, Conservation and Information, \$2,522,190.00. Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I hope that when you are reading that, that we are not clearing this entire budget because I have asked that 700 remain. It is not clear and I am not prepared to clear this budget until I have some answers on that Establishment.

Mr. Chairman: You are not prepared to clear this vote, Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: No, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Is that with the concurrence of Council?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Very well.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, just a recap, what votes have not been cleared? My understanding is that Health, Welfare has not been cleared and Education has not been cleared. Local Government has not been cleared.

Mr. Chairman: I can tell you Mrs. Watson that votes on Administrative Services, Department of Treasury, Department of Territorial Secretary and Registrar General, Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation have been cleared.

Mrs. Watson: No, Mr. Chairman, Health and Welfare has not been cleared. I asked that to be held open because I was bringing motions in.

Mr. Chairman: You are still at liberty to bring motions in, Mrs. Watson.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I certainly was under the impression that that vote had been cleared. There are two motions.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, which could affect the vote, so we can't clear it. I think that is the route to go. If we have some questions and objections to various things in a vote, then I would sooner have it brought in the form of a positive motion and then you leave it open and not clear it until the motions are discussed.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson, I bring your attention to the fact that we will be coming back to this item again. At that time, you can reconsider that it was cleared at the first reading. Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Just a point of direction here, Mr. Chairman, and this direction is to me. If we do not vote or clear an establishment, does that mean to say that we can't vote for clearance of say, in this instance, 701, 720, deleting Establishment 700? In other words, so you can have a clearance to the other Establishments?

Is this not the practice at all?

Mr. Chairman: That is, as I understand it Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Okay, well that's fine. I just wanted some clarification on that.

Mr. Chairman: We do go through it again.

Mr. Lengerke: Yes.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, we can't clear the vote without clearing all the establishments.

Mr. Chairman: That's just what I said. We have not cleared the Department of Tourism and Conservation and Information. I will entertain a motion.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, I would like to now move that Mr. Speaker resume the Chair.

Mr. Lengerke: I second that.

Mr. Chairman: The witnesses are excused. It has been moved by McCall, seconded by Mr. Lengerke that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair. Are you ready for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Chairman: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: The motion is 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: Mr. Speaker, Committee convened at 10:40 a.m. to discuss Bills and Sessional Papers, Motions and Reports. Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Miller and Mr. Williams were present as witnesses during the Committee's review of Bill number 2.

Following the noon recess, Committee resumed their discussion of Bill number 2, at 1:40 p.m. with Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Williams and Mr. Miller present again as witnesses. I can report progress on Bill number 2.

It was moved by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Lengerke that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and this motion was 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 Ogilvie?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Speaker, I move that we now call it five o'clock.

Mr. Lengerke: I second that.

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

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

ADJOURNED

LEGISLATIVE RETURN NO. 5

March 1, 1976

Mr. Speaker,
Members of Council

On February 23rd, 1976, Councillor Lengerke asked the following question:

"I have been advised that problems of freezing and others related to poor installation in connections with the sewer and water system in the Pelly, Tay and Hyland Crescent area have caused considerable expense and inconvenience to a number of residents in that area.

As I understand the City has not accepted the system, will the Territorial Government be making appropriate settlements with those people, and what is going to be done to correct the apparent deficiencies?"

The answer is as follows:

"We are aware of and regret the recent freezing problems in the Tay and Pelly areas of Riverdale. A one-year warranty operational period for the system in this area has expired, and the system is presently in the process of complete operational responsibility turnover to the City. The City reported system deficiencies in this area which are Yukon Territorial Government responsibilities will be corrected. The Department has not received any claims for expenses from the area residents. If any such claims are submitted, each of them will have to be considered on their relative merits.

The turn-on of the Hyland Crescent Subdivision by the City of Whitehorse at the Territorial Government's request is based on an agreement that any outstanding deficiencies will be corrected before complete turnover of operational responsibility takes place. It should be noted that the turn-on of the system was provided to permit immediate occupancy of two completed dwellings. The subdivision residents were made aware before moving in of the high probability of operational problems due to an extremely low consumption of water. We understand that the subdivision residents are not being charged for any thawing required to keep this system functioning."

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Member, Executive Committee



