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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: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to rise on a question of privilege this morning. Mr. Speaker, I would like to preface my question of privilege by stating that I realize that, in the heat of debate, certain things are said that just may be regrettable in retrospect. I feel that it is my duty to defend my officers who have no other recourse but through me in this House.

Mr. Speaker, on page 420 of the Votes and Proceedings of yesterday, the Honourable Member from Watson Lake is quoted as saying, "Yes, Mr. Chairman, just while we are on the subject of deficiencies in housing, I am wondering if it would be the intention of the Housing Corporation, Mr. Chairman, this year, to correct the unsafe electrical servicing to all of those new houses in Watson Lake, all thirty of them. They are all unsafe, exposed wiring and I am sure the electrical inspector would not pass such a service for any citizen anywhere else in the Territory but for some reason, because this was government, they did pass it down there".

Mr. Speaker, I may say and I can say that it is common practice for anyone to be issued temporary electrical permit. Temporary permits were issued in Watson Lake and inspected by the electrical inspection branch. Our inspector advises that it would take an effort to become exposed to live wires. The meters are located five to six feet above ground level. The overhead live wiring drops from above and into the meter. This wire is insulated, the loose wiring from the meter down to the ground is a neutral conductor and is of no danger.

Mr. Speaker, I must emphasise that the temporary wiring was not passed in Watson Lake because it was a government project. Temporary permits, inspected and approved by the electrical inspector, are available and will be continued to be made available to any citizen anywhere in the Yukon, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Are there any documents or correspondence for tabling this morning? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I am rising on a question of privilege. In the House yesterday the Honourable Member from Watson Lake asked a question regarding the fire alarm equipment at the juvenile home at Wolf Creek. There is, of course, Mr. Speaker, fire alarm equipment in that new building. The information I have been provided with is that, because of leakage from the roof of the new building, there had been a short circuit in the alarm system which caused it to sound continuously. Repairs have been effected; there have been engineers working at Wolf Creek on four different dates on this problem. The electrician was at Wolf Creek yesterday; the fire alarm does work, Mr. Speaker.

There was a special fire drill held last night when the children were in bed asleep. It took just under four minutes to get them dressed and out of the building and accounted for. Fire drills have been held during the regular daytime hours and it has taken less than one minute to clear that building, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further points of privilege? May we proceed with the Order Paper? Are there any documents or correspondence for tabling this morning? The Honourable Member for Whitehorse North Centre?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have for tabling this morning the Yukon Railway Study.

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 Resolution? The Honourable Member from Pelly River?

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I give Notice of Motion re pre-fabricated homes. This Motion is moved by myself, seconded by the Honourable Member from Riverdale: "It is the opinion of this House that the Y.H.C., together with the Yukon Builders Association, pursue co-operation with the Federal and Territorial agencies with the feasibility of establishing a Yukon industry for the purpose of pre-fabrication and ready-to-move housing structures".

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion or Resolution? Are there any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers?

ORDERS OF THE DAY

QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Speaker: We'll then proceed to the question period. Have you any questions? The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua?

Question re: Tagish Bridge

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Assistant Commissioner regarding the Tagish Area and the Tagish Bridge and the first question is, what is being done at the present time on the old bridge, the old one-way bridge, at Carcross?

My second question has to deal with a new bridge if there is going to be one. Is the government going to put in a new bridge at another location and what type of bridge will it be?

My third question would be, would the government obtain the plans of the new bridge and have them available to Council before the contract is let?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Administrator: I would like to return with the answer to that question, if I may.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Question re: Hamlet Allowance

Mr. Lengerke: I have a question, Mr. Speaker, for the Minister of Local Government this morning. I was wondering if the Minister of Local Government could explain further to this House what is really meant by Hamlet Allowance?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I thank the Honourable Member for the question. I think that it is one of the most misunderstood programs of this government, the Hamlet Allowance. I think, to explain it properly, I would like the opportunity to bring in an information paper on the total subject.

A short answer to give the results of the Hamlet Allowance would be a modern three-bedroom home, assessed under the Alberta Assessment Manual in Riverdale, would probably be assessed this year at \$12,500.00. If you took that exact same home, placed it in the L.I.D. of Mayo, it would be assessed at \$6,000.00. The result of the same home from Riverdale in Mayo would mean that you would pay less than half the taxes in Mayo than you would in Riverdale. That's the effect of the Hamlet Allowance. I would be happy to bring in an information paper and give it to all members of the Assembly so they would understand a program which is an excellent program as far as I am concerned.

I don't think it is understood well enough by all the people and that includes all the members of this Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua?

Question re: Amount of money paid to Telsat

Mr. Fleming: Yes, I have a question for the Assistant Commissioner regarding T.V. in the Yukon Territories. I wonder if the government could obtain for us the amount of monies that is paid to Telsat for the present T.V. coverage in the Yukon, all of the Yukon, and who is paying - C.B.C. or who does pay Telsat for that signal here? It would be a written question.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Administrator: Mr. Speaker, once again I would like the privilege of returning with an answer to that question.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member for Whitehorse Riverdale?

Question re: Yukon's per capita Spending

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Speaker, I have another question for the Administrator this morning. He can take this as a written question or not. What is Yukon's per capita spending in relation to the other provinces and territories?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Administrator: Mr. Speaker, I will bring back an answer to that question.

Mr. Speaker: Have you any further question? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Question re: Rentals

Mr. Lengerke: Another question for the Assistant Commissioner. Yesterday, when we were dealing with the Estimates, we were talking about the staff housing and the comparative market rate which is being considered as the basis for the new rental structures. I am assuming that that rental rate will result in a rent of somewhere in the neighbourhood of between \$250.00 to \$275.00 per month. I want to know if that's a fair observation?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Administrator: Mr. Speaker, if I may I would like once again to bring back the answer to that question.

MOTIONS

Motion Number 20

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions? We'll proceed to Motions. Motion number 20. It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Mayo, seconded by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, that "Whereas the completion of the Skagway Road would be more economically beneficial to the Yukon than the extension of the Dempster Highway and whereas evidence submitted to the Berger Commission suggests that the Dempster Highway would have a greater ad-

verse effect on the Porcupine caribou herd than the construction of the Mackenzie Pipeline, this House recommends that the further extension of the Dempster Highway be deferred and the Skagway Road be completed within the time frame originally scheduled".

The Honourable Member from Mayo?

Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Speaker, this Motion is self-explanatory and the purpose of it is to assist the Commissioner in his representations to the Government of Canada in connection with the completion of the Skagway Road. The ecological part, which appears in the second whereas, really reflects what I have heard submitted to the Berger Commission but also reflects what I know personally. Because in my lifetime the extensive caribou herds which occupied the lower two-thirds of the Yukon have almost completely disappeared and I would venture to say that with the completion of the Dempster Highway within a matter of 20 years that extensive herd would also disappear.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Speaker, I can appreciate this Motion but I think it has some very serious implications and I would like to move that Motion number 20 be referred to Committee of the Whole for further study.

Mr. Hibberd: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre, that Motion number 20 be referred to Committee of the Whole. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion Number 21

Mr. Speaker: The next motion is Motion number 21. It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Kluane, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, that "The Yukon Legislative Assembly requests the Honourable Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to make available to the Yukon Territorial Government a copy of, or details pertaining to, the Agreement between Canada and the United States of America with respect to the proposed reconstruction and paving of the Haines-Alaska Highway".

The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this motion of course is self-explanatory and it also assists the Commissioner

in gaining information regarding a certain area of the Territory that is being, the future of which is being, decisions are being made on its behalf and yet the Territory has no information on it at all.

The only information I think that we have, and I'm sure that the Government of the Territory has very minimal information, is the fact that an Agreement is being negotiated at the present time, whether it's finalized or not, no one seems to know. This motion is asking for more information for the Government of the Territory so that they can pass it on to the residents of the Territory. And also so that they can ascertain what effects the paving of this road would have in the Yukon Territory.

I've been asking this question in this House for some time now, and the government has not been able to give us information, so possibly a motion, we hope would give some strength to the Commissioner's inquiries.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just further to that, progress was accidentally reported in the House of Commons a number of weeks ago with respect to this particular subject, by virtue of another unrelated question being asked by one of the Honourable Members. The reason why we put forward this motion, is that we feel that definitely there is some Agreement has been reached and some progress has been made. We would just like to know in definite terms and certainly it should be before this House.

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

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I certainly echo the sentiments expressed by both the Honourable Member from Kluane and the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale. I may say that elected members of the Executive Committee, at any rate, are exactly the same quandary and we're asking constantly for details of any proposed agreement.

The one thing that we do know at this time and have been told, without any qualifications, is that there is no agreement at this time. So, I think, that in fact the motion should read for any proposed agreement, because the only fact that we do know of all of the reconstruction and paving of the Haines Alaska Highway, that at this moment in time, there is not any agreement.

Mr. Lengerke: I'll agree to amend it.

Mr. Speaker: Could the Chair have the nature of the error or omission?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker I don't know if we could handle it just as a matter of information, and consider it thus a typographical error. So instead of a copy or details pertaining to the agreement, it would read details pertaining to any proposed agreement.

Whether we have to have a formal motion to be consider that as an amendment, I would be happy to propose on the ruling of the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker I would suggest that the word "proposed" was inadvertently omitted.

Mr. Spaker: Dose the House agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: All right, I will reread the motion then. That the Yukon Legislative Assembly requests the Honourable Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to make available to the Yukon Territorial Government a copy of or details pertaining to any proposed agreement between Canada and United States of America with respect to the proposed re-construction and paving of the Haines-Alaska Highway.

Is there any further debate?

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Speaker: May I have your further pleasure at this time?

The Honourable Member from Pelly River?

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

Mr. Berger: I second that

Mr. Spaeckr: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, seconded by the Hourable Member from Klondike that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve 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 that the Motion is carried.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker leaves the Chair

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

RECESS.

Mr. Chairman: I now call this Committee to order. I refer you to page 97 of the Main Estimates. At five o'clock yesterday we were in discussion on 2552 and that time information had been requested regarding fire alarm and back-up lighting. Is this information available to Committee now?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Yes, Mr. Chairman, in addition to the information provided to the House on the fire alarm system which, of course, is in working condition, there was a query regarding back-up lighting and this back-up lighting system is in working condition, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, I thank the Honourable Member for the information on the electrical system. I believe in the House this morning, the House received as a point of privilege, some information relative to the fire system which has not been entered into the records of this Committee, the House being a separate entity from this Committee.

However, I think by way of a matter of explanation Mr. Chairman, the reason I had asked the question is, because in both situations there are inadequacies and I am hoping that they can be corrected under miscellaneous equipment in 2552. In the first place, when the power fails at Wolf Lake Correctional Institute--

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Wolf Creek.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: -- or Wolf Creek I should say, Institute, it is necessary for someone to leave the Institute to go to another building where there is a power plant, a backup power plant and start that power plant. I am pleased to hear that the plant is in operation and I sincerely hope that when they have power failures, it will indeed start.

But it leaves the building in total darkness, and the type of situation that is required in that Institution, Mr. Chairman, is a lighting system such as you would find, indeed, in this building, a battery backed-up system which will turn lights on in corridors so the people can see in order to get in and out of the building at night.

The second thing, and the most important thing is, that when the power fails in the Wolf Creek Institute, the fire system also fails and remains inoperative until power is restored. This also, I think, if you would consult with the - perhaps the Fire Marshals Office, he will tell this government that it is important that the fire alarm system, as in other areas, be also backed up with a battery system. That is why I asked the question and I ask the question again, will the Administration look into this and see that this is corrected?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, we rely on the expertise of our engineering division and our Fire Marshal who, of course, are consulted when such buildings are planned and constructed. I am sure that this matter has been of concern to them and that they have come up with the best possible solution Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, that does not answer my question. That was a statement. My question is to the Administration, will the Administration look into this matter in an effort to correct the situation along the lines I have suggested. May I have an answer?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I cannot ask my officials to correct a situation which they believe is functional and operational. If the Honourable Member is asking me to approach the Fire Marshal of the Yukon and ask him if our system is any good, I will be happy to do that Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, just to refer to some of the backup material that we received. I would like to thank the Minister of Local Government for the breakdown he gave us of the cost of the possible development of the lots at Watson Lake.

I agree with the decision that the government made on establishing the price of the lots at Watson Lake, less than the recovery for the cost. It is a good example --

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson, where are you? We're not quite to local government.

Mrs. Watson: Just to finish the sentence an indication that we do have a compassionate government at the time, for Watson Lake.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear? Department of Local Government, fire, ambulance equipment \$16,000.00. Yes, Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, does it include the little red bicycle for the Fire Chief in Watson Lake?

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Roads, Streets and Sidewalks \$125,000.00. I refer you to Appendix page 38. Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The Minister of Local Government, I would like if he could tell me what upgrading, there's just a road in Teslin, what upgrading

you're doing to do and where? And also the Carcross area?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, we have problems with the surface in Carcross which has been pretty well completely worn off. We have a major upgrading of the entire road system in Carcross, next year and will cost approximately \$15,000.00. A general upgrading of the roads in Teslin, not to the major extent, because I understand they still have some surface to work with to the tune of \$3,000.00.

So, in those two communities of that \$125,000.00 \$15,000.00 will be spent in substantially upgrading the entire road system in Carcross and in upgrading the roads in Teslin to \$3,000.00.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, included under roads, streets and sidewalks, is it intended that monies will be provided to the Local Improvement District on the Capital side of the budget to construct the road which would run approximately from the community hall into the new sub-division area in the area of the hospital?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I know the road of which the Honourable Member speaks. I'm not positive but I can bring an answer to him of whether that is part of the program in Watson Lake. The details that I have on the upgrading in Watson Lake is under miscellaneous roads and I don't have a breakdown of them. There's \$5,000.00 allocated and that could be part of the project. I'm not sure but I don't know with that amount of money, whether that type of road construction could be done.

We do have a problem in Watson Lake and we're going to attempt to upgrade the streets and construct the storm drainage system in Watson Lake along term standards next year. And that will be in the neighbourhood of some \$50,000.00.

I think I should add at this point, that you'll recognize in the L.I.D.'s and the unorganized areas, apart and beyond the Capital Assistance Program the Territorial Government takes on the full responsibility for upgrading and improving and constructing local roads. In municipalities, as the Honourable Member from Dawson and Faro and Whitehorse well know, that all those local roads are a hundred percent charge upon the taxpayers and residents of the municipalities. The per capita expenditure in all these areas, unorganized areas and L.I.D.'s, I feel is pretty generous on behalf of the Y.T.G., Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just further to what the Minister of Local Government was saying. He started to give us some figures. Could you fill in the rest of them, specifically exactly the amounts that are going to be spent in those various items?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Certainly, Mr. Chairman. Construction of a new road in Burwash Landing and generally upgrading the existing road system \$3,000.00.

Substantially upgrading the entire road system in Carcross \$15,000.00, upgrading the streets in Mayo to a long term acceptable standard as the utility systems will have been completed, \$44,000.00. This is a normal practice following the installations of major services in the L.I.D.'s. Upgrade the Ross River roads \$5,000.00 for spreading the largesse all around the Territory, Mr. Chairman. Upgrade the Ross River roads \$5,000.00, upgrade the roads in Teslin \$3,000.00, upgrading the streets to construct a storm drainage system in Watson Lake, to long term standards \$50,000.00, miscellaneous roads \$5,000.00 for a total of \$125,000.00, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: How are the members of Whitehorse North—the constituents of Whitehorse North Centre going to fair in this program?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: They pay totally through their taxes to the municipal authority who provides the total cost of local roads in municipalities Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, a question under Number 6, Watson Lake, a storm drainage system. Is this going to be considered a local improvement and will there be a charge, a frontage charge upon the property?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: No, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Is that a buried storm drainage system or is it a surface drainage system?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Surface, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Local Services, \$70,000.00, Appendix page 39. I suppose the inevitable has to be asked, Mr. McKinnon. Sewage Education unit.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, would you repeat that please?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I have eductor on my back-up notes Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the eductor in that Establishment 2602, Local Services of \$70,000.00, would not that come under 2612 under the Community Assistance Program is this was the case in the outlying communities anywhere?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: No, Mr. Chairman, capital equipment in the L.I.D.'s is for the operation and maintenance of assistance is separate apart from the Capital Assistance Ordinance. I might add once again, don't press it too hard because you are darn lucky that

that's where it is.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: A water delivery truck, Mr. Minister, have you considered contracting that service out? How come the government would be buying a water delivery truck? Could we not let some private enterprise get into that?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: We have no problems at all about contracting to private enterprise, Mr. Chairman. Our results in some of the unorganized areas have been absolutely and completely disastrous. Some of the stories are so funny that I can tell you in private following the session, but we have found that in any unorganized areas, the only way that we can find a guaranteed delivery and supply service is through the government providing the service. We have tried in various areas and we will continue to try in various areas to be put out on a private entrepreneur basis.

If it doesn't work and can't work, then and then only will the government enter the contract. Don't take this as a general condemnation, because in many areas there are private water delivery systems and they are working quite well. In some areas it has been a complete and unmitigated disaster and the only people who are suffering are those who want water in their houses.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, just a supplementary or a comment to that. It probably would depend on the size of the community.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: That's right.

Mr. Lengerke: In other words, it might be very uneconomical.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, but we are looking at different areas all the time. We know that we are going to have to go into the area - you know, sewage eductor probably isn't the right word. Some kind of education and pumping system if we are going to use holding tanks. We are talking about all liquids, not really the majority being solid wastes and the Honourable Member from Teslin knows full well of what I speak.

Then we will be looking at the combination of the same person who is doing the water delivery, doing the sewage education, not the same truck I might add, whether this can then be a profitable and money making system for a private entrepreneur in a small community to take on. We are open to all of these suggestions, willing to put out contracts, as we have done in other areas, and just trying to find out the best system of providing the service to the people of the community.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Just again for curiosity. How many customers would you be delivering water to in Carcross, any idea?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: No, I can bring that information to the Honourable Member. I don't have a break-

down of the absolute number.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, the Minister can give me that in private sometime, I am sure.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Just on the question of the water trucks in small communities, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say that you know, they have another very, very important function and that is in conjunction with fire protection. I do know from experience in other communities around the Yukon that without - often without a tanker or a water truck to supplement our fire equipment, there would be an exceptionally larger loss of building and perhaps property. I think this is just another point to consider.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I have a question regarding water delivery and I am trying to hold the correspondence I have. This is on the Mayo Road, a constituent of mine who has the contract for supplying water to the Indian village and he has been providing water delivery to some people who live along the Mayo Road and they are wondering whether they could have some subsidization and his question; is there any method of subsidizing water delivery for people along the Mayo Road who have, in some cases, spent five to six thousand dollars and come up with a dry well, no other source of water.

Some level of government is paying for water delivery to the Indian village where no individuals pay taxes in return. Why shouldn't there be something for people who are building their own home and paying territorial taxes? Is there consideration being given to providing some type of assistance for these people in this area and on the Mayo Road and the Lake Labarge area?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, to start out there is no Territorial monies being used to subsidize water delivery in the Whitehorse village. Whatever contract is between the private entrepreneur is either recoverable through the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development or by a private individual in the village area.

The policy of the government as far as the Mayo-Takhini Hot Spring Road, obtain their land holdings on the basic premise that they were aware of having to provide their own utility services, as well as road maintenance, snow plowing. If a program of providing services is to be considered there, we'll have to build roads and maintain them in minimally occupied areas including snow plowing, periodic reconstruction, locate, operate and maintain garbage dumps in every settled area peripheral to our main communities, provide well systems or water delivery services on a subsidized basis, provide sewage education services on a subsidized basis, ensure extension of power, telephone to these areas, whether economically recoverable or not.

As land use intensifies we have to provide country schools, fire halls, service plants, community halls, recreation facilities, dog animal control service, municipal type control by-laws and enforcement. Mr. Chairman the answer is no. The Department of Local Government is not, at the present time, for all these reasons. Also upon unanimous motions of the duly elected members of the City of Whitehorse proceeding with subsidized services to people living peripheral to major communities.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would appreciate having a copy of your various reasons.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Certainly, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Land Development \$2,623,000.00 again Appendix page 39. Mr. McIntyre?

Mr. McIntyre: I wonder if the Honourable Minister is going to give us a break down on all these items as we come to them for the various communities? We can take the message.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there's a very real danger as you all realize on giving an absolute figure on land development, on the Capital Assistance Program, on services to unorganized communities.

The reason being, you leave yourself in such a locked position if some contracts come in lower than expected and others come in higher. And if you give Honourable Members the absolute fixed figures in dollars, then they go back to their communities and say this is the absolute figure. So if it comes in higher they expect, of course, and the government generally does, contribute the money because they are able to find it from other areas that came in lower. But if it does come in lower the community say we want our full amount of money. So please, allow me on some of these areas, the flexibility of being able to move monies around from one area to the other depending on the contract. So that we can provide all the services that we'd like to for the forthcoming fiscal year.

Capital Funds, Mr. Chairman, are being requested in the 1976-'77 Capital Estimates to carry out the following anticipated land development program.

In the area of Riverdale, Mr. Chairman, which comprises of completing the known area that is suitable for residential sub-development, for residential development the sum of \$1,112,000.00. In Porter Creek A and B as residential areas \$790,000.00. In Haines Junction we're looking at some light industrial area, \$10,000.00. In Crestview we're looking at some more development to make it feasible or more practically feasible to install water and sewer in that area in the tune of another row at least and do some study in the neighbourhood of \$5,000.00.

I might mention Porter Creek, we're also looking at

a light industrial area, there's the necessity to provide more of that type of service.

Small holding developments which I think all members are aware of what has transpired today. We're looking in the neighbourhood of some \$450,000.00. In Watson Lake, very badly needed dry industrial land, as the Honourable Member knows, some \$16,000.00.

In Teslin a major problem and I just don't know how to go about this one yet because if we're looking at a major new sub-division, we're really getting into a problem of services. But we have money allocated to at least begin surveying what can be done in Teslin, as far as looking into sub-division or how we can consolidate the land in the present L.I.D. and get some more into the hands of people who are looking for land.

In Dawson we're not going to move the City of Dawson onto the tailing piles as the Honourable Member from Klondike has often advised, but we're going to try and move the industrial complexes, including the Territorial garage and different industrial pursuits, onto the tailings pond and we hope to develop industrial area out there.

In Mayo we're looking at some road construction to some lots that were surveyed at one time. I think the Honourable Member would know where they are and see whether we can get those into shape as building lots and looking also at some light and dry industrial subdivisions in Mayo also. We've left ourselves with miscellaneous surveys to the extent of \$10,000.00 for a total of \$2,623,000.00.

I might say Mr. Chairman, this is one of the areas where, as you realize, we've gone from \$400,000.00 to \$2,623,000.00 in the area of third party loans. It's an area I felt was long over looked, as far as Local Government was concerned. I think that we're attempting to go along with the philosophy of one of the people I agree with in the area of supplying adequate lots and this. An expert on land banking and supply of lots a person by the name of Mr. Derkowski who addressed the thirty-third annual convention of Housing and Urban Development Association of Canada. And he said "any solution of the problem of housing will be futile if not accompanied by the elimination of artificial scarcities of building land. Elimination of these scarcities need not necessarily involve a massive expansion of land development. All that is required is the creation of a number of lots, just sufficient to change a condition of under supply to over supply with a convincing commitment to maintain that over supply in the future." That is the philosophy that we are trying to espouse in our land development policy, and one, Mr. Chairman, that I hope we will be successful on next year and well into the future.

Some Members: Hear hear.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I rise and I would like to say thank you to the Honourable Minister, at least he takes half of my proposal under consideration.

Maybe he could also tell us the approximate amount he has set aside for Dawson, Mayo and Teslin?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: We have tentatively, in the area of Dawson, a hundred and twenty thousand dollars; Teslin, a hundred thousand dollars; Mayo, ten thousand dollars, Mr. Chairman. Please don't take those figures as being etched or carved in stone, because we really run into problems in these programs, if you do.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, my actual question was the one that was really asked by the Honourable Member from Mayo, just a breakdown, and I am quite satisfied.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, my actual question was the one that was really asked by the Honourable Member from Mayo, just a breakdown, and I am quite satisfied.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, one question. The Small Holding Development, is this is the Whitehorse area, where you plan to start or in various other areas of the Yukon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: The policy and the philosophy of the Department of Local Government is that we agree that is a valid use of land. We want to see, and be successful, or experiment with one of the small holdings areas initially. Our initial area is to the Whitehorse area. Local Government officers are now, looking actively at other areas in all places of the Yukon that could be developed as small holding areas.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Supplementary, Mr. Chairman, just to finish this up. I was looking in the recovery side of this, I don't know whether it is classified as a recovery or revenue, what are you estimating to recover from the sale of the land? You certainly wouldn't be estimating the whole amount, because there is a lot of - I would not imagine anyway.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: The whole amount over the amortization period of the loans, Mr. Chairman. There is some speculation that the last lot developed in Riverdale, if sold at the actual cost of amortization over all the years, will be in the neighbourhood of several millions of dollars, but we project that will be for children and our children's children, Mr. Chairman, to worry about.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke:

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, a question with respect to Crestview, and possibly I should be directing my question to the City of Whitehorse, but I know the

Honourable Minister can answer this. Does that mean that the Crestview sewer and water extension will not be started, will they not be calling tenders this year at all on that?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: No, it is my understanding that they will be calling tenders and they will be proceeding, it is in their capital budget for this year. I was talking to the City officials just the other day, and they say that this presents no problems. The timing with the survey and the known development area for lots will not interfere with the calling or the installation, if so desired, by the local improvement charges and the agreement of the people of Crestview with the sewer and water installation during this fiscal year.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Community Assistance Program, \$3,000,000.00 Appendix page 39.
Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman I am distressed to see that under the appendix on A 39 that the balance of monies required to accommodate the arena in Watson Lake are not provided for. It is my understanding the balance of these funds would be available in this fiscal year. Maybe, perhaps the Minister could explain.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I am not going to get into this formal application problem at all. Last year, we understood from the L.I.D. that they were going to attempt to complete the arena with a hundred and twenty five thousand dollars of volunteer help, if they needed more they would apply, as they did in the year previous. To my knowledge, the application for further funds from the Local Improvement District, has not been received by Local Government offices at this time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Under the TV system in various locations. Isn't it a fact that we can shelve this project for the time being after the information we received?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, there is no shelving of the TV system as far as this Honourable Member is concerned. I think it is just as good a time to get into the TV system as any.

There was \$96,000.00 provided under Capital last year, which represented the 12 constituencies and \$8,000.00 in slush money yearly that used to be appropriated in various drabs throughout different organizations. All the members, and I think it was a great decision, and a wise decision said that let's throw this money into a pot to provide a much needed service for some people in the Yukon that ain't getting it now.

Where do hear in all the smaller communities what they would like, number one, to me, it is television. Other members might have other ideas. I have travel-

led the length and breadth of this Yukon, this winter, this fall, this summer, last year, and I still get that over and over and over again that the smaller communities number one thing that they desire is television.

That \$96,000.00 from last year is still available and there is no way that there still isn't another hundred thousand dollars this year under the Capital Assistance Program in this vote, because there is no way shape or form that I am taking those monies out of the vote of Local Government when I consider it to be such a necessary and worthwhile program.

What has been accomplished up to date? You know we have gone around and around and around on this. The Telsat approach originally was \$22,000.00 a station. We said, you know, incredible, go fly a kite somewhere.

When we came back it was 19 grand. We said, oh you know, you have got to be out of your tree. There is no way that you can charge us that when your capital cost of your station is only going to be \$40,000.00. They came back 13.9 with a whole bunch of conditions that the Territorial Government had to meet.

The latest word is the 13.9 still stands, but there is not all the gobbly gook and the demands upon the government to provide other things to Telsat and the number of stations doesn't have to be eight immediately. So, we have left this money in here, for this Legislative Assembly to make the decision. The members of the Executive Committee, these elected members, have made their decision. If we can't get it down under 13.9 a year, if we have to commit this government to a program in perpetuity, then it is going to cost eventually millions of dollars, if you are talking 100 thousand dollars a year.

We feel that out of a 70, 65 million dollar budget, that we can and that we should and it's a demand upon this government, a necessity and one that we are not going to hide from, one we are going to face, and we say if that's as far as we can go, we know we are getting ripped off, we know we are getting it in the ear, but we feel that the service of television to the smaller communities is so important that this money is going to be left in the budget. It is going to be for the members of this House to decide whether they think that we can afford this cost for this service to the smaller communities.

We say out of a 65 million dollar budget, we have got to be able to provide a hundred thousand dollars a year, to provide to eight communities, a type of service that the rest of us just take for granted. That's why I get a little disturbed Mr. Chairman, when I think that perhaps once in awhile different political issues are being played against members of the Executive Committee and this member saying - thinking primarily of the constituents which they happen to represent in the area which they happen to live.

I just would like to say that that isn't the truth. I just would like to challenge any member to check back, in my voting record over the 15 years in this House, when it came to providing services to the people outside of municipalities, and I don't think that I can be challenged or questioned in anyway, shape or form because often, often to the detriment of the lobby that I have been listening to constantly and incessantly in the City of Whitehorse, monies, services and goods have been provided to people living outside the municipalities, in

L.I.D.'s and in unorganized areas. I think that's a complete reflection in the budget that the Local Government Department puts before you at this time.

I am all for it. The Executive Committee, is all for the provision of those television services in smaller communities. We have done everything that we can. I have got a file on Teslin TV, the Honourable Member from Teslin, three successive Ministers of Communication I took on, in long correspondence and involved correspondence, all the members of the C.R.T.C. that I new personally, as friends, because I have been involved with them in business. They were all lobbied by myself, by letter and received great answers from them that was --of course, the C.R.T.C., how easily they came around to the decision I think was part of the work that we had done at the executive level.

So, here we stand. We have got to make the decision. The decision, to me, has been made already and my colleges on the Executive Committee has been made. So what, we are getting ripped off, we are getting it in the ear, we are getting it every way you can think of, but we have at least come down from 22 grand to \$13,900.00 without all the phoney little stipulations of Telsat before. As far as I am concerned, it is well deserved. The people of the Yukon deserve it and let's go with it.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Berger?

Mr. Berger: I think obviously my question was misunderstood because I didn't ask for a long speech or anything.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: You are going to get one everyday today.

Mr. Berger: Thank you sir.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I am feeling good for the first time in two weeks.

Mr. Berger: Can I take it that we have in the \$96,000.00, that we have appropriate for the TV system last year. Are they still in existence?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes.

Mr. Berger: And another \$100,000.00 for this year?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes.

Mr. Berger: That's all I asked.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: That's exactly what I said, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I didn't have my hand up.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Could we have a breakdown on the three Dawson items please? Are we going to discuss T.V. yet?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, we are looking primarily at the designation of a new sewer and water design for Dawson City so that we can talk intelligently about the capital monies that are needed to improve the Dawson sewer and water system with eventual takeover of the municipal waterworks and sewer works in Dawson by the municipality. So, the decisions concerning hook-ups and frontage charges and blocked lines and frozen lines don't have to be made in the Department of Local Government, far removed from the scene, any longer.

We are also going to look at provision of monies in the area of \$15,000.00 for sharing in the Dawson City Dump. And there is a building needed for, as I understand, the storage of equipment for dealing with sewer and water facilities in the neighbourhood of \$7,000.00 for next year and these are all not figures carved in stone, I may say once again.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Supplementary. I didn't catch the amount of money on the Dawson recreation complex?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Oh, I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, in the grant under the Capital Assistance Program it would be \$50,000.00 for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I rise on the television question which we had started to discuss. I was hopeful that this wouldn't come up until perhaps tomorrow. As you know, I have been working on this as well, since its inception, and particularly with the old system that the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre used to call Taylor's tree-top television.

I am as concerned, as I am sure all members are, as to the fulfillment of our desire to serve the small communities with television and have been associated with it for some time. I am sure one of the witnesses here, Mr. Miller, has also given months and months of his time, talent and effort in the-- in this pursuit, as has the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre.

The question arises and that is to cost. As the Honourable Minister has stated this morning, we are really stuck with the high cost of Telsat providing us with ground receiving stations and then charging us an annual lease fee of some \$13,900.00 per station. This, of course, I believe only involves the cost of the station. I don't think it involves the cost of the transmitter or anything else. I think that's just their equipment and the signal and they give us a pair of wires and then we have still got to buy transmitters and things of this nature.

I believe it has been agreed that we can use the C.B.C. signal. I think that that has been negotiated as far as I am concerned. My concern is the cost, the cost of serving some communities by the mountain-top system, that I originally proposed in the House, and you know, perhaps the capital cost might be fairly similar.

Actually, I think the capital cost of installing these things is, in fact, \$25,000.00 now, per mountain-top tower per unit, per translator.

But the operation and maintenance cost, this is taking a signal from C.B.C. which is given to us for free, the operation and maintenance costs should be down in the case of a few hundred dollars a year, that is to pay for helicopter time and in some cases propane resupply or perhaps it may be possible to get power through the C.N. Microwave System, perhaps, getting power up to run these things, these stations.

Now, the reason I was hoping that this wouldn't come up for another day is that, among my research, as I am sure we are all digging, information has come to me that perhaps last November the Department of Communications in Ottawa went to the Department of Justice to determine whether or not they would in fact get a judicial opinion as to whether or not they could in fact licence ground receiving stations.

The information I received is that perhaps, and I use this word 'perhaps', it is not clear but perhaps the information that was given at that time was that, yes, that the D.O.C. could indeed licence ground receiving stations. Now, what I am attempting to do, through someone in Ottawa who is doing at this moment the leg work through the Department of Justice, is to determine if in fact this is the case, if in fact this is not the case or if in fact we are just barking up a wrong tree. I think it's important that we get this information. I was informed that I may receive it within 48 hours and that was as early as yesterday morning.

If this is the case, maybe the cost of this equipment could be muchly reduced in terms of ground receiving stations. Maybe we could go back to Telsat and say, all right, we will provide our own stations. We'll licence our own stations. Perhaps we could go back with another argument to them and say, all right, now you reduce your cost of lease for lease of signal and, you know, I am saying that our cost could change if the D.O.C. would licence ground receiving stations.

So, this is my purpose for rising at this time. The minute I do get this information, I will certainly bring it before the Committee. I think it could have a great bearing on where we are going in the future, you know, where we are going to put in ground receiving stations, where we are going to put in mountain-top relay stations. So, I drop this for Committee's consideration.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, for the information of all members, that question was asked approximately 12 months ago. A counter offer was made to Telsat Canada whereby we would provide the station, give them legal title to it. They have rejected that. While I am not suggesting that, if the thing was taken to a court of law, that it might not be overruled by that court.

The present situation is the D.O.C. have stated that they would not licence the Teslin Television Station, the earth receiver, and Telsat Canada has said that they cannot operate under the arrangement that we propose. That is, we put in the television earth receiver and give them title. If this House wants to sit around for the next 16 months or 18 months and wait until this legal question is satisfied, that's your decision.

I can tell you, it is going to take at least that long,

because it will go to the Supreme Court of Canada before it is decided.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think, after the last two years, three years, I think the rules of the game are fairly clear. I think there has been an awful lot of research done. I think we have to make a decision. We know the price tag, we know the obligations. Now, what are we going to do - delay it again and start writing more letters. Are we going to take it to the Supreme Court of Canada? Who's going to pay for it? Or are we going to make a decision here to accept the proposal of this government who has worked so long on this proposal. They've brought forward a proposal to us; are we going to be prepared to make a decision on it? I would say that's our responsibility, let's not keep pushing it back and writing more letters.

We've got it before us; do we want it or don't we?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, of course we want it. That's what we've been working so very, very hard over all these years, to get it. All I'm saying is, is getting the best for the dollar we have to invest. If there is a possibility that we can produce the same facility, certainly it's got to be done this year. I commend the government for coming up with the program they have come up with.

All I'm saying is, perhaps within the next day or two we may find a way of cutting corners a little bit and saving ourself some money. Now, as I say, the information may be in the affirmative, may be in the negative; I only cite it to be looked at. I support the program. I'm just trying to save the taxpayer a buck or two and see this system on the road just as much as anybody else.

You can take it as it is given and in the spirit it is given; I'm just giving you some information that you did not have before and which I am working at some length in trying to obtain.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Chairman; in view of the comments made by the two Honourable Members, I certainly agree with the Member from Kluane that we should move ahead with this. And certainly the Honourable Member from Watson Lake has suggested that, you know, there may be another opportunity or a review. But the fact remains, Mr. Chairman, that we do now at this point know what the funding requirements are and if what the Member from Watson Lake says is factual and we may get some information, well I guess that would be some sort of a bonus in a saving.

But I think we should certainly take the opportunity at hand right now and move ahead with the cost we have before us. As I say, these figures can certainly be adjusted so I see no problem whatsoever.

I have one question of Mr. Miller or the Honourable Minister of Local Government with respect to the annual licence fee, that's the 13,900, am I correct there?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the 13,900 is Telsat's cost for the earth receiver station.

Mr. Lengerke: Just supplementary, Mr. Chairman. Now, in order to substantiate or to make this budget more realistic, what else do we have to put in there to cover the other costs. The O and M, the whole bit, so that this House fully knows what its commitment is and we can move ahead with it.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, what we're looking at is the leasing, basically, of 6 earth receive stations at \$13,900.00 per annum, totalling \$83,400.00. In addition to that, there will be annual maintenance costs for earth receive stations of approximately \$1,000.00 per station.

We are looking at a cost, to put in mountain-top repeaters and this is in the Capital area, of \$55,000.00 for the two stations. Plus we will have to come up with \$42,000.00 for the rebroadcast transmitters giving us a total cost of, if my math is right, \$97,000.00 per capital.

The mountain-top repeaters will-- the annual operating cost for those will be approximately \$3,000.00 apiece, so there's another \$6,000.00 of maintenance. So we're anticipating a total Capital cost of \$100,000.00, annual operating and maintenance cost thereafter of approximately \$96,000.00.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, you're mentioning six stations and I recall earlier, in conversation, the Honourable Minister mentioned eight or so. I'm just wondering what are the plans here; we should make sure we cover those other areas as well.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we have been looking consistently at eight communities. We're serving six of them by earth receivers, two of them by mountain-top repeaters.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have a question regarding the T.V. I for one would have to stand behind the Vote that gives anything to the T.V. system in the whole territory. On the other hand, I feel very reluctant that the government has to pay this type of money out for something that we really are entitled to I feel for a lot less.

I have asked questions in this House I don't know how many times now as to what the actual reason for Telsat's only offer is they have given us - but I haven't got the answer to that yet. All I have is the figures that everybody says has got to be \$13,900.00, it's got to be \$19,000.00 but what reason did they have for giving us? I would like to know that sometime. The reason that it had to be that much for that type of an investment.

I am a little confused with a lot of these figures now because we are - and I think many members are confused as to the Honourable Member's intention too, really and what he was trying to put forth of the earth receiving stations and the hill top stations. There is two different things there and my question to you would be, would not the mountain top relay stations, once they were

paid for and the capital cost paid, we do have the maintenance cost, but do we not - I mean, we do not have to pay Telsat Canada \$13,000.00, \$13,900.00 a year for that station once it is set up that way.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the mountain top system can be put in. There is no question about that. But it would only allow us to serve four communities, not eight. To serve those four communities would require a capital cost of \$167,000.00 using mountain top repeaters, and you would then be faced with an annual operation and maintenance bill of approximately \$20,000.00

But you would not have signal quality, and in fact, depending upon snow conditions and icing conditions, you may not have a signal at all, without somebody going up and clearing the antenna. The best advice that I can get is that if we are going to spend this kind of money, we should get a system that will operate and provide a consistency.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Just a comment, Mr. Chairman. I am very glad to hear that. That's the words I would like. I think it is easier to understand now the reason for actually going the route that the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre has spoken of. As I say again, I just feel very sick when we have to pay this type of monies for something that we are already paying for.

But if that's the only way that the people in the Territory can get television, then I will have to go right along with it, I guess.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson? Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, what assurance, if we do proceed with this program, do we have, that D.O.C. will indeed licence these ground receiving stations?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, that is not our responsibility. It is Telsat's responsibility and they feel that they can get licences for them. Mr. Chairman, there is no reason in the world why D.O.C. wouldn't licence a station to Telsat. They have licenced, you know, a hundred of them across Canada now.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I hope I am not going to get misunderstood, again, what I am meaning here, but the estimated cost of the system will be roughly about \$100,000.00 and it is my understanding, given to me by the Minister of Local Government that we right now \$196,000.00 set aside for it. \$96,000.00 from last year and \$100,000.00 again in the vote this year. Is that correct?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, this year if the members agree with the program. We have got enough money to pay the capital that we need for this year to install the eight stations and we have got enough money also to do the leasing from Telsat for this year also.

Mr. Chairman: If the budget item is defeated this year, Mr. McKinnon, what would happen to the \$96,000.00 that was approved of last year?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I can't understand why we are getting into this type of thing. You know, if anybody knows a basic introductory political science course, if the government goes down to defeat in the budget, it's a budget defeat and another government brings in a budget that is acceptable. You know, I don't understand this type of questioning.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think the answer is, it would become part of the Community Assistance Program. T.V. is part of the Community Assistance Program. So, if it wasn't used for T.V., it would be used for a skating rink somewhere or an arena. It would all go into our money that's there because the T.V. is part of that legislation.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: As Minister responsible for Local Government I have jealously guarded that money as part of this Assembly's commitment to capital assistance and if we can't get it through T.V. which we wanted it to be done, then we will just boost up the monies available under the Capital Assistance Program.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, are you cleaning the T.V. or are you clearing 2604?

Mr. Chairman: Community Assistance Program. Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I have a question under the Community Assistance Program and the Minister of Local Government is certainly aware of it and that is the - there is some deficiency in legislation or I feel there is a deficiency in the legislation and we are faced with emergency situations at the time in the Territory, where sometimes we don't have enough funds or we have to change our priorities and I am referring to the destruction by fire of the Destruction Bay Curling Rink which happened after the forecast of estimates were prepared and of course, they weren't able to get a formal application in for assistance.

So, after going through our legislation, we determine that the Community Assisatnce Legislation doesn't provide assistance for curling rinks in the unorganized areas. So, we are being faced with quite a problem and the Minster of Local Government is aware of it and has been most co-operative but my question is, does he feel that even though commitments have been made within this establishment, that there is a possibility that some funding can be found to try to provide some assistance to this community? It was its only source of re-

creational facilities, the only one basically, so that they can have some type of a facility within the next year or so.

Hon. MR. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I am well aware of the problem as the Honourable Member knows and I would feel if I remained in charge of the Department of Local Government that I just couldn't see another year go by without Destruction Bay - or Destruction Bay miss a year of curling.

I just think it would be disastrous for that area because the Honourable Member knows and I know and all members know that that is really their main source of recreation during the winter.

Of course, the Honourable Member also knows that the demands on the Capital Assistance Program are much more than the \$3,000,000.00 that we are allocated during the course of the year. The Assistant-Commissioner went to Ottawa and tried to beef it up to shorten the program by two years and beef the capital assistance due to the inflationary trend up to \$5,000,000.00 a year. We were unsuccessful. One of the reasons that it is good that this budget has contingency funds is that we can take care of a problem like Destruction Bay and put it as a first charge against the Capital Assistance Program for the year following.

We are looking at two areas in Destruction Bay now that will shortly be before the Executive Committee. One, whether we amend the Capital Assistance Program to make unorganized eligible for curling club grants or whether, as in the case of Ross River, we apply a one-shot grant because of the problems that are exclusive to the Destruction Bay area, it being a Territorial Government compound.

But someway or another, Mr. Chairman, as I say, that if we didn't arrive at some solution that curling wasn't active in Destruction Bay, I feel the Department of Local Government along with the co-operaton of the people of Destruction Bay haven't done their job properly.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, how much money is availalbe for miscellaneous projects?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: This is an impossible figure to come by because it all depends upon the juggling of the contractual figures that come into the Department of Local Government from all the programs that we are trying to initiate in all the communities this year. Some things are so obviously necessary, we are getting pressure from Environment Canada, the Department of Health Service and something like this, then again we will probably have to, as we did last year, dip into capital reserves and make them as a first charge against the Capital Assistance Program for next year.

So, at this moment, it's just an impossible type of question to answer Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, am I correct that under most of these items, I think all but the ones in the

unorganized areas, there is a requirement for a referendum, I believe, to the tax payers so that there is a possibility that some of these even may not pass the referendum?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we are asked by the different areas, the L.I.D.'s and the municipalities have to have this type of a referendum. So we are asked and then in some areas, they might not come about or they might come about modified but we have to budget when we are doing the estimates for the charges as if these programs were to go ahead and really the monies expended from the estimates last year, the \$3,000,000.00 is really - are quite different from the actual estimates because the contracts came in at different prices, different projects that were thought to be a priority were dropped from L.I.D.'s and from municipalities.

So, we really have to scatter around with only \$3,000,000.00 in this day and time to try and get the maximum mileage out of those dollars and the estimates sometimes don't bear all that much resemblance to the actual facts of the expenditures in the year following.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, just further to that and the Honourable Minister spoke about the requirements by Environment Canada and the Water Board and this is one area where I take great exception. I think we are having some very high standards thrust upon the people of the Yukon Territory, particularly in some of these municipalities and the tax payers of the municipalities are going to have to pick up a considerable share of that cost and I am just wondering whether there is anything that we can do, when you think of the sewage treatment plants and the requirements that they are asking us to fill compared to what they have in other cities much larger than even Whitehorse or Dawson, heaven forbid, in the rest of Canada and they don't have anything like this and there isn't the requirement.

When I think of the expenditure that is being demanded by the citizens of Dawson or Whitehorse to fulfill the orders of the Water Board, what can we do? We are always putting in Motions.

No, but it's something that's very frustrating. I know if I lived at Dawson or in Whitehorse I think I'd really be up in arms a lot more than some of the people are.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Well, as far as the Capital Assistance Program goes Mr. Chairman, the demands upon it are made by the people in the communities. There is no attempt at the Department of Local Government to come down and say, look, Environment Canada is on our back, the Department of Health, and so you have to go for this. So if the community says that is one of their priorities in agreement with the Department of Environment and ask for cost shared monies, fine.

If the Department of Environment or a federal agency think they are going to make demands at the federal level upon the Government of the Yukon Territ-

ory and the Capital Assistance Program, they can go jump in a lake somewhere because that money is available for the people of the Yukon to say what their priorities are, not a federal agency of government.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the requirements that they are passing on to the municipalities that are being reflected in our community assistance, and thank goodness we have the Community Assistance Program so that we can help the municipalities. This is the point that I'm trying to make, the requirements are so great on these municipalities. What would happen if the municipality, if the Water Board, did determine that they had to have a certain type of sewage treatment plant by a certain time? The municipality turned down the referendum to go ahead on the capital expenditure. What would happen?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Well, if there was no other fund in the Capital Assistance Program, the Capital Assistance Program would effectively terminate for every other person except the area where it had been dictated that a sewage treatment plant had to be put in. Because the capital cost of that plant would eliminate the monies that are available for the next five-year period.

You know you're talking of a secondary treatment plant in the Whitehorse area and the quality standards, you know, a ball park figure of fifteen million bucks. Now you know, so there's the termination if it happened to come under Capital Assistance. I've made the point and I'll continue to make it for ever that that type of program is not going to be touched by the Capital Assistance Program. It has to be through a separate agreement and funding with the Federal Government.

Now the smaller communities, they can live under the Capital Assistance Program for the minor funding that is needed for small sewage lagoons and small treatment plants, but anything major would completely terminate the whole intent of the Capital Assistance Program and it's not going to come about, Mr. Chairman, as long as I have anything to say about it.

Mr. Chairman: Is it clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Escarpment Control \$600,000.00. Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Nothing to do with Escarpment Control, Mr. Chairman. And nowhere can I find none in the 602 or nothing here, any money allotted for mosquito control, Mr. Chairman. Could I have an explanation on that please?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I have a small report here to read into the record concerning Mosquito Control Abatement Program for 1975. Mr. Chairman, it's under Services and Supplies in Operations and Maintenance. And the increase in service and supplies is almost totally with the new chemical that we're going

to try this year, hopefully to make life a little more pleasant for all of us in all communities of the Yukon.

Mr. Chairman: Department of Tourism, Conservation and Information, Campground and rest stop development \$125,000.00, Appendix page 40. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, could I have an explanation of what wilderness campgrounds are?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we're looking at attempting to put some campgrounds down the Yukon River, in select places, where boats normally stop.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, has not the Forestry been attempting to do this for some time, not attempting, have they not already been working at this project for the last four or five years possibly? In many areas along the river.

Mr. Miller: Not that I'm aware of Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: There has been a minimal amount of work done by somebody. Most of the desirous stopping places along the river are marked with a post, sort of a marine post, but as anyone who has travelled the river knows full well there is a great need for some kind of facilities in these places which are now being over-utilized by the rapidly increasing number of people travelling our rivers every summer. And some of the conditions get pretty appalling in those small stopping places, when they're over-used.

I think this is a very good investment for the future.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, I cannot agree with our member more. I really do. And being on the river, I know this is exactly what's happening. However, what I was speaking of the Forestry and I think possibly only on the Teslin River to date, because I know there has been about three or four definite areas that have been cleared. Large areas have been cleared, they have no buildings or anything, they have cleared and cleaned-up areas. I was just wondering if they were carrying on the program continually, going to carry it on.

Mr. Miller: What we are talking about here, Mr. Chairman, is purely and simply the Yukon River as a starting avenue. I would assume that if Forestry are doing some work in other rivers that they would probably carry it on.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I was just wondering, a question was just quietly asked of me by the Honourable Member from Kluane, by what method is the garbage controlled in these wilderness camps?

Mr. Miller: At the present time, if people bury it we are lucky, if they don't it is just scattered around.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, the areas are utilized over and over again at the spot for stopping. If you want to bury your garbage, you have to go half a mile to try and find a spot where the garbage isn't already buried. The only way that you can really, properly, keep the country the way it is now is to pack out what you pack in. In all the popular stopping stops, those people who thought 'I am going to abide by the rules of the wilderness and bury my garbage', you have got to go within a quarter to a half a mile from the spot because everywhere you put down your shovel somebody else's garbage has got there before you.

That is the only method of garbage control at this point in time. With the pressures on the rivers at those stopping points, they are just going to become pig pens within the next years if something isn't done.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Thank you, Mr. Chairman; part of my question actually was asked already, but I would still, would like to know if there is going to be any control over those campgrounds along the river like on the basis of the National Parks where there is park wardens wandering around and every so often comes around to those camp grounds?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, once this program gets started in the construction phase, there will be ongoing maintenance costs attached to it, people having to visit these camp sites and collect the garbage and haul it away and maintain some type of order.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Miller, could you tell me where the highway rest stops are going to be constructed, how many? And I might just ask this, are they going to be, possibly, in conjunction with some of the historic sites? Have you thought of doing this, that you could utilize, you know, the best of two worlds?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, our program was designed initially to provide two rest stops outside of communities, one on either side of each community. I know for a fact that we're going to try and do Beaver Creek this year. I don't know what other areas are being planned at the present time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, also I'd like to know where you're going to instal the dumping stations. I realize that, with the great number of recreation vehicles coming into the Territory that it is of prime importance that dumping stations be installed. And I'm wondering, are these full blown facilities or not, are they just a hole in the ground?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, you're getting into technical questions that I don't have the answers to. I won-

der if you might like to call on Assistant Commissioner Mr. Gillespie to come forward to answer them.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I don't want to delay this--

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I have the copy of the current Milepost which lists them - lists all the campgrounds where there are such facilities.

Mr. Lengerke: New ones, Honourable Minister?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: A new book.

Mr. Lengerke: Very good--

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'd just like to comment on the wilderness campgrounds; \$25,000.00 is a great deal of money but I think it's not going to seem very much when we get into the aspect of maintaining these campgrounds. When we're indicating that the garbage is going to have to be packed out of there, and the people going in by boat and this type of thing. So I think we must remember, once we embark upon this we're going into a fairly expensive program.

Maybe the fee for the utilization of this type of campground should be even larger because there is that great danger of fire along--

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, that was why I raised my hand earlier. I was going to ask Mr. Miller if he has any information on whether or not the wilderness campgrounds along the river will be part of the International Gold Rush Park in future years planning, because I can see it being incorporated as part of an international project rather than having to come out of our pocket.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, it's our intention to do this in conjunction with Parks Canada, to complement the Gold Rush Trail theme. So that's the intention.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I am interested in the construction of highway rest stops. Carcross last year had a problem and I brought it up here also; there was some talk then there would be a rest stop at Carcross, as soon as possible, due to the tourists that go along the beach and along through the town and spill their things here and there, park in front of peoples' houses and dump everything.

I'm just wondering if there is anything in the offing for Carcross now that the road is more or less held over?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, part of the problem that we have at Carcross is acquiring land which is immediately adjacent to the highway. Most of the land is tied up by White Pass and they are talking to White Pass and trying to make some arrangements with them.

Now, I can't answer the specific question whether Carcross is planned for this year, but certainly we have got Carcross in mind for when the highway is completed.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, out of the Establishment 2701, how much money is available for the expansion of existing campgrounds, that is to say, the making room, cutting of trees and this type of thing, making room for more vehicles?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, during the next fiscal year we do not intend to expand any campgrounds.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could ask at this time, or whether it is covered in some other vote, whether the rest stop at Carmacks is going to be moved from the location which we inspected last October, which was, I might add, adjacent to the town dump?

Mr. Miller: No, Mr. Chairman, we don't intend to move the rest stop. We intend to move the garbage dump. In fact, it has been done.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I was there first.

Mr. Chairman: That's why they are moving it. I will declare a recess until 1:30 p.m.

(RECESS)

Mr. Chairman: I will now call this Committee to order. We are at present on page 99 of the Main Estimates, in consideration of Establishment number 2701. And I believe - Mr. Taylor? Before we recessed, I believe you wanted to speak to this?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I'll have to consult all my notes again, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: We'll now declare a long recess.

(LAUGHTER)

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Oh yes, Mr. Chairman, I had a question relating to the highway rest stop at Watson Lake. I don't know if members of Committee are aware it's located right beside, or it is anticipated to be located right beside, the weigh scale. I felt that it was an improper location because of the fact that people and dogs and cats and so forth would be mixing with the passage of trucks.

And if it is still the intention of the government to locate this rest stop beside the weigh scale, I was hopeful that they would put up a chain link fence to ensure that children and this type of thing did not get run over by the trucks, because the site they have located is right in front of the scale, I believe.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry, I don't know where the rest stop is now planned for Watson Lake, but we'll certainly take the Honourable Member's advice under consideration when and if we do build it in that location.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Historic Sites Development \$30,000.00. Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it would be rather interesting to know how we're going to spend '75-'76's money.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I think you're all aware that Historic Sites and Monuments Board did not meet '75-'76 and they haven't met in respect to '76-'77 yet, so I would think we will have to wait and see what their plans are and their recommendations.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

I'm sorry, Mrs. Watson - you have a supplementary?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I realize that and that is why I have asked the question. They can't meet unless they're called to a meeting. That's why I expressed my concern before at the last session that some of actually \$30,000.00 had in fact been allocated for expenditures and the Historic Sites and Monuments Board had not been called together.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the Committee has been called to meet next week.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, in light of the developments that have been outlined in Committee today, do we have the assurance that in fact that Historic Sites and development committee will be allocating the \$60,000.00, that the monies carried over from last year would carry over into this current year?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there were certain funds spent out of last year's budget. I think you were all informed of that recently. I would think if the Historic Sites and Monuments Board made recommendations to the government that were in excess of \$30,000.00 that we would probably entertain the provision or the spending of money in excess of \$30,000.00 up to the total available, i.e. the \$60,000.00 less what was spent last year.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: It's okay, Mr. Chairman. My question was answered. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Museum Construction Contributions \$30,000.00. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, it was a question that I asked earlier, either in supplements or going through the O and M section of this budget, and I am pleased to see that there are funds available to assist museums in the acquisition of certain collections which otherwise might be lost to the Territory. I would hope that some priority be given to the acquisition of these when and where they become available.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask where the government plans to store or display the historical artifacts that they plan on acquiring when they become available?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I would hope that any acquisitions would be made on behalf of a museum.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, since we are going to Historic Sites again, I am also wondering on this line specifically of one particular building in Dawson, if and when this is ever going to be restored. Is the government prepared to look after it themselves or can it be turned over to some organization or possibly the Historic Sites Monument Board of the Federal Government?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I am afraid I don't know which building the Honourable Member is referring to.

Mr. Berger: It is the old Ladue Sawmill building as I mentioned a year ago was under protection of the Territorial Government.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there was some money spent by the Territorial Government during the last year to stabilize the building. There is no plan, at least we presently do not have any plans, for the restoration of the building. It would depend upon the Historic Sites and Monuments Board.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Mr. Miller if he knows if there were artifacts, say, in Ottawa in the museum there and we are at the time trying to go through other channels to find out if we can acquire them, but would you know if it is possible to acquire these if they are, say, artifacts taken from Teslin many, many years ago and are in the museum there and we somehow would like to have them back? Do you know if it is possible or not to get them back?

Mr. Miller: I am sorry, I don't Mr. Chairman. I don't know how the National Museum operates. I know

what when the Archives left the Yukon and went to the National Archives they went on the basis that they would be returned to the Yukon. I don't know how these artifacts left the Yukon and whether there were any terms and conditions on them at that time.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, who in the government would be able to check this out for the Community of Teslin?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I think if the Teslin Community has specific items in mind that they know that have left Teslin and gone to the National Museum that we could probably find out for them what the score is with them and how, if at all, they can be recovered for the Teslin Museum.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, I would appreciate that although, as I said, we are in the process now of finding out as much as possible through the Tourism Department, but if the government has maybe a way to make sure we get it it would help.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I would assume that if you are working through the Tourism Department that we are doing everything we can on your behalf.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I am still not really satisfied with the answer that the Board is going to make a decision on any acquisitions of buildings or anything like this. I think the problem lies in that there is really no proper plan in the whole Historic Sites Board and part of the government, what are they really going to do with this thing because to acquire things, to restore things, is fine but what are you going to do after you have all those things done?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I have to agree with the Honourable Member that at the present time the government does not have a program or policy respecting Historic Sites. One of the things that we are trying to develop this year in conjunction with the Historic Sites and Monuments Board is, what should the Territory be doing, what is it going to cost us to do it, and then we will have to determine whether or not we can afford to do it.

So, that is part of this year's exercise with the Historic Sites Board, is to develop that type of broad policy and then we will see whether or not we can afford to go along with the policy.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, wasn't that a little bit of the problem with the Ladue Sawmill? The money was spent in sort of stabilizing it and yet no decision has been made regarding what you are going to do with it, whether in fact you are interested in restoring it. I would hope that you would be able to get some policy, whether

it is from the recommendation at some of these meetings or from the Tourism Branch or what, but I think that we should have some policy here for our approval so that we can spend money but we will know how it is being spent.

Mr. Miller: That's our intention, Mr. Chairman, to try and get that developed during this year.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Audio-visual \$5,000.00. Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Is it possible to have a break down of what is actually involved and who it is for?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this involves the purchase of camera, a print processor, flashes, some lens, an enlarger. In other words for the first time we are trying to equip the very excellent photographer we have with some tools other than his own personal tools.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman I am not going to block this \$5,000.00, but I recall hearing that some years ago now. I can remember the Honourable Minister of Local Government standing up and saying \$3,000.00 - \$4,000.00 for more cameras and more equipment. And at that time we were going to equip it and I see we are still going to equip it, which is fine, it's an on going thing. I think that we recognize that we are going to have to be spending some money to buy this equipment but, not as though we are going to equip him for the first time, because we have been doing it for a few years.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, if I inferred for the first time, I meant properly equip him for the first time.

Mr. Chairman: No further editorial comment. Are we clear?

Game Equipment \$4,000.00. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Library and Archives Equipment \$8,000.00.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Clear, Department of Highways and Public Works, Road Equipment \$89,500.00 Appendix 40. Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, I just wanted to ask with respect to the Fire Marshal's car. Is that an additional car for the Fire Marshall's office because I see he drives a pretty good looking vehicle now?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, it's a replacement of the

Fire Marshal's car.

Mr. Chairman: Is that the same Mr. Miller that happened to the sheriff's car, did it require replacement?

Mr. Miller: It's a replacement as well.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I couldn't help but rise at this point and ask what happens to the old one?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, it's a 1972 model and I think over 100,000 miles on it. Anybody who wants it, got to have rocks in their head.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Supplementary, what in fact do we do with vehicles that are replaced? What will you do with the cars, these vehicles?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, these vehicles are sold by public tender or auction.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that means that if the Watson Lake L.I.D. wants it very badly, they can bid on it?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: We'd make a special deal, probably, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Bicycles, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Not that kind --

Mr. Chairman: I thought he was still on tricycles Mr. Taylor. Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Just a question of the Minister of Local Government. Is there not a deal where the L.I.D.'s and other local governments can put in a request and get those vehicles, if they let you know before the auction is called?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, any one that we've made has generally ended up in tragedy because when the Y.T.G. writes one off, it's pretty well written off and the next thing we know they're after us for repairs and maintenance of the vehicle that they got on this special deal from the Department of Local Government.

Mr. Chairman: I might add it was not that many years ago when I can remember travelling up Two Mile Hill in an ambulance speeding to the scene of an accident and all the traffic passing us because we couldn't go that fast.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I can't agree more on that. However, the Yukon Housing Corporation, \$12,000.00, could you

explain what it is for?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this is for the purchase of two vehicles. Presently the Yukon Housing Corporation is leasing their vehicles and they are very expensive, and for the first time we are going to provide them with some purchased vehicles.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Could we be told why these people aren't involved in the pool cars?

Mr. Miller: Sorry, I assume you are referring to the Yukon Housing Corporation?

Ms. Millard: Yes, and the other one too.

Mr. Miller: Well, all of these vehicles are pool cars but certain of them are assigned to departments where they have a permanent need, they are assigned to the department on a permanent basis, but they still remain as part of the pool.

In other words, if the Department's need changes, then they would just go back to the pool.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: When you are replacing vehicles, I am thinking more specifically of cars, are you going to be considering acquiring the small type of car, that is much easier on gas, or have you looked into that, particularly for pool cars within the Whitehorse area?

Mr. Chairman: And the approaches, I presume?

Mr. Miller: And the approaches and the underpass and the lights and two sidewalks etcetera.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, what specifically then is the \$60,000.00? It just says funds required to complete the project. What must be completed in this year?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the Bailey Bridge has not been removed as yet.

Mr. Chairman: Because the contractor has been on holidays. Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I am very happy this information came to light, particularly after the little lecture we received this morning regarding all-- how expensive the outlying areas were to the Territorial Government. \$125,000.00 for streets and roads and sidewalks for all of the small communities, and the Territorial Government is funding \$660,000.00 for the bridge alone.

So, while the lecture was well received, you know, by the same token there are two sides to every argument and I would like to thank the witness for giving us the information at this very opportune time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman—

Hon. Mr. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to point out to the Committee that it is for the purposes of people from outlying regions to visit and use the facilities at the Whitehorse General Hospital.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I think that there is a very valid point being raised here. Throughout the total Yukon, that the Yukon, because of the responsibilities that past Executive Committees have shown, because of past members of this Legislative Assembly, that we are not nearly in as dire financial straits as most other areas of the country right now.

It is a credit to everybody sitting around this table, and I hope that it continues. When people are now talking lives against money and closing hospitals right across the country because of lack of funding, the biggest argument that we can come up with is closing a branch of a library service. I think that we should really all think about these things pretty seriously. When I see, last night on the news, \$387,000,000.00 going to Newfoundland from the Federal Government last year, we are raising 85 per cent of our local operation revenue in the Yukon Territory and I think we should all be proud of the fiscal responsibility and restraint all of us are showing.

Mrs Watson: They are raising less than 50 per cent of their expenditures.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger? Order please. Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: I have a question to the subject, Mr. Chairman. I am sorry. I cannot compete with them. On these funds required to complete the project, I was wondering if the curb, the dividing curb, on the Lewes Boulevard, is there going to be some lighting installed there or some stripes painted on the thing?

I had a hair-raising experience the other day, being from out of town. I didn't know there was a curb there and I just about ended up on top of it.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I am not sure of what is going to happen at that intersection. I would assume that if it is a traffic bazard that something will be done.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson could divert some funds from Kluane to Whitehorse South Centre.

Mr. Chairman: Territorial Road Improvements, \$100,000.00. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, perhaps I should have asked this question when we were on O and M. I wasn't sure whether the calcium chloride program came under O and M or whether it came under Territorial Road Improvements. In the past, it was the policy of the Administration to provide to lodge owners along the highways in the Yukon, and more particularly the Alaska Highway, the service of dust control in front and

immediately adjacent to their lodges.

Is it the intention of the Administration to continue this practice during this forthcoming fiscal period?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there will be no change in that policy.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I have one further question. It relates to the Nahanni Range Road and I am wondering if at long last it is the intention of the Administration this year to replace the bridge at Conglomerate Creek?

Mr. Miller: No, Mr. Chairman, it is not our intention because we do not have any money from the Federal Government with which to do it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, perhaps it is the intention of the Territorial Government to resurvey it? They have resurveyed it every year now for I don't know how many years. It almost rates with the airport road at Watson Lake for annual surveys. It is probably one of the most dangerous bridges anywhere within the Territorial road system and, if funds become available from the Federal Government in the Federal Estimates, are funds available from the Territorial Government to facilitate the removal and changing of this bridge?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we still do not have our Federal Roads Program approved by the Federal Government and that's why you will see no capital funds in here for the Engineering Services Agreement. I think that all members were told that we will not be coming forward with any further votes for these items until we have had approval and we know we have got the money in our hot little hands.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Miller, with respect to 2918, provision is to complete repaving of the south access road as the total amount of money? The \$100,000.00 for that or—?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that's the total cost.

Mr. Lengerke: Supplementary, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: How did you establish that priority? In other words, I am saying why would repaving of the South Access Road be a priority item over, say, paving some additional length in Haines Junction or one of the other outlying communities? I would like to know. You know, we have pavement there now and the road is not in all that bad a condition. I think that, you know, this is just an observation, but I think maybe the money could be better spent.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we included in last year's budget funds for the repaving of the South Access Road because it was breaking up pretty badly. We did not get it done because we used that money for the Second Avenue to Fourth Avenue realignment and paving in that area and so we would like to complete the project and have it repaved completely to the Alaska Highway.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Bridge Replacement, South McQuesten River, \$56,000.00. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Road Construction, Hunker-Granville Road, \$30,000.00.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I refer you now to page 104 of the Main Estimates, Loan Capital. All right, Mr. Miller, we require the reading of Bills 4 and 5 to carry on through this Loan Capital.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, you should find a Bill to cover the borrowing of this money, called "Loan Agreement Ordinance (1976) Number 1", and you will also find the Municipal Purposes Loan Agreement Ordinance.

Mr. Chairman: We will now proceed with the reading of those Bills at this time. This is Bill Number 4. Number One.

(Reads Clause 1(1))

Mr. Chairman: Clear? Two, one.

(Reads Clause 2(1))

Mr. Chairman: Clear? Three, one.

(Reads clause 3(1))

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, we are talking about \$5,273,000.00 and loans to third parties, that to municipalities, right?

Mr. Chairman: Right.

Mrs. Watson: What about C.M.H.C. second mortgages? We have the development of land and community improvements outside of municipalities. Is there a breakdown for that loans to third parties?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there is no breakdown.

The Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation's second mortgages are a statutory program still on the books. In last year, there was a total of \$2,000.00 borrowed under that program. We don't really anticipate anything this year.

Mrs. Watson: There is nothing.

Mr. Miller: So, we haven't broken it out. If there is a two or a four or a six thousand dollar request coming in, I guess we pay it out of the money to third parties.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Miller, is there a breakdown though of the monies loaned to the municipalities Whitehorse and Dawson?

Mr. Miller: No, Mr. Chairman, because they haven't submitted to us in total. They keep giving us figures and they keep changing. So our estimate is based on what they have submitted to us that we will need 2.6 million dollars to loan to them. If they don't request it, we don't borrow it.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: So, we are not borrowing to finance community improvements outside of municipalities?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, that's included in there as well.

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we undertook a couple of years ago to do that and for all of the pool cars within the Whitehorse area, we use a smaller model car. Highway cars, we still use the larger models. We are and we continue to investigate the use of the small vehicles and I think someday in the very near future, we will be down to using the real small ones in town.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: We seem to be buying Game Branch Equipment constantly, you know, it's either motors or snowmobiles or this type of thing. Again, we are buying a van, and I often wonder, you know, are we not acquiring a great -- and I did get the inventory from the Game Branch of the vehicles that they do have.

I am wondering whether we have taken a pretty close look at that Branch to see whether we are getting a little heavy on the vehicles?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we intend to hire four new people this year. I think if we are going to hire them, we have got to get them the tools to do their job.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, snowmobiles?

Mr. Miller: Well, if they happen to be a biologist and have to go out in the wintertime to do a fur bearer study, you have got to have a way of getting there.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, we had an inventory --

we did have snowmobiles already.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I can only reply on the expertise in the Game Branch and they suggest that they need another snowmobile because they are hiring four more people. That seems to me to be a pretty realistic request.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, you know I can't always accept this type of a reply that valued judgment of the witness and recommendations of the — where he gets his recommendations, and I do sometimes wonder about some of this equipment you see around in the Territory.

If it is needed and it is being utilized, no one questions it. But you do see an awful lot of Federal Government equipment and Territorial Government equipment and you wonder, you know, how many miles do they put on it and how often do they have to turn it over in order to keep up the models. I just sort of wonder just whether this is a part of government, if there is any way of restricting this type of expenditure or whether it is just a fact of life we have to live with. I editorialized again.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Sundry Equipment, \$60,000.00. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: What type of equipment, just generally what type of equipment, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this is the purchase or replacement of steamers, trailers, pumps, this type of equipment.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Garage Tools and Equipment, \$20,000.00.

Some Members: Clear.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: I would like to ask a question about Metric Conversion. When are we going to be embarking upon this program for the tools and this type of thing? That's going to be fairly costly and I ask the question because I noticed that some of the schools, particularly F. H. Collins, they are requesting — the Vocational School are requesting the metric tools and, you know, are they ahead of the game or is the Highways Branch a little bit slow in acquiring these?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the metric conversion will coincide with the equipment that we buy that is in

metric. So, we are not going out just to buy the tools to have them. As we acquire the equipment that has metric nuts and bolts and screws, then we have got to have the tools to maintain them.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: It's just nothing but an editorial comment. I would just like to assure the Honourable Member from Kluane she didn't have to worry about too much in tool spending. The Territorial Government usually does supply the tools in the garages except some real heavy ones. So, the expenditure on the tools won't ever be that high.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, my understanding this is before the federal government at the ministerial level and they are discussing how they are going to change into metric tools, if they are going to reimburse the various mechanics that have to change over to the metric conversion, whether it will be an income tax deduction or this type of thing?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, maybe my question should be to the Minister of Education then why are the schools buying them?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Well I would presume that we have metric nuts and bolts over there in regards to some old vehicles they're working on.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Clear. VHF Radio Communication System \$285,000.00. Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Does that mean now that all government vehicles are going to be equipped with VHF equipment? I am aware of some vehicles running around in the countryside, out in the country, summer and winter, and they are completely bypassed, installed VHF equipment in pool cars that sit around in the yard most of the time. The guy who is on the road and sometime has to rely on this type of equipment has nothing. So is it the intention of the government to install all vehicles with this equipment?

Mr. Miller: No, Mr. Chairman, it is not. The intention is to equip those vehicles which will be required to be in situations where they may need radio communication. Just because the vehicle does not have a radio, there are portables available and when people are heading into those situations, where there is a danger to their life, will be mobiles available for them to take with them.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'm wondering if it's the intention this summer to add an additional

tower on the Nahanni Range section. I wonder if this will be done so that we can get complete coverage on that road.

Mr. Miller: Just give me half a second, Mr. Chairman. There's nothing on this particular year's program, that I can see, which would indicate that there would be a change of either the terminal site or an additional site on Nahanni Range road.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Building Contingency Fund \$30,000.00.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Pre-engineering Territorial Projects \$100,000.00. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Does this involve engineering at our, strictly at the Territorial level or is this commission studies by consultants?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, this could be either. The majority of this is our own staff, but in certain instances we do use consultants to assist our people.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: For further clarification there. You say you use your own staff, do they not already get paid to do engineering?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we have Staff in the Highways Department that charge their time to the projects they are working on. If they are doing some pre-planning for a particular project, this is the area where they charge, prior to the project being approved for final design and construction.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: What man years would this be that are being, whose salaries are being charged for the project?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I refer you to page 90. We have a highway construction component of 10 permanent man years and 16 casual man years. The architectural section comprised of 8 man years.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Supplementary, all of these salaries that, 18 of them are charged into projects, am I to understand?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, they are either charged to the direct project on which these people are working or inspecting or when they are doing pre-

planning, they are charged to establishment 2910.

Mrs. Watson: They are then listed on the salaries and wages of any of the establishments on any of the highways?

Mr. Miller: No, Mr. Chairman, they are not.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I don't know whether this, it's probably not the right place to bring this up. In fact I couldn't find any place to actually bring it up in here. In the engineering designs, of course, in water works, pipe lines and welding and this and that, does the government have a steam inspector in the Territory and also a welding inspector. Has there been any thought of one being in the Territory?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we do not have a steam boiler inspector on our staff. We have tried to hire one, at least four occasions, have been unable to do so. We bring in every summer a qualified steam boiler inspector, from one of the provinces, who tours the Territory and does the inspections that are necessary.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: And the welding inspector, for instance?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there are no welding inspections carried out by the Territorial Government.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: I would like a little further clarification on that hundred thousand dollar pre-engineering. What projects have you got in mind, how did you arrive at a hundred thousand dollar figure?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the hundred thousand dollars figure has been one that has been in the budget for at least six consecutive years. Experience has just indicated that is approximately what we spend. This year to date, if you will just give me a half a second, I will tell you what we spent in this area. To date we have only spent \$41,000, that was I am sorry, the end of January, so there would be two further months and that is when most of the pre-planning is done.

Mr. Lengerke: Supplementary Mr. Chairman, what was \$41,000.00 for, what was it charged against?

Mr. Miller: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I don't have the details.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Further to the welding inspector I would ask, for instance, we take the new building, the new federal building, just how - Capital building, yes, how do you go about inspecting the main water lines and all the main pipelines in there, who does the inspection if

we don't have an inspector and there is none in the territory, do you have one come in and inspect this type of work?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, if there is a steam boiler installation being installed, then the steam boiler inspector would inspect the total system. Not just the boiler but the welding of the pipes and this type of thing as well, the valves.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller what would be the pre-engineering costs have run to on the proposed school in Riverdale that was never built?

Mr. Miller: It seems to me Mr. Chairman that we expended some fifteen thousand dollars in pre-planning that particular project.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Just a supplementary to the Honorable Member from Hootalinqua. I think what he is concerned is when there is also some structural welding being done there, and I think he is actually concerned if this was ever inspected by any welding inspector?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I am not aware of an individual called a welding inspector. There are structural engineering inspectors, there are all different other types on this particular project, if you are referring to the Territorial Administration Building. The inspections were carried out by our project manager on the job. They were also carried out by the architect, they would be carried out by the City Building Inspector. That is the type of inspection that they get.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Back to preparation of plans and specifications for Territorial Buildings and road construction projects. Mr. Miller wouldn't it be the rule, or is it the rule, to charge these to specific projects? In other words, if you are going to have pre-engineering done on a project, isn't it charged to the project? At least this is usually the usual way of doing it. Wouldn't that charge appear against the project?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the reason we do it this way, many department heads come up with proposed projects, which they would like to get an indication of cost before they come to Council to get vote authority to proceed with that project. This is where we charge that type of pre-planning. It is very basic type of planning.

For example, the Riverdale School, we hired an architect for the proposed Riverdale School to do some basic layouts. He was not doing any detailed design, it was strictly basic layouts. That is where we charge it. Once we get to detail design, it is charged to the individual project.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Or if that project was followed through then the total cost would go towards that pro-

ject, would it not?

Mr. Miller: No, Mr. Chairman, we would not go back into this area and find out what proportion of this was applicable.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Robert Campbell Bridge, \$60,000.00. Mr. Miller, I wonder, I am sure Committee would be interested to know the total cost of replacement of the Robert Campbell Bridge and what portion is being paid by the various governments involved, and if this would include the cost of the Bailey Bridge, both its construction and its removal?

Mr. Miller: I would be happy to tell Committee Mr. Chairman. The total cost of the bridge was 2,156,166.00. The federal government is paying \$1,436.00 towards that cost - \$1,436,000.00. The City of Whitehorse is paying \$155,000.00 and the territorial government is coming up with the \$660,000.00. That includes the placing of the original Bailey Bridge, the removal of the old bridge, the building of the new bridge and the removal of the Bailey.

Mrs. Watson: In the \$2,650,000.00?

Mr. Miller: In the \$2,650,000.00.

Mr. Chairman: Clear? Four, one.

Reads clause 4.(1)

Mr. Chairman: Five, one.

(Reads clause 5.(1))

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, why is it necessary to have five, to say that this Ordinance shall come into force on the day of assent because, in fact, it would come into force on the day of assent. Why is it stated?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, if you look at the Bills as are presented to most Houses, you will find that there is an enacting section in the Bill, and really what it does is it clarifies for everyone the fact that the enactment in this particular case is on the day of assent. In other cases you will find in the Bills presented to the House various dates.

So, as a matter of principle in writing the Bills, we have adopted are coming into force section as an automatic feature so that there is never a question as to whether a Bill should have—whether it should come into effect on assent or on some other specified date.

(Mr. Chairman reads Preamble)

Mr. Chairman: Clear? I'll entertain a motion.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I would move that Bill Number 4 be reported out of Committee without amendment.

Hon. Mr. Lang: I second that.

Mr. Chairman: A seconder?

It has been moved by Mrs. Whyard, seconded by Mr. Lang, that Bill Number 4 be moved out of Committee without amendment. Are you ready for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Chairman: Are you in agreement?

Some members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: The motion is carried.

(MOTION CARRIED)

Mr. Chairman: I will declare a brief recess.

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Mr. Chairman: I will call the Committee to order. We will proceed with the clause by clause reading of Bill Number 5. One, one.

(Reads Clause 1 (1))

Mr. Chairman: Two, one.

(Reads Clause 2 (1))

Mr. Chairman: Two.

(Reads Clause 2(2))

Mr. Chairman: Three, one.

(Reads Clause 3(1))

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, then whole amount two million, six hundred and fifty thousand dollars is for municipalities. And actually we've just made a provision for borrowing money to finance community improvements outside of municipalities, but we're not in fact borrowing money for that purpose.

Mr. Miller: No. Mr. Chairman, basically the \$2,650,000.00 is for the total borrowing needs attached to the Community Assistance Program. In this particular case we have not had from the municipalities any firm indication of what they're going to need, so we put the same figure in. But it doesn't mean that's what they are going to draw down.

Mr. Chairman: Four, one.

(Reads Clause 4 (1))

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: I'd just would like to go back to what the Honourable Member from Klwane asked isn't there a limit in the municipalities can borrow anyway? Maybe you could explain as to how much the City of Dawson and Faro and Whitehorse can borrow?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the municipalities of Dawson and Whitehorse have restrictions on the total amount that they can borrow under the Municipal Ordinance. I can't give you the exact figure on that at the moment. The Town of Faro does not have the same restriction, again that's given to them under the Municipal Ordinance.

Mr. Berger: A supplementary but it is, I believe it would never cover the total amount that we're talking about in this Bill right now.

Mr. Miller: That's correct, Mr. Chairman, the municipalities borrowing power is far in excess of this.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Five, one.

(Reads Clause 5(1))

Mr. Chairman: Clear? Six, one.

(Reads Clause 6 (1))

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Seven, one.

(Reads Clause 7 (1))

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Legal Advisory or Mr. Miller could probably explain that a little further I think.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I think it's a fairly simple thing. What we're saying is that if a municipality repays the loan to the Territorial Government, that does not invalidate the a by-law which the municipality may have passed to collect taxes with which they were to repay that loan.

Mr. Lengerke: Clear, Mr. Chairman thank you, I just wanted to emphasis that.

Mr. Chairman: Eight, one

(Reads Clause 8 (1))

Mr. Chairman: Nine, one.

(Reads Cause 9 (1))

Mr. Chariman: Ten, one.

(Reads Clause 10 (1))

(*Reads Preamble*)

Mr. Chairman: I'll entertain a motion.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman I would move that Bill Number 5 be reported out of Committee with amendment.

Hon. Mr. Lang: I second that

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. McKinnon, seconded by Mr. Lang, that Bill Number 5 be moved out of Committee without amendment. Are you ready for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Chairman: Are you in favour?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Motion carried.

(*Motion carried*)

Mr. Chairman: We will now return to page 104 of the Main Estimates. Expenditures Loans to Third Parties \$2,650,000.00. Land Development \$2,623,000.00, \$5,273,000.00. Clear

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Recoveries third party loans \$5,273,000.00. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Loan Amortization. Territorial Amortized Loans, interest \$199,500.00, principal \$282,800.00, total \$482,300.00.

Mr. Chairman: Clear? Self amortized Loans, Interest \$376,900.00. Principal, \$184,700.00. Total: \$561,600.00. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Total amortization \$1,043,900.00. Clear? Recoveries—

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in as much as we

are now going into Revenue and Recovery, in as much as the first item is Tax Revenue, perhaps this would be the appropriate time to deal with Motion Number Two.

Mr. Chairman: That is the intention of the Chair, Mr. Taylor. Thank you.

Some Member: This is Bill Number One.

Mr. Chairman: I will come up under Property Tax. Page 106, Revenue--Tax Revenue, \$6,745,000.00. I refer you to page 107 for the further details and at this time, I will introduce Motion Number Two. It was moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, "That subject to section 50 (2) of the Taxation Ordinance, it is hereby moved that the general purpose mill rates will be increased by ten mills over the rate in effect for the 1975 taxation year to 22 mills for the 1976 taxation year".

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, as mover of the Motion, I would like to open debate on the subject. I am sure all members will realize the seriousness and importance of this resolution and will be debating in a cool, calm and rational, unemotional manner as we always do around this table, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, the purpose of the Motion is, of course, to raise revenue for the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Yukon Territory. Mr. Chairman, I believe, and I have stated on many occasions, and I think that my colleague, the elected members on the Executive Committee and in fact I am sure the Commissioner and the appointed members of the Executive Committee will admit that the budget in front of you, as presented, has an awful lot of political input from the elected members on the Executive Committee in it.

We happen to feel that it is probably the most responsible budget that has been presented and will be presented before a Legislative Assembly in Canada this year. We believe it is a budget which shows that the people of the Yukon and the Government of the Yukon are responsible people. It shows more than this, Mr. Chairman.

It shows that we have taken up the argument that the Federal Government have always thrown and challenged people of the Yukon Territory that they would have to buy their way into Confederation, that until they showed that they were fiscally responsible, that there would be no way, shape or form that they could approach the Federal Government in an attempt to gain responsible government and get well on the road to provincial status.

This, of course, is marked in obvious contrast to the way that other provinces were wooed and wined and dined into Confederation. Be that as it may, this Executive Committee and this House over the period of years that I have been here, has taken the responsible, sensible attitude that if that was the price tag, that we were going to have to pay for our Democratic rights, then that was the responsibility that we would undertake and that is the route that we could go.

So, as the Commissioner, in his opening address to this Assembly and the Budget Address, was capable of

saying that in the field of fiscal responsibility, we are in far better shape than most—all of the other provinces who, of course, have full provincial status within the Canadian Federal system.

There are programs in the budget, Mr. Chairman, which are a direct result of the political input of the people of the Yukon Territory and none of us make any apology for them in any way, shape or form and none of us make any apology in any way shape or form of what those new programs on behalf of all the people of Yukon Territory mean in the field of taxation.

We are behind in Home Owners Grant. We feel that once you destroy the backbone of the Yukon, the middle class, home owner, tax payer, that you have destroyed the Yukon as we know it. Too long, the people who have been trying to make their way in society without any help in any way, shape or form by any level of government has been ignored. It's always pay, pay, pay, pay through the nose, pay for every crackpot program that the Federal Government authorities can thrust upon the people of the Yukon Territory, pay through the nose and keep trying to meet the rising cost of inflation and try to raise a family in the Yukon Territory.

Every area of the Yukon where a home owner, tax payer lives will be benefited by the Home Owners Grant, some more than others. Those benefiting more are at a much higher taxation rate than those who will benefit less. The fact of the matter remains, that most home owner tax payers, except those who are fortunate enough to be assessed at such a low rate of taxation that they don't have the tax burdens thrust upon them as other members of the Yukon society. All those people will be helped by the Home Owners Grant.

Mr. Chairman, for the total number of programs, television to the smaller communities at \$100,000.00 a year, a better mosquito control abatement program that will double because we feel that is one of the other areas in which program improvements should be made. To meet the total rising cost of inflation, there are taxations and for the new programs that I have mentioned, taxation measures in the field of insurance premium tax, in the field of liquor, in the field of tobacco, in the field of minimum tax on properties and in raising of the property tax outside of municipalities which will bring a total of \$800,000.00 into the coffers of the Yukon which will allow us to not lose to any degree the programs that are already in effect, but maintain them at the levels they are and introduce these new programs that we felt were necessary and desirous by the majority of the Yukon people.

In the field of property tax, we are looking at a change of approximately \$480,000.00. Approximately \$200,000.00 of that, Mr. Chairman, will come from the increase on minimum taxes from \$25.00 to \$100.00. Mr. Chairman, the people who have been paying \$25.00 as a minimum tax have been getting away on the backs of the other tax payers of the Yukon with a free ride far too long.

Mr. Chairman, \$25.00 in this day and age doesn't even—you might as well not even waste the time of sending out the tax notice and doing the collection. The City of Dawson in their wisdom after appealing to myself to change the Municipal Ordinance saw fit to raise their minimum tax from \$25.00 to \$120.00. The reason was

obvious.

There were thousands of properties in Dawson being held on to for a conversation piece for \$25.00 a year minimum tax and I remember so vividly a person, an American person, coming to my office and saying, I want to sell several of my properties in Dawson City to a person. Is there any stipulation against an American citizen selling to another person?

I checked with Mr. Legal Advisor. I thought I gave him the right answer. I said no, as far as I know, there is nothing at all. If you have title to that property, you can go ahead and sell and so he thanked me very much and I said by the way, how many properties do you have in Dawson City. He says, oh I have got 56 of them, right now. I said that's great, what do you pay? He says, oh, \$25.00 a year. That's a hell of a deal. Best deal I've ever had in my life. I said what would you do if they were raised to \$50.00? He said, well, I would probably still keep them because I think they would be pretty valuable. I said, what if we raised them to \$75.00? He says, oh, I would have to think a little bit then. I said, what about if you raised them to \$100.00? He says, well, Dawson City would have 56 more properties on the market for development in Dawson City. That's exactly what's happened where the Territorial Government is being pressured year after year to develop more land at the cost to the tax payer and land is sitting vacant that should be used and isn't being used because anybody will hang on to a piece of property for \$25.00, Mr. Chairman.

You know it and I know it and everybody here knows it and this even applies Mr. Chairman, to people who are squatting on Crown Land that have been found by the squatter spotter and have improvements. They now get a \$25.00 tax on their improvements. So, you know, isn't that ridiculous. \$2.50 a month to be able to squat on Crown Land in the Yukon Territory.

I have had it in my office since it came up, that you know we were going to raise it to \$100.00. They say what a raw deal. I said, you know, I really can't sympathize with you. Even though some of us who are fortunate enough before the Federal policy that you had to go into a cottage subdivision, we were fortunate enough to have a little property, ours goes up to a \$100.00 too you know but that's still a pretty darn cheap rate to be able to have a lease and to be able to have a cabin on a piece of Crown Land.

So, Mr. Chairman, you know, if we are going to go down the pipe because of the increase on minimums, I have problems accepting that. Another approximately \$250,000.00 will be raised by the ten mill increase on general purposes mill rate taxation. That's broken down, Mr. Chairman, into improved homes, 42,226, but those improved homes, of course, will benefit back from the Home Owners Plan. So, in essence, they will end up ahead of the game. So, I don't think we have to be too concerned about them. Their taxes go up. They get their rebate from the Home Owners Grant, so generally they are in a better tax position than they were prior to this budget being introduced to this House.

The mines will come out to \$159,034.00. We have discussed this before and I am not going to elaborate on it. You know, I can't shed too many crocodile tears. Like, my heart doesn't bleed when I see net profits of

\$20,000,000.00 in a bad year for our biggest mining company. Now, they are going to have to pay \$100,000.00 more in taxation to the Territorial coffers.

The fact of the matter is that under the system of government that we now have, that the only way that we can get into the resource extracting industries and I will argue forever and a day, that they are resources, they are Yukon's resources and we should be the primary beneficiaries of them, not the Federal Government. This is the only way we can at least be beneficiary in some small way and you know if that makes my anathema to mining companies and the mining lobby has already been up and calling names again, well that's fine, you know, I'll accept that. I won't feel badly about it at all in any way shape or form.

Mr. Chairman if the three producing mines, that's where \$159,000.00, \$160,000.00 of the tax money is coming from. It's strange you know, we have a mining company within the corporate limits of the municipality of the City of Whitehorse and they pay their full share of taxes and not 38 but 45 mills of taxation. Their books show that they lost \$700,000.00 last year, you know, and we don't hear the whining and the complaining and the bellyaching. All we hear from the mining company is that they're happy to be good, responsible tax paying citizens of the municipality of the City of Whitehorse.

We just want the other mining companies to feel the same way, that they are good, responsible tax paying citizens of the Yukon Territory. And I know that they'll welcome that attitude with open arms. Mr. Chairman. So what are we left with? We're left with business and commercial licenses with a 10 mill increase in the neighbourhood of some \$40,548.00. Let's break this down a little more, Mr. Chairman, just to see where this \$40,000.00 comes from.

There's two very obvious places where it's going to come from that are assessed at \$1,677,220.00, that, and maybe I shouldn't say this Mr. Chairman, might lose one more support, is the White Pass Rail and West coast Transmission Pipeline which will bring in \$8,386.10 of that money. You know the Westcoast Transmission Pipeline in our south-eastern corner and the White Pass Railway. I'm afraid I can't get too upset over that \$8,000.00 either.

The twenty-one business licenses that are assessed at \$1,871,560.00 which will bring in a total tax revenue of \$18,715.60. These are the big hotels along the Alaska Highway. I think West Tours is some \$250,000.00, the complex in Beaver Creek, an American organization where the buses roll in at night with the American old ladies, roll out the other day and it's all a very neat package operation. I can't lose too much sleep over that Mr. Chairman.

I've seen the liquor sales in some of the bigger hotels in the Yukon that will be affected by that. I think a brother of Danny knows of where I speak. If he's not making an awfully good living and lot of these people aren't making an awfully good living off of the volume of liquor that goes over their counters, then I invite them, if I am not here too much longer, to be invited to run a bar in those establishments, because I know the business. And if they are getting so poor a percentage out of the volume that they are selling, then they need some good bar management, some good hotel management people

within their operation.

So that leave us with 13 lodges with an assessment of \$505,830.00 we will bring in an increase out of that \$40,000.00, \$5,058.37 or an average of \$387.50 per lodge. These are the people that I agree with all members are the ones that are being hit harder than any other segment of the population. Maybe even television in the smaller communities won't help them stop their complaining about the increase in taxation and business licenses.

I have attempted on several occasions now Mr. Chairman, to hold out the olive branch to members to go through the licensing to see where we can change so that we can probably revert in tourist establishments, maybe, back to the original license, so they won't get a double license fee. It seems that people aren't interested in that, they'd rather score political points for these people.

And get into these, because it's the whole general area that we're talking about of licensing.

I received a letter from Watson Lake just the other day "We are ordinary working people and would like to lodge a strong protest with you concerning the increase in our insurance rates within one year. My husband has lived in Canada for some time while I immigrated from England last year. He bought an unfurnished, frame building which he converted into four small apartments and the insurance rates for the finished building were \$544.00 last year and this year were being asked to pay \$1,021.00 for the same coverage. I do not know how we will be able to pay this remarkable increase since our cost of living seems more each month not less".

And what are we doing with licenses, we're raising the insurance agents for resident fees from \$35.00 to \$70.00. Doesn't your heart just break and don't the tears just flow for what we're doing in the field of license rates, to physicians and surgeons, accountants, barristers and solicitors, the professional people, the big businessman. So we've got one area where I agree totally and wholeheartedly and I'm prepared to say that this Executive Committee is prepared to look in the field of the highway lodges and the smaller tourist establishments and leave their license rates where they were last year, because that's the guy if anybody and the only ones I can see from the complete and total break down of what I'm saying to this House, is going to suffer and really get it.

And not that much it's going to be \$387.50 averaged out, with approximately a \$100.00 in business fees so less than \$500.00. But let's look at that angle if that's the one that's really hurting.

Other than that, Mr. Chairman, I am proud of this budget, I'll defend this budget. I think it is a responsible budget. It's a budget I would not be scared in any way shape or form to tour the Yukon on an election about. And Mr. Chairman, if this government goes down to defeat on this budget, I really got to wonder about whether we're responsible enough for the total Executive Committee concept.

I will just tell you something about the Executive Committee concept and responsibilities. In the last House which was just racked with bitterness and personal vendettas and political plays and the whole bit, which this House, fortunately, hasn't been. Up to this

point, I congratulate all members, it has been pleasure working with you, no matter what happens.

In the last House there was occasion after occasion where, because a person wasn't here through sickness, that members who didn't agree with the political philosophy of people who were here, could have brought this government and the government that was here down over and over again. There were so many people who would come to me and say, why do you call yourself a politician, you just haven't got the propensity for the jugular, when you believe in something you gain power through whatever method you have to, you get up there and get into government.

Well, Mr. Chairman, even with the bitterness and rancour of that council, there were members who weren't that irresponsible because they believed so wholeheartedly in the concept of the Executive Committee in bringing responsible government to the Yukon.

I say to you, this is a responsible budget. I say to you that it hurts very little anybody. Its benefits are far more than any hurt that it causes. I would defend this budget at any time, and Mr. Chairman, in the true tradition of responsible government, if this budget, which my colleagues and I formed, are proud of, have presented, is defeated, then of course, someone else will have to prepare the next budget for the people of the Yukon Territory.

Thank You Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, as seconder of this motion I have nothing to apologize for. I think the key word here is responsible.

I think that most of us have been struck, in recent months, by the comparison between our neighbouring province, British Columbia and this territory. As far as fiscal responsibility goes, it was delightful a year or two ago, Mr. Chairman, to sit here and watch all the goodies being handed out down below. Now the chickens are coming home to roost and the people of British Columbia are in a very sad state.

I could not be part of any Executive Committee which foisted such a financial mess upon any resident of this territory. This is a pay as you go plan. There will be no recrimination. We are meeting our bills as we go. We are not going to find ourselves bankrupt six months from now because of the very wise planning which has been the theme in this territory for the last ten years.

There are some people, and I admit Mr. Chairman, it is very tempting to join their numbers, who say, why should you show responsibility when your neighbour to the east gets away with murder? When the increase in their budget this year, forty six million increase, Mr. Chairman, it is going to be picked up by the feds without a murmur. Why shouldn't you go head over heels, get in all the programs you want, and charge them to Ottawa, let them write it off. Why should we be picking up any part of the tab?

Mr. Chairman, the mover of this motion has already covered that ground pretty confidently. I am not ever going to agree that you have to buy your way into provincial status. I will admit that our performance, as

responsible citizens of this territory is what is going to get us there. If we show that with the minimal resources at hand we can do a good job of financing the costs of operating this territory, you get nothing but "A" for effort on that, Mr. Chairman.

When the crunch comes it is there, loud and clear, a big shiney "A" for effort. I just can't see any other way to operate. I don't think that any other members of Executive Committee would want to operate in any other way.

There have been times in those Executive Committee meeting when we have got pretty discouraged at the apparent lack of response or recognition to what we were trying to do. You have to write it off and just keep on going until you see that you are getting recognition. In this last budget, Mr. Chairman, we got it and in the Commissioner's opening address you read it.

I think it is the only way to go. If we aren't going to pay our own way, I don't want to be part of this government. I have no objection to paying a hundred dollars a year for the recreational lot that I am so happy to be able to use. I would like very much to have a Home Owner's Grant. I went home at noon and I found a fuel bill there for eighty-nine cents a gallon for fuel oil.

I think every home owner is going to be happy to get some relief. Eighty nine cents, eighty nine cents per gallon.

So as an average account paying citizen in the territory I am content to go on paying my fair share of operating the Yukon. That is why I am proud to second this motion, Mr. Chairman, and I hope there are enough members around this table willing to pull their weight to see that this budget sails though.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I don't have very much to add to what my two colleagues have said. I think they have said it well. They have said it clearly and they have said it bluntly and I personally will not take part in the government which is not prepared to pay its way and I think we can.

I would like to say that in looking at the Tax Bills before you, I think that you are making a very major decision and it is going to form the direction which Yukon is going to take for many years to come and that is either the elected members of Yukon are going to govern Yukon or else the appointed members which seem to always come from Riverdale will be running the Government of the Yukon Territory as a liaison agent through Ottawa.

I think this is a very real thing. I think we have been confronted with the problem here in the last month, the change in the Commissioner and various other appointments that have been made in the last little while and I think every member, when they are looking at this increase in mill rate, which as the Honourable Minister of Local Government has pointed out, is going to help, it's going to far exceed any harm that is done, especially in light of the fact, that we, as an Executive Committee, are prepared to evaluate the business licences.

So I say on sitting down, Mr. Chairman, that the only way I will be a part of this government is with the philosophy that we as a government are prepared to pay

our own way.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I have listened with great interest to the comments and I commend the members of the Executive Committee on the manner in which they have made their presentation today. They have worked long and they have worked hard on this budget and certainly they are fully acquainted with all the ramifications that apply to it.

The Honourable Minister of Local Government has given us some figures in relation to where and from what taxes these revenues will come. I am a little concerned in that I am unsure from the statement of all three of our Ministers that they talk about the failing of the budget. I am unsure as to whether they are saying that if you don't pass this budget in total as is, that they consider that they do not wish any longer to be a part of the Government or whether they are saying that perhaps if you take away any segment of the budget, which has always been the prerogative of the House, if we - for instance, the Home Owners' Grant of \$400,000.00. If perhaps members or a majority of members were to say, well, perhaps this new program is one that we cannot afford to embark upon at this time, whether that would mean that they would no longer participate in Government as our representatives of this Legislature.

This is unclear to me and perhaps it is unclear to other members of the House. Perhaps this should be clarified. In respect to the suggestion in the budget that we have to pay our way, I agree and I think we have always agreed. We have got to pay our fair share of the load but perhaps we may disagree on just what our fair share of that load is.

We have talked about this in my experience in this Legislature for many, many years. When the Federal Government come and say to the people of Canada and the people of the Yukon, look what we are doing in the Yukon. Look at the deficit grant we are providing you in the Yukon and they don't outline to the people of Canada and to the people of the Yukon that indeed much of this so-called deficit grant is really a repayment for services by this Government to the Government of the Yukon Territory.

When I am asked on behalf of my constituents to consider the matter today and I believe we have covered a broad range of taxation, I think immediately to raise the mill rate across the Territory as contained in Motion Number 2 to twenty-two mills, raising it by 10 mills, I am troubled. I am troubled and I am troubled because I am getting a whole bunch of conflicting information. First I was told, as Committee were told some days ago, that there was no link between the Home Owners' Grant and the raising of the 10 mill increase.

I heard on the media, a broadcast to this effect by the Honourable Minister of Local Government that, no, really this is not related at all. This could relate to liquor taxes. It could relate to anything. The first thing that happened today in this debate, the two were linked together by the Minister. When I learned the other day that the Department of Public Works were to release some 360 houses in the Whitehorse area, or some

number of this sort which I have not yet verified as to whether it is going to be done this year, but when I heard that this housing was to be release, I thought well perhaps, just perhaps, this is why the Home Owner's Grant is there. It's an added incentive perhaps to sell the houses. This I don't know. This is why questions are asked in this House and answers are given.

I still don't know whether this is going to occur or not but it makes me wonder who is really going to benefit from the Home Owner's Grant. I also must ask myself can I in conscience, on behalf of the people I represent in this Territory, assent to a 10 mill increase in taxes at this time when we are all faced with the inflationary spiral and I am not talking just alone of the people in the City of Whitehorse but I am talking of the people who live in the hinterland as well, who do not enjoy the same, perhaps facilities that are enjoyed in Whitehorse and I do respect the comments that the Honourable Minister has made in respect of the highway lodges, the people living in the smaller communities of the Yukon.

These people of course are raising revenues through the Territory, through the sale of fuel oil and this type of thing and there's very little we can return to them in the form of services. And I'm glad he recognizes this.

I am left with, in relation to this motion, left with the thought that I cannot support it. I'm also considering whether or not a increase in the mill rate a lesser measure than 10 mills could be considered, or should be considered.

I understand that within this budget we're budgeting for a very substantial budgetary surplus to perhaps I'm told, to rebuild our working Capital, which was diminished I believe as a result of the collective bargaining between the government and its employees last spring.

I'm having real difficulty in accepting new programs. The Home Owners Grant Program notwithstanding those very eloquent words spoken by the Minister. When you think of the poor little guy out in the hinterland, who I must think of. Who's having tough enough time now, his groceries are higher, his fuel is higher, I believe even in Whitehorse the Honourable Minister of Health has just informed us that she is now paying 80 some odd cents a gallon for her heating fuel. Well if she's paying 80 some odd cents, we've got to be paying a devil of a lot more than that in the hinterland.

So with the spiraling costs I cannot see how we can in fact, impose excessive taxation on the people of the Yukon. Now there is one part of the argument made by the Honourable Minister of Local Government which I think bears a great deal of merit and that is the basic \$100.00 in terms of taxation. I think that he makes, to me at least, a valid point. I don't know whether I'd get my hide ripped off me when I went home by agreeing to this, But perhaps I may agree. I'd like to hear more argument on that question.

But the first and the one item we're dealing with is whether or not, in fact, we're going to raise the taxes to the people of the Yukon, the general purpose tax level, by 10 mills. And unless I can find some more substantive argument for some of the reasons I have stated, Mr. Chairman, it is regrettable and, in terms of being, at-

tempting to be responsible, I still cannot support Motion Number 2 at this time, unless there is some argument presented at this table, which would cause me to change my mind.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, as the Honourable Member said, he would like it made clear and I think we should make it perfectly clear because there is no attempt at least by this elected member of Ex-Com to try to be anything but abundantly clear to all members around the table.

I've spent a lot of time both in the active political and in the study of politics through courses in Political Science. I consider this government to be a responsible government. I consider this budget to be our budget. It's the first tenet of any democratically elected responsible body, which I consider this one to be, that if their budget, that body's budget, fails then that body has no recourse in any way, shape or form but to let themselves know that they no longer have the confidence of the majority of the people and they are honour bound, they have no choice but, to resign. That's the point that I make and I don't make it with any rancor, any bitterness, as I've said before, you know the problems of Executive Committee both monetarily and time-wise are far more demanding than I met in other pursuits which were much more profitable to me. I've enjoyed doing this and I will enjoy going back to the other, if that is the case.

I cannot in any way, shape or form throw that basic tenet of democratic elected representation that I have been born and brought up to honour out the window, there's just no possible way. I have to, in my conscience, resign my seat if my budget is not accepted by the majority of the House; I have no choice in that in any way, shape or form and anybody who's even gone through a basic civics course or introductory course in political science knows whereof I speak and would have to answer in exactly the same way. So, just make it perfectly clear that is the way—

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: --this is our total budget.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, after listening to the debate this far, I have some very, very great concerns; some points are being brought up that I can't agree with at all, and I've had the feeling all day that I am being lectured.

If you do not agree you are not being responsible. I think every one of us around this House is endeavouring in our own way to be responsible - particularly responsible fiscally, but there are alternative methods of approaching it. Now the approach that the government has taken is a different approach than that which I would have taken.

Now, I have to assess to what degree I would have to compromise the alternative position that I would have taken. There's always, you could have gone the route of not introducing other new programs and taking out

older programs in order to come up with what you feel is such a dire necessity, the Home Owner Grant.

I wouldn't have gone the route of additional taxation if I could have possibly helped it. This, I think, is the one area that I have problems with. At this time, when everything is going up, the people are faced with additional taxation.

The other area that I did have great concern, when the Minister of Local Government, I think, is interpreting this whole thing in an incorrect way. He said, this is my budget. Now, this has been the problem with the structure that we have in this House. If the elected people on the Executive Committee were part of a group and I said it before, had a majority in this House and were able to have the input from these people before the final decisions are made, then if they are defeated, that group certainly, if their budget was defeated, then that group certainly would be looking for resignation.

But you people have not conferred in the first instance, have not been able to confer in the first instance because there isn't that party structure and until there is a party structure, I do not feel that a negative vote on a Tax Bill is necessarily a lack of confidence in the elected people on the Executive Committee. I think everyone around this table feels exactly the same way. We may not agree with the methods that you have used but I don't think that it is a lack of confidence.

If you had your group in here, that would be a different matter altogether. For this reason, I think we all feel quite free in voting the way we interpret the Legislation and the programs that have been brought down. Had we been members of a group who had determined the philosophy behind the programs and the Tax Bills, then I think you would have been bound into voting a certain way.

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

Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, since I have already gone on record that I just cannot support the Home Owner Grant Ordinance., and I tie it completely to Motion Number 2. I am sorry I can't support the Motion.

If anybody has any doubt as to the tie in between these Ordinances, I just would read from the Commissioner's opening address in which he ties in the increased taxation on alcohol through the Alcohol Program and he ties in the new tax on tobacco to the lack of health on the part of people who smoke and he says we will be asking for a resolution to permit an amendment to the Taxation Ordinance to increase the general purpose mill rate outside of municipalities by 10 mills to a total of 22 mills with a minimum of \$100.00 annually.

The major share of this tax will be borne by the resource industries. Much of it will be distributed to the Yukon Home Owner's through a mechanism which will be described later. So, obviously the Commissioner himself has tied these two measures together and as I have said before, I can't support the increase in this taxation to support a Home Owner's Grant at this time. I don't think the time is right for this particular kind of an ordinance and when the time is right, I hope we will have an ordinance where the Home Owner's Grant will be off the bottom and not off the top. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have reviewed a number of the budgets as put forth by various provincial jurisdictions and certainly in reviewing and looking at Yukons, I strongly feel or I feel very strongly that it is a responsible budget. I believe it is really indicative by our exercise in going through the budget that, you know, no major amendments were made to it. For that matter, no minor adjustments were really made to it.

I believe, as I said when I spoke on Bill Number 6, that to me the budget is responsible. It opens the door for a number of opportunities in this area of responsible territorial fiscal policies and still allows a flexible or a flexibility to provide some relief to those areas or groups that have been identified to be indeed needy of consideration and I know that we would certainly take a look at that.

I know the government could have probably done this by other means more sophisticated and complex to increase the revenues but I commend them really, I commend them in doing so very openly in such a way that 65 to 70 percent of Yukon's population can indeed benefit and I think that really hits home with me.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I feel that I personally feel as the Honourable Member from Kluane that there is no lack of confidence in the Executive Committee if this Motion is defeated. But I, I also respect the strong opinions of the Executive Committee and will say no more on that.

In conclusion again, Mr. Chairman, I will be supporting Motion Number 2.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I just wish to rise and comment on some of the remarks that the Honourable Member from Kluane and this is not a lecture. Do I have a time limit?

Mr. Chairman, the comment that attracted my attention was that if we had brought this budget in, masked behind a political party to support it and vote it through this House, there would have been no problem. That's the comment that I resent Mr. Chairman, because this Executive Committee is being honest and upright and absolutely open in its attempt here to bring forth programs that we think the Yukon needs, and methods of raising the money to pay for those programs. We are not hiding behind any political members who have to vote in line with what we tell them.

The reason we are here in Ex. Comm. is because we were named to these positions by our fellow members of this Assembly. All of them agreed at the time that we were doing it on a non-political basis and we asked to take these positions because of some inferred trust on the part of the rest of the members. I am not going to wait until there is an organized party that is going to support the budget I bring into this House, Mr. Chairman.

If the members from every part of this Yukon do not feel that it is a good budget, they are certainly free to vote the way they want to vote.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have been from the start, very confused as to what Motion I was even voting on and I don't think I am confused now. I think we are working on Motion Number 2 which is the 10 mills. I have heard so many other things brought into the argument that I am just wondering for sure if this is the one. Because I am in agreement with some Motions and some of the Ordinances that are in this House, in fact, quite a few of them, but there are some that I am not agreeable with. This is one, Motion Number 2. I am not agreeable with.

As for Bill 11, I am very agreeable with it. In fact, I think I was one of the first ones to bring it up here that it should be done in this House before, that the minimum tax be increased. I am very glad that the government has seen fit to do this. On the other hand, the 10 mills is going to be hardship on the people that I represent and many others in the Yukon. I just can't vote for it because this is not all we are looking at in the outside areas. We are looking at 10 mills here, but we are also looking at any sewer, water or anything that is put in those places, which we don't have in many places today, will be paid for with some more mills added to our taxes.

There is no doubt that if we get a small sewage lagoon or anything else in Teslin or anywhere, our mill rate is going to go up again and it's not on here.

Hon. Mr. Lang: What do you think we did in Whitehorse? Get it free?

Mr. Chairman: Order please.

Mr. Fleming: If the Honourable Member doesn't mind too much, I am not speaking of Whitehorse. I am mentioning the outside territories and this is what is going to happen there. So, therefore, I just can't vote to raise the taxes on these people. As far as the Home Owners Grant, which I don't know why I am getting into it now, but everybody else has got into it too, because they seem to be tied together somewhere and there seems to be such a -- I don't know. The Government seems to be just so possessed with the idea that the Home Owners Program has to go through for these people in this House is not even supporting them in anything.

Now, I can't understand this because the Home Owners Program possibly would be a good thing, but in the sense that it is today in the Yukon, I see it another way and many other people do and based as it is on a -- so that the richer the people and the more -- the better home you own and everything and the more money you get, I just can't see that type of program.

If you want to compare it with B.C. or something, I will say this, that in B.C. we couldn't -- or if we tried to go the way B.C. is, we couldn't do it. I realize this, is this country. We don't have \$200.00 just to give to everybody, as it is there. But there must be some other way than taking and giving the little fellow \$10.00 and giving somebody else \$250.00. I can't go along with that and, of course, that isn't here in this vote right now I don't think anyway, but I will assure the members, our three Ministers, that I am behind you in everything you have done.

But on the other hand, I must ask myself what am I here for, if I don't represent the people that put me here and if I can't vote their way without you just saying that I have no confidence in you whatsoever on one tax bill, I just can't help it. I will have to vote against it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I am very disappointed to hear the remarks that have been spoken in the last few minutes. I think that it is very evident that we have brought in some new programs, the Home Owner Program, which is going to help fill lunch buckets to the guy that's paying the bills and if there happens to be an individual in Teslin who has built his home, owns his home, doesn't have the subsidized housing, which apparently is not well built, but owns his own home, he will get the rebate and it will not effect him in any way. In fact, he will probably get more back than what he has in the past.

I think, Mr. Chairman, if you'll look at our budget, I think it's a very basic philosophy of budgeting, at least in my experience it is. It's the way I budget at home. I have so much money and I try to keep so much money in the bank in my savings account just in case something happens which is not expected.

Mr. Chairman, we are budgeting for our working capital that was sadly depleted last year. In fact, my understanding is the philosophy was put forward prior to even some of us going into the Executive Committee. That's not very long ago.

I would like to say, Mr. Chairman, in my Department alone I'm looking forward to probably a half a million to three-quarters of a million dollars resulting from the negotiations with the Y.T.A. That is just beginning. Also I will be looking for monies for school programs in regards to the maintenance of the schools; that will have to come out of the Working Capital. So this increase in the 10 mills, the tax on the alcohol, the tax on the tobacco, are all there for the general purposes of replenishing the Working Capital and at the same time supply T.V. to the outside communities and the Home Owner Grant to the guy who is paying the bills. And if you look in here, Mr. Chairman, you have Watson Lake 90 owner residents for an average rebate of \$130.00. Dawson City, we have 174 homes, we have two members representing Dawson City here, a average rebate \$143.00.

I think this is very real, Mr. Chairman, that these programs we've brought forth is to enrich the lives of Yukoners and at the same time help them pay bills which I think is a very important part of life.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, just briefly, I think the Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare took a completely wrong interpretation of what I was saying. What I said was, the situation here was quite unique that we do not have your support within your House. Now if you did have that support and you can call it a degrading political party as a front, I don't agree with you. I think a party system is a good thing, but we don't have that situation. If we did have the party situation, you did have a group supporting you and money

bills were defeated, then you would have no alternative but to resign.

But the situation here is we have three people in the government side who don't have an opportunity to confer with the group who shares their principles and their philosophies, before the fact rather than after. You haven't had that opportunity ahead of this budget. I just don't think anyone denies that a great effort has been made and a great deal of responsibility is shown in the compiling of the budget. I do object to the insinuations that the rest of us, because we do not agree with the alternative methods that you have used, are being irresponsible. I don't think anyone can deny, with the criticism I have made here in the House of this budget, there would be programs out of there, quite a few of them.

Now, it's easy enough to stand up here and make this criticism rather than when you're faced with a decision. But I don't think you can deny and we do not feel, I don't think any of us feel, that you have not been competent and have not worked for the good of the Territory. Likewise I don't think because we are not supporting some of these Bills that we are irresponsible.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: With respect, Mr. Chairman, I'm sure I didn't call other members irresponsible. But my point of view, Mr. Chairman, and it remains unchanged, is that when we put this budget together we were thinking in terms of all Yukoners. The duty of each of the individual members around this table, and it's very obvious because they carry it out so well, is to represent their constituents as a portion of the pie.

This Committee which has put together the budget is looking at the whole circle, not segments of the circle or how they're going to react. But the overall benefit of the entire profit. We are not looking at the budget in terms of how it will affect six highway owners, we are not looking at the budget from the point of view of the mine owners, we are not looking at the budget from only the point of view of people who are going to have to pay an increased mill rate on Territorial Land. We are looking at the overall total in this budget. We have put it together, Mr. Chairman, in the best way that we know how to benefit the most people. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I just simply wanted to rise and state that I am still disturbed over the attitude as taken by our Ministers who, as I say, I have the utmost confidence in and I think they have done a real super job. For some strange reason, and it is almost colonial in nature, they seem to refuse to accept the possibility that perhaps other members of the House, still having confidence in them and in the bulk of their budget, might wish to suggest alternatives and they are not willing to listen to alternatives. This is the impression I am getting. They are just simply stating, you know, here is the ball, here is the game, if you don't play it our way we take the ball and we go home. I stated that before and that is the attitude I am getting. I find it

really, really distressing.

I think that, for instance, we did not choose by majority to accept the ten mill increase, this would mean a loss of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in revenue; but if, indeed, we accepted, from the figures we have just received today, the content of Bill Number 11 we would be raising two hundred thousand dollars. If we lost the Home Owners' Grant, which was going to cost us four hundred thousand dollars, and deferred it over a year until everybody could maybe think about it a little bit more and maybe we might be in a better fiscal and financial position to offer this system, great, we would still be ahead of the game in a sense by two hundred thousand dollars, by which we could perhaps fund the remedial tutor program or something and get another one of these programs on the road.

I am only suggesting that we, today, are sitting around here getting figures thrown at us quite quickly that the government have had in their heads for a year and perhaps two years as they constructed the budget.

The bulk of the budget, we agree with. Perhaps there are elements of taxation that we cannot agree with, and cannot agree with for good reason. I really would ask that the Honourable Members and the Honourable Ministers of this House who, as I say, I have the utmost confidence in, would respect the fact that individual members, collectively or individually, do have alternatives. We have got to make these propositions off the top of our head at a table this afternoon, it is difficult. As I stated before, I still, though I have confidence in the Ministers, cannot support the content of Motion Number 2. Perhaps I will support Bill Number 11, I have not yet made that decision. Number 2 I can't.

Mr. Chairman: Before I call the question, I will declare a brief recess.

(RECESS)

Mr. Chairman: I now call this Committee to order. Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have to agree with the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua; I am sort of confused, too, about the outcome of this debate. I thought we were debating Motion Number 2; taxation came in, the licence thing came in, Home Owners' Grant came in, which are all different subjects.

I am quite willing to sit down with the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre to discuss licensing and other subjects on another day. Right now, what we are discussing, as far as I am concerned, is Motion Number 2.

I think this is where the emphasis should be lying. I also have to join the choir of voices saying they have all the confidence in the Ex-com members in what they are doing up 'til now. I feel very strange when you are threatening me and other members with their resignation because of Home Owners' Grant not going through and criticism in other areas.

I think the important fact is that we are just discussing Motion Number 2. I have to rise in favour of Motion Number 2 because I think it is high time that some of the L.I.D.s are contributing more to what they are receiv-

ing.

I also have to suggest to the Honourable Minister of Local Government that I think, with raising the taxation, I would suggest give them more authority in the L.I.D.s on where their money is going to go. I would suggest create municipal statutes in the L.I.D.s and make them fully responsible for what goes on there.

I think in that respect we can sell this with no problem whatsoever.

I have nothing against this; I want to make it clear, I am only talking about Motion Number 2, nothing else.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Motion Number 2. We seem to be, as usual, acting like irresponsible grown-ups playing around with other matters of no concern in Motion Number 2. There are two points that I would like to pick up on that some of the Honourable Members seemingly wanted to discuss. One is attitude. The Honourable Member from Watson Lake talked about attitude. Attitudes of elected representatives, working as Executive Committee Members, I take the opposite view of the Honourable Member. I know what the Executive Committee has to go through when he has to formulate something that they have to present to somebody else.

I am involved in a very similar type of practise. When I formulate contracts and put it in front of a group of people with my recommendation I am hoping that they accept it, because if it is turned down, I am gone. When you do a lot of research and put facts and figures together that governs people's lives for a period of time you have to know what you are doing and all the importance that is attached to it.

When we hear the Honourable Minister from Local Government recommending, and the amount of work that they have put into a budget that was presented to us, and taking a stand behind it, I support him one hundred percent because he believes in what he is doing.

As far as attitudes, maybe we should take a look at ourselves. I think we have been here, approximately four weeks. My question is what have we accomplished? All we are doing is whining, crying, complaining instead of doing what we were elected to do, act responsibly. I don't think we even know what the word is.

I support this motion number 2. At this point I will call question.

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Chairman: Are you ready for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West that subject to Section 50 (2) of the Taxation Ordinance, it is hereby moved that the General Purposes Mill Rate will be increased by ten mills over the rate in effect for the 1975 taxation year, to 22 mills for the 1976 taxation year.

Are you ready for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Chairman: All those in favour? Please indicate by raising your hand.
Contrary?
The motion is carried.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Chairman: we will now proceed Property Tax and Bill Number 11.
One.

(READS CLAUSE 1)

Mr. Chairman: Two.

(READS CLAUSE 2)
Mr. Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Just one simple question, maybe too simple. It is my understanding the size of the property doesn't make any difference. Some of the properties could be one acre and some of them could be ten acres, the minimum tax is only \$25.00 up to now, isn't that correct?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, if I understood the question correctly, our Ordinance now reads in the areas outside of municipalities the minimum tax is \$25.00, the amendment is to take it to a hundred, but the municipalities have had the right to increase the minimum tax to a hundred dollars.

Mr. Berger: A supplementary, Mr. Chairman, irregardless of what size the property is. It could be one acre or ten acres?

Mr. Miller: That is correct, Mr. Chairman. What we are talking about is a parcel of land regardless of size.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I was just looking for my Taxation Ordinance and I can't put my hand on it, but this amendment is worded differently than the one in the Taxation Ordinance. I asked the question before whether this does in fact included school taxes and I was assured that it did, but I believe that the original in the Tax Ordinance did specify.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the original Taxation Ordinance included a provision whereby the minimum tax was split equally between General Purpose and School. That provision was taken out of the Taxation Ordinance and in fact what happens now is that the municipalities pay a school tax to the Territorial Government on their total assessable property.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I would just like to make one point Mr. Chairman that the breakdown of people who would be paying his taxes show that a total of \$133,158.00

of the \$195,000.00 to be raised by this tax will be on 1,873 properties which are unimproved, which means that they are sitting there generally by absentee owners doing nothing but gathering dust and land alienated from other Yukoners attempting to get land.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I don't think this has to be stressed with respect to this particular Bill that by increasing, from the \$25.00 to the \$100.00, certainly in a Territory, in municipalities, where land is -- the people are crying out for land, this certainly would open up that area because people can sit on lots and acreages forever and a day just by paying the \$25.00. I think that this is certainly indicative of some responsible actions on the part of any legislative body such as ours to go with this. I am strictly in favor of this Bill.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I notice the Honourable Minister of Local Government told us that -- I wonder if there are any figures available on how much land is there involved, like the area?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, we didn't break it down into the area of land. I don't know and I would have to ask Mr. Assistant Commissioner whether that would be possible or not.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, it would be possible but it would be a horrendous job because we would have to go back and total 1,873 properties to find out how much land was involved.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I must rise in support of this Bill and I would like to ask a question. This is the minimum tax payable and hopefully, I am not suggesting, but hopefully a larger area of ground could be taxed more. In other words, I will give you an example of a lot that is outside the municipalities and just somewhere that has been given a title to many years ago and there is a taxation of \$100.00 on it. That is the minimum.

Then possibly a lot that has been the same thing, obtained years ago and is say 15, 20 acres or 5 acres or 6 acres, the government will be able to assess that and charge more taxes for that property, I would presume.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the basic methodology used in the taxation is to take the assessed value of the property and apply the mill rate to it. So, what we are talking about here is property which has an assessed value of under \$3,800.00 at 38 mills. Now, you will probably still have fairly large parcels of land within the Territory because of the low land values that are often attached to these parcels, which will have a land value of less than \$3,800.00 in terms of assessment, that they will then pay the minimum tax of \$100.00.

Chairman reads preamble.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I never thought I would get the chance to do this. I would like to report Bill Number 11, reported out of Committee without amendment.

The Chairman: You would like to move.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I would like to move Bill Number 11.

Mr. Lengerke: I second that.

The Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. McKinnon, seconded by Mr. Lengerke that Bill Number 11 be moved out of Committee without amendment. Are you ready for the question?

Some Members: Question.

The Chairman: Are you in favor?

Some Members: Agreed.

The Chairman: The Motion is carried.

Motion Carried

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

Mr. Lengerke: I second that.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. 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 in favour?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Motion carried.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Speaker Resumes the Chair.

Mr. Speaker: At this time I will call the House to order.

A report from the chairman of committees.

The Chairman: Yes, Mr. Speaker, Committee convened at 10:40 a.m. to discuss Bills; Sessional Papers and a Motion. Mr. Miller and Mr. Williams were present as witnesses during Committee's review of Bill Number 2. The Committee recessed at 12 noon and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

The Committee read Bill Number 4, it was moved by Mrs. Whyard, seconded by Mr. Lang, that Bill Number 4 be reported out of Committee without amendment and this motion was carried.

The Committee then read Bill Number 5. It was moved by Mr. McKinnon, seconded by Mr. Lang, that

Bill Number 5 be reported out of Committee without amendment. This motion was carried.

Committee then considered Motion Number 2, following considerable discussion this motion was carried.

Committee read Bill Number 11. It was moved by Mr. McKinnon, seconded by Mr. Lengerke, that Bill Number 11 be reported out of Committee without amendment and this motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Lengerke that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and this motion was duly 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 pleasures? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

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

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

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

(Motion Carried)

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

ADJOURNED

