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

(Prayers)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Speaker: We will proceed with the Order Paper this morning, and I would like you to note that there is an error on Hansard. It is to read Tuesday, not Thursday, November the 2nd.

Are there any tabling of documents? Are there any Reports of Committees? Petitions? Are there any Introduction of Bills?

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

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

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, for leave to introduce the following Bills: Electrical Protection Ordinance; an Ordinance respecting the Institute of Chartered Accountants; an Ordinance to Amend the Insurance Premiums Tax Ordinance.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, for leave to introduce an Ordinance respecting the Institute of Chartered Accountants, an Ordinance to Amend the Insurance Premium Tax Ordinance. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: When shall the Bill be read for the first time?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Now, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I move, Mr. Speaker, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that a Bill entitled Electrical Protection Ordinance be read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that a Bill entitled an Ordinance Respecting the Institute of Chartered Accountants be now read a first time. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the Motion carried.

(Motion carried)

Mr. Speaker: When shall the Bill be read for the first time? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that a Bill entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance be read a first time.

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

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

(Motion carried)

Madam Clerk: Bills 5 and 6 have now been read the first time.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that a Bill entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Justice of the Peace Ordinance be read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that a Bill entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Justice of the Peace Ordinance be now read a first time. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the Motion carried.

(Motion carried)

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded

by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek that Bill Number 1 be read a second time.

BILL NUMBER 1 - SECOND READING

Mr. Speaker: Just as guidance from the Chair, it would not be possible to give second reading — oh, pardon me, I'm sorry.

Perhaps I could draw to the Members' attention that it may be that you would wish to give at this time first reading to An Ordinance to Amend the Insurance Premium Tax Ordinance.

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that a Bill entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Insurance Premium Tax Ordinance be read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that first reading be given to An Ordinance to Amend the Insurance Premium Tax Ordinance.

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)

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that a Bill entitled An Ordinance Respecting the Institute of Chartered Accountants be read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: Madam Clerk, has that Bill now been read a first time?

Madam Clerk: Mr. Speaker, it is now being read.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that a Bill entitled An Ordinance Respecting the Institute of Chartered Accountants, be now read a first time.

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

(Motion carried)

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

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, for leave to introduce the following Bills: Insurance Ordinance, An Ordinance to Amend the Highways Ordinance; An Ordinance to Amend the Securities Ordinance.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, for leave to introduce An Ordinance to Amend the Highways Ordinance and An Ordinance to Amend the Securities Ordinance.

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the Motion carried.

(Motion carried)

Mr. Speaker: When shall the Bill be read for the first time?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Now, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that a Bill entitled Insurance Ordinance be read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that an Ordinance to Amend the Highways Ordinance be now read a first time.

Are you prepared for the question?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make a correction here. It's the Insurance Ordinance I'm asking to be read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It's been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that an Ordinance entitled the Insurance Ordinance be now read for a first time.

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I declare the Motion as carried.

(Motion carried)

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from

Whitehorse Porter Creek?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that a Bill entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Highways Ordinance be read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that a Bill entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Highways Ordinance be now read a first time.

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Motion carried.

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

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that a Bill entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Securities Ordinance be read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that An Ordinance to Amend the Securities Ordinance be now read a first time.

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the Motion carried.

Motion carried.

Madam Clerk: Bills 7, 8 and 9 have now been read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Introduction of Bills?

Are there any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers?

Are there any Notices of Motion or Resolutions?

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

NOTICE OF MOTION

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Speaker, Notice of Motion this morning, moved by myself, seconded by the Member

from Kluane, that WHEREAS the Yukon Legislative Assembly is desirous in knowing what exact policy of the Federal Government is with respect to economic and social development in the Yukon while the Native land claim settlement is in progress and pending BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development be requested to communicate to this Assembly an official statement of the Federal Government's policy for Yukon's economic and social development during the period of land claims negotiation and to clarify and state the goals desired thereafter.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, I have a Notice of Motion, moved by myself, seconded by the Member from Kluane, that WHEREAS a lengthy period of time has lapsed since the Yukon Territorial Government submitted the Position Paper entitled "Meaningful Government for all Yukoners" to the Federal Government BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development be requested to communicate forthwith to the Yukon Legislative Assembly the Federal Government's official reaction to the Position Paper and to specify what action, if any, from the Federal Government's point of view it deemed applicable at this time.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion or Resolution?

Are there any Statements by Ministers? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek?

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. Mr. Lang: I wish to notify the Legislature that the necessary financing has been received from Treasury Board for the remedial tutoring program to proceed for this forthcoming year.

Once the details have been worked out, I will bring the necessary information in for the Members.

Mr. Speaker: We will now proceed to the Question Period. Have you any questions this morning?

QUESTION PERIOD

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

Question re: Swine Flu Innoculations

Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Health regarding the swine flu inoculations. Is this program going to be in effect in the Yukon, and who will be receiving the immunizations?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: In reply to Dr. Hibberd's question, and for the information of all Yukoners, our latest information from the Federal Department of Health, which is in charge of this national program, is that it will proceed in the Yukon but not until later than originally anticipated because of a number of delays in the production of the materials required.

I would like to take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to clarify the background on this program in the Yukon. As most of you know, when this government was represented at a recent Provincial Ministers of Health Conference, the Yukon took the same position as Provincial Ministers regarding this program, and that was that it should not be administered until one case of this particular flu was identified somewhere in the world, and that the program would then move into action.

Unfortunately, the Federal Department did not agree with that stand and, after considerable later consultation, maintained that they would proceed to administer this program to all the people in their care.

In the Yukon, this highlighted one of our ongoing problems because in the Yukon the Federal Department is responsible for the health of native people. Your government was then placed in the position of saying, "We will not have this program for white people; we will only have it for natives because the Federal Government is going to administer it to natives".

Mr. Speaker, this kind of an approach is unacceptable to this Government. If there are any health measures being taken for the protection of people in the Yukon, they will be for all people of the Yukon, and we therefore had to make this position clear to the Federal Government and abandon our support of the Provincial Ministers, in effect.

I may say, Mr. Speaker, that at that time I took it upon myself to warn the Federal Departments of Health that, if they embarked upon this program without consultation with the native people, a program only for native people without their consultation and assent, it would be a very foolish way to proceed.

Ultimately, Mr. Speaker, we have agreed that this program will be made available to all Yukoners who wish to have this vaccination, in the age groups as advised by the medical authorities on the subject.

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

Question re: Transfer of Federal Health Facilities

Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Speaker, I have a further question for the Minister of Health.

I would inquire as to what is the status of transfer of the Federal health facilities to the Territorial Government. Are there negotiations going on between this government and the federal government? Is there a deadline now in existence for this to take place and, further, Mr. Speaker, I would like to know if the Yukon Medical Association, in their position of having considerable expertise in such matters, are being consulted with regard to this transfer of this jurisdiction?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I believe the last time that we reported to this House on the proposed transfer of delivery of health services was at the May Session and at that time we had reported that Mr. Fleming had been named as co-ordinator for the transfer by the Federal Department of Health.

Mr. Fleming made two trips to the Yukon during the summer. We met with him. In each case he had consulted the native groups prior to meeting with this government and, on the second visit to the Yukon, he had travelled to many of the native villages to ask the people there whether they would like to have the health transfer made.

He then compiled a report for his Minister. We were held in limbo until the Minister's return in September, late September, when the report apparently received some attention. Our Commissioner on two trips to Ottawa has attempted to expedite some kind of communication on this report and its recommendations.

We have now been informed that the report has been received. We do not know what is in it. We are led to believe that Mr. Fleming has concurred with our approach. There will be further consultations with the native people regarding this transfer of health services' facilities, and we have no intimation as to when we will be consulted further.

There has been a tentative target date for the transfer of October 1st, '77, but I stress, Mr. Speaker, that this is a target date. Our government is proceeding to examine all the ramifications of transfer of personnel from the Federal side to the Territorial which, as you will realize, is a tremendous and important part of the transfer. There must be assurance to all those people of what is involved and whether it will be to their benefit or not to transfer.

I think the main point, Mr. Speaker, involved in this question is that the Yukon Government is trying very hard to make it clear to all residents of the Yukon that this proposed transfer of health services is not going to affect the quality nor the delivery of the health service we are getting now. It is simply a matter of changing contracts for the delivery of that service from a Federal Department to the Territorial Government.

As for the concerns of the native people who are on record as objecting to this transfer, I would repeat, Mr. Speaker, that the health services delivered to them will continue to be prescribed and paid for by the Federal Department of Indian Affairs, whose wards they are. There is no way that this Territorial Government is going to change or in any way cause deterioration of the health service qualities that we have now.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Question re: Appointment of Yukon's Representative on Indian Land Claims Negotiations

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I have a question this morning for the Administrator. During the last Session, this Assembly passed a Motion which requested the then Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, the Honourable Judd Buchanan, to appoint James Smith as Yukon's chief representative in the current Yukon Indian Land Claims negotiations.

Since that time, Mr. Smith has indicated to the Minister that he could not accept the appointment because of his previous commitment as Chairman of the N.C.P.C.

This morning, the President of the C.Y.I., Danny Johnson, announced to the general Yukon population that Commissioner Pearson has been appointed as Yukon's representative on the Federal land claim team, negotiating team.

Mr. Speaker, my question to the Administrator is, is it correct that that appointment was made in late September, the appointment of Commissioner Pearson?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Speaker, the answer to that question is that it is correct that the appointment was made in or about mid-September, the appointment being of our present Commissioner as Territorial Negotiator for Indian land claims.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question: the appointment was made in mid-September, and apparently the C.Y.I. were advised by the Minister, or the Commissioner. Why were not the people of the Territory so advised in mid-September?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Speaker, upon receipt of the letter from the Minister appointing him as negotiator for the Yukon Territorial Government, the Commissioner took steps to have a paper prepared to the Executive Committee to advise them of this instruction and also of its implications and follow-up actions to be taken.

That paper has come to the Executive Committee now, and I believe will be followed up by a White Paper to this Assembly.

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

Mr. Hibberd: With respect, Mr. Speaker, the question I don't think was really answered. Why were the people of the Territory not advised at that time of that appointment?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Speaker, that was because the first people that should be advised and informed of the implications of this appointment were the Members of the Executive Committee. It took some time to prepare a paper analyzing the implications and the background to this thing, and therefore there was some delay in bringing it to the Executive Committee, and therefore there was a delay also in bringing it to the people of the Yukon.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Speaker, just a question of the Administrator. My problem with that is it could well be that the Government of the Yukon does not want the Commissioner to be the ...

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder if the Honourable Member would state the question. I think this is ranging into the area of a statement.

The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Question re: Length of Time Preparing Paper

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, one more question for the Administrator. Does it normally take the Commissioner three weeks to prepare a paper for the Executive Committee, or much more than that for the Executive Committee? You indicated that the reason the information was not passed on was because it was a considerable length ...

Mr. Speaker: Order, please; I believe the Honourable Member is ranging into a ...

Mrs. Watson: Does it normally take that long to prepare a paper?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mrs. Watson: My question — does it normally take that long to prepare a paper?

Mr. Speaker: Is this the question?

Mrs. Watson: For the Executive Committee?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Gillespie: The length of time taken to prepare papers, Mr. Speaker, varies tremendously, depending upon the nature of the paper. In this case, there is a very lengthy background paper appended to it, and it is in the preparation of that paper that the time was consumed.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Question re: Tabling of Paper

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, one more question for the Administrator. It must have been a very interesting paper. Would that paper be tabled in this House?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Order, please. I will disallow that question.

Perhaps Honourable Members in Question Period would remember to get to their question as quickly as possible, without too much preamble or making statements.

Are there any further questions? The Honourable Member from Ogilvie?

Question re: Blade Link and Life Skills Program

Ms. Millard: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the

Minister of Education.

In our budget session last spring, the Minister of Education stated that in the Fall Session of the Legislative Assembly we would be receiving a written assessment of the Blade Link and Life Skills Program of that Department. When might we expect this information?

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

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, that information can be brought in at a later date during the Session.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Question re: Economic Activity in the Yukon

Mr. Lengerke: I have a question this morning for the Administrator. He can take it as a written question or an oral question.

In view of the slowdown or depressed economic activity in the Yukon, due mainly to the strike situations and overall international and national factors, what has the Yukon Territorial Government specifically been doing to institute, implement or encourage counter measures, programs or developments? In other words, Mr. Administrator, what major construction programs, mining developments, rail extensions, highway projects or other forms of economic activity are scheduled or re-scheduled for 1977 as a result of Yukon's — as a result of the Yukon Government's action to bolster the economy of the Yukon to offset the losses already incurred?

Mr. Speaker: I think that perhaps, in view of the length of the question, it should stand as a written question. Perhaps the Member could submit it in written form to Madam Clerk.

Mr. Lengerke: I will do so, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions?
The Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre?

Question re: Land Development

Mr. Hibberd: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Local Government, and I hope he will take it as an oral question because I do not want to wait ten weeks for a written reply.

There have been charges made that the Yukon Territorial Government is responsible for the hold-up of land development in the Yukon. This is, of course, in addition to the areas that they have jurisdiction over.

Is this charge — is there substance to this charge?

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

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Well, Mr. Speaker, I hope the Honourable Member will allow me to answer with a bit of a preface to my answer. Number 1, that a delay of ten weeks in bringing papers is only from the administrative side. It certainly isn't from the political side; we are

much more efficient and much better at getting the problems of the people of the Yukon to the Executive Committee than that.

The other preface to my remarks I would like to make is that I did turn on the radio the other day and I was listening to a defeated Liberal candidate for the Yukon Legislative Assembly being used as the resident expert on the Yukon Legislative Assembly, and I am told the day after that a defeated Liberal candidate for both the Federal seat and for the Yukon Legislative Assembly was being used as the resident expert on land policy for the Yukon Government.

I only say, Mr. Speaker, that there's no doubt that that is why there is so much misinformation being disseminated to all Yukoners, with a group of inside experts like that, knowledgeable in all aspects of the Yukon.

The facts of the matter are that still, up to this date, unless there's been a major announcement by the Minister this morning, that under the direction, administration and control of the Government of the Yukon Territory I still have 361.6 square miles of the 207,000 square miles of the Yukon Territory under the control and development of the Government of the Yukon Territory.

I have made the contention, and I'll make it again, that I think that we do a commendable job in providing all needs of service land within these areas, whether it be industrial, whether it be commercial, whether it be residential. I think that we have a solid, sensible, rational development policy that is accepted everywhere as such.

I can only say that the moment that the control and administration of the rest of the 207,000 square miles of land comes under the aegis of the Government of the Yukon Territory, that those same development policies will be applied on all the surface land throughout the Yukon Territory, and that day can only come when we have control, which is now vested in the hands of the Federal Government, under the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Mr. Hibberd: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker?

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

Question re: Development of Recreational Land

Mr. Hibberd: Is it the Department of Local Government's intention to develop any recreational land or influence the Federal Government in development of any recreational land for the people of the Yukon?

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

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and it has to deal with the transfer of, a block transfer of, land to the control of the Government of the Yukon Territory to develop recreational land. This is a long, involved process and we are actively working on it at the present time.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Question re: Library Branch Abuses

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I have another question for the Administrator this morning.

Very recently, you received a letter from me regarding the abuses by one of the Branches or Departments under your responsibility, the Libraries Branch, where there was quite a blatant abuse of probably facilities and services but certainly of stationery on behalf of a private organization.

In my letter I said this unfortunately reflected unfavourably on the organization ...

Mrs. Speaker: Order, please. The Member is making a statement ...

Mrs. Watson: I drew this to your attention ...

Mr. Speaker: Could we have the question?

Mrs. Watson: ... and my question today is, since this has been drawn to your attention, what action have you taken in regard to this abuse, and to ensure that this will not continue?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Speaker, I agree that there was an abuse made of the privileges of members of the Territorial Civil Service and of the stationery that bears the Territorial insignia on it, and I have instructed the individual involved to give me an explanation of why this was done and also to refrain from using Territorial stationery for such matters in the future.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Pelly River?

Question re: Industrial Development at Faro

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Speaker. In view of what the Honourable Minister has just quoted to a recent question that was asked, I'm just wondering if the Minister can shed any light in hopeful anticipation that there may be some more industrial development in the community of Faro?!

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Member from Pelly well knows that the biggest difficulty in the Faro area is that there is presently a development plan under consideration by the Municipality of Faro dealing with what could happen in the Faro area in the foreseeable future, and it's pretty difficult with the state of flux which is present in the Faro area as far as another major mining development perhaps taking place in the near future, to really know the direction in which we should be going, and I think the members of the Town Council appreciate that dilemma, and we are working hand-in-hand with them, with the development of the plan, up to the point of contributing 90 per cent of the development plan in funding, so that we hope that we can have this problem solved in the very near future.

Mr. McCall: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Pelly River?

Mr. McCall: Just a supplementary there, Mr. Speaker. Was just wondering if the Minister could advise this Legislature when this development plan will be ready for us to view?

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

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, the contract is signed with the Town Council and the planners, and I think that they expect the time to be within a month or so. I could be corrected on this and I can check again for sure, but the last time I was in Faro, that was the deadline I remember, and they have always had the courtesy because we have supplied the majority of the funds of letting us have a copy of the plan as soon as it's been received, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Ogilvie?

Question re: C.B.C. Radio Coverage

Ms. Millard: Mr. Speaker, I have a written question for Mr. Administrator.

On July 14th of this year, a letter was sent from R. C. Fraser, Vice President of Corporate Affairs and Assistant to the President of C.B.C. to our former Commissioner, James Smith. In the letter it states: "The suggestion that your officials might meet with ours, to discuss that some agreement might be reached between the Yukon Government and C.B.C., to bring C.B.C. radio to Old Crow and Pelly Crossing, is acceptable to us and we are ready to meet."

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe the Member is making a statement. Could the Member state the question?

Ms. Millard: Yes. One — how far along are these discussions? And, two — what plans does the Territorial Government have to assist these communities to obtain C.B.C. radio coverage?

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

Question re: Arctic Winter Games

Mr. Hibberd: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Education.

During the Spring Session, the promise was made that the valuation of the Arctic Winter Games would be tabled in this House and that we would have the opportunity to discuss this, and I think that this is indeed important in view of the ongoing Winter Games that might be coming up. Is it the Minister's intention to table this, so that we can debate this?

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

(Equipment problems)

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Mr. Lengerke: A question for the Administrator: what is the latest reaction of the Federal Government respecting Yukon's proposed resource share — has it been accepted?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Speaker, we have not received an answer from the Federal Government to this date on that question.

Mr. Lengerke: I thought at the last Session that the ...

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Honourable Member ...

Mr. Lengerke: Is it not correct that at the last Session that the Commissioner did advise that an answer was in hand, and we just didn't get it at that time?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Speaker, it is correct to say that at the last Session the Commissioner expected that we would be receiving an answer very shortly. That has proven not to be the case.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: I rise on a point of privilege to draw the attention of this House to the presence in the gallery of a distinguished visitor this morning, a former Assistant Commissioner — Mr. Freeman.

(Applause)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr. Speaker: We will now proceed to Motions.

MOTIONS

Motion Number 1

Madam Clerk: Motion Number 1, standing in the name of the Honourable Member, Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Speaker: Is the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua prepared to deal with Motion Number 1 this morning?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps I'll proceed then and read the Motion.

It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, seconded by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, that the order of reference given to the Select Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges appointed March 14th, 1975, be withdrawn and the said Committee no longer be constituted.

The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Dealing with this Motion, the Motion itself is to remove the existing Committee which was in the Legislative Chambers before, and hopefully we will have another Committee formed. I am about to make another Motion, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: 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 Motion Number 1 is carried.

(Motion carried)

Motion Number 2

Madam Clerk: Motion Number 2, standing in the name of the Honourable Member, Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Speaker: Is the Honourable Member prepared to proceed with Motion Number 2 today?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, seconded by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, that Mrs. Watson and Messrs. Hibberd, Lengerke, McCall and McIntyre, be appointed to — and here there is a typing error — to a Standing Committee, to consider the Standing Orders and Rules of the Assembly and to recommend drafts of proposed Standing Orders and Rules to give effect, if concurred in by the Assembly, to any change or changes proposed by the Committee.

That the said Committee consider and develop conflict of interest guidelines for Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly and make recommendations thereon.

That the Committee also study, develop and make recommendations concerning an Ordinance respecting the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

That the said Committee have power to call for persons, papers and records and sit during the intersessional period, and to report from time to time, and that the Clerk of the Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support staff to the Committee.

The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'm speaking on the Motion. I feel that the time is now, in moving into the new quarters and Assembly here, it is time we came up

with some good rules, regulations and so forth in the Assembly and some proposed changes to the ones we now have which are not quite adequate, I don't think.

There is a problem on the conflict of interest in many cases, I think, and I think this should be studied and something come up with that gives the people or the representatives of this Territory when they are running some guidelines just to know just what the conflict of interest could be or could not be, which is not the case today, so therefore I think we should study that and bring something forth that will be fruitful.

The Committee also to study, develop and make recommendations concerning the Ordinances speaks for itself, respecting the Yukon Legislative Assembly, and that the said Committee have power to call also speaks for itself, and that is the reason for this Motion, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak on the background of this Motion and say how pleased the Executive Committee is to see the Motion being put forward at this time.

It's been a long-standing complaint and a very valid complaint of all Members of this Assembly that, once elected to the House, if they were not privileged to be chosen by their colleagues to be a Member of the Executive Committee, the only input that they had to this government and the only knowledge that they had of what was going on was when they came to the Assembly during the Sessions of the House and were involved in the actual Session.

I complained bitterly about this when I was a Member of the House and not a Member of the Executive Committee, and I am well aware of the frustrations of all members in attempting to do their job properly with this kind of non-involvement, and it was a priority item, I might say, Mr. Speaker, of the elected Members of this Executive Committee that not only we agreed in principle with the concept of getting the Members involved between Sessions but also to put, in effect, our money where our mouth is.

I am pleased to say, Mr. Speaker, that with the move into the new Chambers I think there are other late advancements that are taking place that are not quite as noticeable, but happening behind the scenes.

In next year's budget, there will be monies available for Committee work. The Members will no longer, at their own expense, be requested or required to travel in or around the Yukon to do the work of the House and of the Committees that they are appointed to.

Madam Clerk, and it is largely upon her insistence and her ability to recognize the direction in which we are moving, has assigned herself with the approbation of the Executive Committee as a full time Clerk to the Members while the House is in Session. She no longer fills the dual role while the House is in Session of trying to serve as a Secretary to the Executive Committee, in effect the government, and at the same time trying to act as Law Clerk to this House and as the Clerk to the Members of the House.

I think that this is a noticeable achievement and an advancement in the proper direction.

There will also be a paper before Members of the Assembly at this Session in reaction and in answer to a Motion put before the House by the Honourable Member from Pelly, asking for some independent law and legal advice for Members of the Assembly. We feel that perhaps the proper direction to go is in the area of a law clerk that will, of course, be under the Clerk of the Council and available to the Members of the House, and we feel that this is also a step in the right direction.

Members of the Committee and Members of the House are already aware of the support staff that because of the separation of duties of Madam Clerk can now give to Members of the Committee, they are aware of the background of the work that has already been done in the Council of the Yukon Territory Act and in the conflict of interest guidelines, and I think that it is important that they know that we are ready, willing and able to have staff available that can provide the background so that the Committee can function efficiently and effectively.

So, in essence, Mr. Speaker, what I'm saying is, though everybody mouths the platitudes in the past of actually saying yes, we agree that Committee Members ... there should be Committee structures, there should be Committees on this Assembly, to be able to do much-needed work. This is the first time in the history of the Assembly that the money, the legal advice, the support staff and the Clerk's Office is in the position of actually providing help so that there can be efficient and effective use of the Members, and I say now that we have put our money where our mouth is, now perhaps the shoe may just be on the other foot a little bit, and that the Members can take the bull by the horns and perhaps put their money where their mouths are, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Klwane?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I welcome this Motion. I welcome the structure of the Committee. After listening to the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, maybe my concept of the Committee is a little different than his, there may be a little misunderstanding on my part.

I do not see this Committee as a vehicle for communication with the Executive Committee. I see this Committee as a vehicle for bringing — recommending certain things be done by the Government, which is the Executive Committee, and certainly I think the Committee will be asking the Executive Committee for some assistance, but the Committee will be operating independently, with their own policy recommendations to the House, and to the Executive Committee.

I welcome the opportunity to work on the Committee, and I'm sure that many others do. There's a great deal of work to be done, but we must look at the nature of this Committee. It is almost a type of housekeeping committee. Rules, procedures, conflicts of interest and the Legislative Assembly Ordinance. This Committee is not working on policy decisions. We are really working on the housekeeping business of the House.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, welcome this Motion, and I am glad to see this type of structure set up, but I say that, and I hope that it really sets the precedent in setting up Committee structures, to deal with such things as, oh, the pipeline hearings, the economic status of Yukon, and a number of very vital subjects like this, and I would hope that we will take advantage now of having introduced a system of Committee structure, that we do in fact rally to that.

I know that the Member from Klondike over there unsuccessfully tried, I think it was last Session or the Session before, to strike a Committee to deal with a very vital subject, and it was defeated, but however this now — maybe we all understand the importance of it and it will continue.

Mr. Speaker: 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)

Madam Clerk: Second reading of Bill Number 1, Emergency Medical Aid Ordinance.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West?

Bill Number 1 - Second Reading

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill Number 1 be read a second time.

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

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

(Motion carried)

Madam Clerk: Bill Number 1 has now been read a second time.

Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Speaker, I now move that this House adjourn.

Mr. Speaker: Seconded?

Mr. Fleming: I second that.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could bring something before the House before we adjourn?

Mr. Speaker, I would hope that it is the wishes of this House that we debate the speech from the throne tomorrow, reply to the speech from the throne tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker: I think this is something that would have to be determined by Resolution, notice having been given if this be the case, but the Chair has had no direction in this regard, and perhaps we could — Members could discuss among themselves when they wish to debate the throne speech, and certainly we will make provision for it at any given time.

Is there a seconder to the Motion on adjournment?

Mr. Fleming: I second the Motion, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that this House do now adjourn.

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)

(ADJOURNED)