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

Madam Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: We will now proceed with Prayers.

(Prayers)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale.

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Speaker, a point of privilege this morning. I'd just like to draw to the Members' attention, in the gallery we have with us Grade Six from Selkirk School. I hope you welcome them.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: We will now proceed with the Order Paper under Routine Proceedings. Are there any documents for tabling this morning?

The Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare.

TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I have for tabling the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Yukon Territory for the period April 1, 1975 to March 31, 1976. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend congratulations of all Yukoners to our Government Department in charge of the production of this report. It's a magnificant report, the colour photography is outstanding and I once again extend our congratulations.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further documents r correspondence for tabling this morning? Are there any reports of Committees? Petitions? Introduction of Bills?

The Honourable Member from Kluane?

PRIVATE BILLS

Introduction and First Reading

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, for leave to introduce a private member's Public Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to Amend the Homeowners' Grant Ordinance".

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Kluane, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, for leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Homeowners' Grant Ordinance", or "An Ordinance to Amend the Homeowner Grant Ordinance". Is this correct?

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 and leave is granted.

(Motion carried)

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

The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Mrs. Watson: Now, Mr. Speaker -

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could rise on a question of principle. There's nothing I want to do to disrupt proceedings, but certainly shouldn't Mr. Speaker find out whether the content of the Private Member's Public Bill has anything to do with a matter concerning money?

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the Honourable Member could stand first reading over until tomorrow until we've had a chance to see the Bill?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, my explanatory note and I think that it's in order when a person introduces a Bill to give a brief explanation of what the Bill is about and it is merely to extend the date for a Homeowners' Grant from the 30th of September to the 31st of December.

Mr. Speaker: Would the Honourable Member stand first reading over until tomorrow? Alright, the Chair will receive first reading at this time.

Mrs. Watson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that "An Ordinance to Amend the Homeowners' Grant Ordinance" be now read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Kluane, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that first reading be now given to "An Ordinance to Amend the Homeowners' Grant 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 is carried.

(Motion carried)

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Bills for introduction this morning? Are there any Notices of Motion for the production of Papers? Notices of Motion or Resolution? Are there any statements by Ministers? Are there any answers to questions before we start the oral question period? The Honourable Minister of Education? Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I have for tabling the Legislative Returns in reply to oral questions concerning: 1) an environmental impact study; 2) a survey by Federal Fisheries; 3) a bridge across the Pelly River, and 4) plans for road approaches on the Tagish Bridge.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the answers to written questions number 15 and number 24.

Mr. Speaker, regarding the reply to Mr. Berger's question on the number of monitors set up in the Yukon to check on possible danger levels from nuclear fall-out, et cetera, the answer is that there is only one station in the Yukon that monitors nuclear fall-out and it is located at the upper Air Space Station at the Whitehorse Airport.

The Yukon Game Branch is not involved in any research to determine nuclear radiation levels in lichen. I would like to explain to the people that in my verbal reply to this question, I indicated that there was a monitor downtown on the Federal Building in Whitehorse and this is quite correct. There is a monitor, but it is not monitoring nuclear fall-out. It is monitoring C.O. pollution.

Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further replies? Mr. Commissioner?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, on November 23rd Mr. Fleming asked the following question: Is it true that YTG gave the KVA grant of assistance last year in the neighbourhood of \$5,000.00? Is it also true that the government also raised the gambling licences at the same time? Am I correct in then assuming that the KVA didn't gain anything as a result of this?

the KVA didn't gain anything as a result of this? The answer is that in 1975 YTG provided a grant of \$6,000.00 to the Klondike Visitor's Association. No grant has been provided in 1976. The gambling licence fee for Diamond Tooth Gertie's in 1975 was based on a formula of \$1.00 per table used per day, which resulted in a total fee of \$980.00. In 1976 the formula was changed to \$5.00 per table used per day and the total fee is expected to be approximately \$5,000.00.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further replies to questions?

The Honourable Minister of Local Government.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to table the answers to written questions number 22 and 26.

Mr. Speaker: We will proceed to the question period.

QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Speaker: Have you any questions this morning? The Honourable Member from Pelly River.

Question re: Hours of Work in the Nursing Station

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question as to Legislative Returns which was in answer to a question on November 23 concerning the hours of work and the chest x-ray unit in the nursing station. The answer to the question, Mr. Speaker, was not quite correct. What I was seeking was the answer as to continuous hours of work, not just in the week which was mentioned in the Legislative Return. I was just wondering if the Minister could assist me in providing the continuous hours of work and not just the week which was mentioned in her answer.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I'll be happy to attempt to obtain that information from the responsible authority.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Ogilvie.

Question re: Northern Yukon Research Project

Ms. Millard: Mr. Speaker, a written question for Mr. Commissioner further to questions concerning the Northern Yukon Research Project near Old Crow:

1) When is their annual report to be filed?

2) When it is filed, will Mr. Commissioner supply us with copies of the report?

3) Are any special hunting licences given to the NYRP?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Hootalingua?

Question re: Cemeteries in Outlying Districts

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Local Government. Some years ago there was quite a stir in the Yukon as to creating some more burial grounds in the outlying districts. For instance, Teslin, Carcross, and places like this, due to the fact there was only native cemeteries there. I am wondering if anything has been done, for instance, in the Carcross area and also possibly the Teslin area in this regard?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Local Government?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I'd be happy to obtain that information for the Honourable Member.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Question re: Number of Lots Completed

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Speaker, a question for the Minister of Local Government. How many lots do you anticipate coming on stream this summer as a result of the work and the contracts that you've let this fall, and I know some work that's started has been curtailed. I'm just wondering this summer, coming on the spring, how

many lots will be completed say in June or July as a result of these contracts?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Local Government?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I just can't give the exact number off the top of my head, Mr. Speaker. I'd be happy to provide all Honourable Members that information also.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Speaker, in particular to Riverdale.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Ogilvie?

Question re: Conference on Social Services

Ms. Millard: A verbal question to the Minister of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation. May we have copies of the resolution put forward at last weekend's conference on social services in the Yukon?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, the action requested by the Honourable Member is already being taken for the benefit of everyone who is interested enough to attend the conference. There are a large number of recommendations and proposals which have resulted from the two-day workshop. I would like to take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to express the appreciation of this department to all the people who took time out to give us the benefit of their dealings and their experience in the area of problems of adolescence which was the theme of the conference. It was a tremendous source of inspiration to me to see the number of busy, professional and non-professional people who came there as volunteers to sit in on a very progressive kind of dialogue between the people who are administering policy and the people who are receiving the results of that policy.

There are many, many recommendations. The committee in charge of the workshop has already agreed that there will be a publication of the key papers given at the conference and of the recommendations which have resulted. I might add, Mr. Speaker, that there was certainly a very strong indication from those who took part that the next step, before we implement any of these recommendations, is to sit down and discuss them with the adolescents involved and that will be the next gathering, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Hootalingua.

Question re: School Bus

Mr. Fleming: An oral question for the Minister of Education. At a meeting in Carcross some people were quite concerned as to the distance the bus seems to be coming to bring children into the Whitehorse schools. They felt that the bus was leaving Whitehorse in the

morning and going out there, picking up the children, bringing them back, going out again in the evening and coming back to Whitehorse, empty of course. I'm wondering if this is true, that it goes both ways, and I'm wondering also if there is a radio, two-way, in the bus that the people felt there wasn't at that time. And I'm wondering just what was the problem?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I'll have to take that question under advisement and bring a reply back to this House.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Ogilvie?

Question re: Tabling of Reports from Social Services Conference

Ms. Millard: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker, to my question to the Minister of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation. She has indicated that reports were being made ready for the people who had attended the conference. I was asking whether we could have them tabled here?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I don't know if they'll be prepared in time to table them at this Session, but I will undertake to see that each Member is mailed a copy.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Ogilvie?

Question re: Program for Children in Care at Wolf Creek

Ms. Millard: A written question for the Minister of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation concerning the programme for children in care at Wolf Creek:

1) Are children being sent to Wolf Creek without being sentenced by the Court? How many children are there from the Court sentencing and how many not?

2) Would the programme at Wolf Creek be defined more accurately as that of a treatment centre for disturbed children rather than that of a juvenile home?

3) Is there a review board managing the progress of the behavioural modification treatment being used at Wolf Creek? Who is on this board?

4) Was there any report in the last three or four months on the behavioural modification programme at Wolf Creek, and did the report support the use of this type of treatment at Wolf Creek or not? Are the findings of the report being presently implemented?

5) Is the behavioural modification programme being continually reassessed by your department with a view to extending or changing the programme in the future? Who is carrying on this assessment?

6) Are there any special nutritional outdoor sports or leadership training programmes at Wolf Creek?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker -

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: I've realized that as a written question and we will provide that information — it's available immediately. I would just like to answer the first part of that question verbally at this moment, and that is that no children are being sent to Wolf Creek who have not appeared before the Juvenile Court.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Hootalingua?

Question re: Portable Swimming Pools

Mr. Fleming: Yes, I have a question for the appropriate Minister in charge of the portable swimming pools in the Yukon. I'm wondering if, in the past I don't think there was an actual contract or anything issued to the community clubs and so forth when the swimming pools were put up, but from what I hear now, they have an actual paper they send out which the people in the community, the Carcross Community for instance, felt that it was a contract, that they were actually to sign a contract to have the pool there and opened. Is this true?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Education?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Yes, Mr. Speaker, there is an agreement that must be signed between the Government and the specific community and in the Carcross incident, apparently there was an agreement sent and it somehow got led astry. So, therefore, it's my understanding that the Department of Recreation is attempting to rectify that situation at the present time.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Klondike.

Question re: Session at Dawson City

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I've got a question for Mr. Speaker this morning. It was indicated to me that the City of Dawson wrote a letter to Mr. Speaker requesting a short session in Dawson next year. Did Mr. Speaker receive that letter yet, and if he did, when is it his intention of bringing it to the attention of this House?

Mr. Speaker: Yes, just from the Chair I have received such a letter and I've got copies for all Members and I'm just awaiting some additional information on it, on the question and it will be circulated. Any further questions?

We'll then proceed to Orders of the day, to Motions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

Madam Clerk: Motion 35 standing in the name of the Honourable Member, Mrs. Watson.

Mr. Speaker: Is the Honourable Member prepared to discuss Motion Number 35 this morning?

Mrs. Watson: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, yes, I am prepared, I would call question.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Kluane, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua that matters relating to Y.T.G. policy of annual rentals for leased land be moved into Committee for discussion. That should be reported or be referred, I should say, to Committee for discussion. 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: Motion 36, standing in the name of the Honourable Member, Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Speaker: Is the Honourable Member prepared to discuss Motion Number 36?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, seconded by the Honourable Member from Kluane that the Yukon Legislative Assembly in recognizing the concerns of all Yukoners as to the continued and future operation of the Northern Canada Power Commission ask the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development when considering the recommendations of the task force on rates to take immediate action with respect to amending the N.C.P.C. Act, so that financial relief by way of debt retirement and lower interest rates can be given. This should be done in such a way as to guarantee a positive financial position for present and future operations and in turn, provide stability to rate structure affecting energy users in Yukon and Northwest Territories.

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In making this Motion I would hope that Members of this House will also recognize and concur and give unanimous consent to the Motion, and directing it to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development with respect to the task force, to the report that I believe that he is at this time reviewing and it is this report that I believe will be giving direction to the Minister as to some of the recommendations and way and means that he may be able to make the N.C.P.C. operation a little more efficient. Also, Mr. Speaker, they will be taking into consideration the possibility of increasing rates in Yukon around the first of the year.

This is what concerns me.I think we've been very

fortunate to date. We've had very mild weather in the Yukon. We haven't had too much of a hardship with respect to heating costs, and we haven't heard too much from the citizens of Yukon with respect to those types of expenditures.

But believe me, if we do get more severe weather, we are going to hear something about it. This Motion, Mr. Speaker, says that I would ask that the Minister now take action to make representation to the Parliament of Canada to have the N.C.P.C. Act changed, so that in fact some form of financial relief by way of debt retirement and lower interest rates can be made available to the corporation.

Certainly as we have discussed in this House many times and many people have said, Canada offers many forms of financial support and reliefs to other countries by way of forgiveness loans. It offers financial relief by way of special programmes to other citizens in Canada by way of forgiveness loans and I think it's about time that Canada took a look at the North and said that we can give them some forgiveness loans as well.

Certainly we haven't asked for any special consideration in too many areas, Mr. Speaker, but this is one area that I think it should apply. The only way that N.C.P.C. will ever be able to operate efficiently is if, as I said before, a debt retirement and a lower interest rate can be afforded that corporation. I don't care who you have in there as the manager or the administration. No matter how efficient they are, if they have to start with a situation like they are facing today, they're going to have great difficulty in delivering the kind of services we want. Thank you.

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

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I don't think the Honourable Member will have any difficulty getting the unanimous consent to the Motion, I'm just wondering if we're not a little premature in putting a motion at this point. The recommendations of the task force on rates, I believe have been sitting on the Minister's desk for approximately two weeks now. There's a very good chance that they possibly, the document, could be made public prior to the prorogation of this Session. It would seem to me that that won't be the only suggestion or recommendation that is going to be made in the report. If it were possible for Members of the Assembly to have the report prior to prorogation, then I would think that there would be a long list of recommendations that we could give the direction of this House to the Minister on, rather than just speculating as to what the actual recommendations or one of them are going to be from the report.

It would seem to me that if we held the motion over, that we could possibly amend it at some future time in this Session to take into account many of the recommendations that may be included in the task force report. I was just wondering whether we could not put the question until the final day of the Session, and if we don't have the report then, I'm certain that the motion would stand and be passed, but if we had the report and the recommendations, then Honourable Members could amend it so it would give further and and clear direction on the actual recommendations within the report to the Minister, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker: I must caution the Member that if he rises it will close debate in this matter.

The Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Referring to the remarks of my Honourable Colleague, I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that we request the Commissioner to intervene on our behalf with the Minister, requesting immediate release of the report and its contents because of this motion.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, as the seconder of the motion, I would certainly concur with the suggestion that we not call question on the motion today and let it stand on the Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed then that the motion be allowed to stand on the Order Paper.

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: So ordered. We will now proceed to Public Bills.

PUBLIC BILLS

Amendments to Bill Number 2 - First Reading

Madam Clerk: First reading of amendments to Bill Number 2.

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

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that the amendments to Bill Number 2 be now a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 2 be now read, pardon me, the amendments to Bill Number 2 be now read a first time. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

(Motion carried)

Mr. Speaker: When shall the amendments be read for the second time?

Amendments to Bill Number 2 - Second Reading

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that the amendments to Bill Number 2 do be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that the amendments to Bill Number 2 be now read a second time.

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

(Motion carried)

Bill Number 2 — Third Reading

Madam Clerk: Third reading of Bill Number 2, Electrical Protection Ordinance.

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

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 2, Electrical Protection Ordinance, be now read a third time.

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

Some Members: Questoon.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

(Motion carried)

Mr. Speaker: Are you prepared to adopt the title of the Bill?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 2, Electrical Protection Ordinance, do now pass and the title be as on the Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 2 do now pass and that the title be as on the Order Paper.

Are you prepared for the question.

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare that the motion is carried and that Bill Number 2 has passed this House.

(Motion Carried)

Amendments to Bill Number 5 - First Reading

Madam Clerk: First reading to the amendments to Bill Number 5.

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 the amendments to Bill Number 5 be now read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that first reading be given to the amendments of Bill Number 5.

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)

Amendments to Bill Number 5 - Second Reading

Mr. Speaker: When shall the amendments be read for the second time?

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that the amendments to Bill Number 5 be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that the amendments to Bill Number 5 be now read a second time.

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

(Motion carried)

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Bill Number 5 — Third Reading

Madam Clerk: The third reading, Bill Number 5, An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Ordinance.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Riverdale, that Bill Number 5, An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance be referred back to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of further consideration.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Kluane, seconded by who?

Mrs. Watson: Riverdale.

Mr. **Speaker**: Seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale that Bill Number 5, An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance be referred back to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of further consideration. Is there any debate?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I wonder could we have the reason that the Honourable Member from Kluane wishes to move the Bill back into Committee for further discussion?

Mr. Speaker: Would the Honourable Member care to answer that question?

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think it is very obvious to Members of this House and to members of the Public that one of the key issues that we should be attending to at this time when we have the Liquor Bill open is to consider the matter of public drinking as under a uniform law of the Territory. Now, the proposals in Bill Number 5 only address public drinking at the local level, where the decision was made at the local level. I think that this very vital question should be considered by this House at this time when the Liquor Bill is open.

Do we want complete openness and drinking in public places or do we want some restrictions placed on drinking in public places across the Yukon as a whole and this opportunity to discuss and make a decision on this was never given to the Members of this House. I'm absolutely appalled at the Sessional Paper ...

Mr. Hibberd: Point of order. There was ample opportunity given to Members of this House for a full discussion on this Bill and on that clause on more than one occasion.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Mr. Lengerke: Point of order. We're discussing a motion to put the Bill Number 5 back into Committee and I think the arguments that the Honourable Member from Kluane is making are quite valid and pertinent to the question.

Mr. Speaker: Would the Honourable Member proceed.

Mrs. Watson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To continue, I'm absolutely appalled at the Green Paper that was tabled in the House regarding motor vehicles and accidents, and we have been — the Government is suggesting that we should consider lowering the speed rate and making seat belts mandatory.

Yet, we are not looking at one of the biggest problems that we have and that is public drinking in vehicles, drinking in vehicles. And yet we can look at this problem and we're not being permitted to look at it. We should be looking at it in Committee and we should be asking the Government to come back with some amendments.

If we close the Liquor Ordinance now, nobody is going to want to open that Bill again for ten years. I think we better look at the situation while it is open. I'm, also as the Government has come forward, ask for extra funding for alcohol programmes, saying we do have a problem in the Yukon Territory with alcoholism and yet the only position they took was to prohibit public drinking at the local level.

Now, surely the Government who are looking for funding for alcohol programmes should certainly consider iooking at the legal aspect of the privilege to drink in the Yukon Territory and many of us in this House want this to be done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Pelly River?

Mr. McCall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With all due respect to the Honourable Member that's moved the Motion, I am not going to support the Motion. My reasoning is that, as the Chairman of Committees pointed out, we spent ample time debating the amendments to the Liquor Bill and I think each Member had an ample time also to move any further amendments to delete sections that they felt were of concern to them.

I do not think we should stall this Bill at this particular point. I'm hopeful that the Ministers take note of the votes and proceedings of this Bill at the time it was in Committee, and I am hoping that they will come forward in the not too distant future at some other session and consider the amendments that were taken out of the votes and proceedings at the time it was in Committee. So, I'm not about to support this particular Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I have a certain amount of sympathy with the plight of the Honourable Member who is trying to reopen this situation, but I have problems because the opportunity was there in Committee during discussion of the section involving public drinking. There was a great deal of debate on that particular topic; there was some hints made that Motions would be brought in to amend that section. The Motions were not brought in. The section was defeated despite the efforts of this government to prepare legislation which suited the wishes of all the people of the Yukon, based on their written requests. A second attempt was made several days later to re-introduce the same subject and it was ruled out of order. My problem, Mr. Speaker, is in wondering what the Honourable Member could now attempt that would be permitted under the rules of this House.

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

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I just thank the Honourable Member from Kluane for being so candid in reporting to the Assembly what she was attempting to accomplish, and of course we all give her full marks for her effort. I would support, of course, as previous the ruling of the Chairman that once the subject matter has been discussed and voted on at the Session that it cannot be brought up again. I don't really find this too onerous or too difficult for all Members to accept at this time. As we know, the biggest problem with the sections dealing with public drinking are certainly, and I think all Members have admitted this, in the summer time and deal mainly with transients rather than residents of the Yukon. Of course, if the weather stays like this, perhaps we're going to have an influx of transients in the winter also in Yukon.

However, the government did attempt to come up with a solution that would satisfy all the people of the Yukon through the local option section. It was obvious that that wasn't accepted by the House as it went down to defeat. The government still feels that this was the right and proper route to go. I think that all Members would have to agree that when we get into the delineation of public drinking and what is reasonably remote and what is a public place, that we all had very real difficulties. I talked to members of the RCMP and the constabulary over the weekend and they were really begging that the legislature didn't go down to this type of an attempt at delineation because that would really then make their jobs impossible of enforcing and they were of the same opinion that if we are going to ban public drinking then it has to be in delineated areas that are geographically defined. We went that route by trying to get the people to say that in this area, which is geographically defined, that we do not want public drinking. It appears that members say that we should bring in this from the government so that, in a carte blanche amendment in municipalities, local improvement districts and unorganized areas, that public drinking is banned. The government looked at that type of legislation and thought that the other area that we went to and I think it provided a certain compromise that we still agree with would have been the proper method of approach.

However, we have no objection in any way, shapre or form, if over the winter months that rather than trying to deal with delineating public place and reasonably remote (which are really impossibilities) if members bring in a Private Member's Public Bill asking for the delineation and the banning of public drinking in all geographically defined areas in the Yukon, that all Members of this House will vote on that section on their conscience, just as all Members did with the last section that was brought in.

However, it won't be a section brought in by government because we thought that the route that we went was the proper route to go, but you would get support from some Members of the Executive Committee, I'm sure, for a Public Member's, a Private Member's Public Bill, anyway a Bill that is brought in by a private Member that is actually a Public Bill. So, I don't think Page 482

that we're really losing anything by taking just four months of consideration at this time for someone to be able to draft amendments that they think will carry the majority of the House. Evidently we weren't capable of doing it, and I don't think that there's going to be very real problems over the four months because the next four months in the Yukon are the time when the public sections, drinking sections, in the Ordinance gives no-body any trouble. The public or the police. And I think that, rather than just go blindly into the attempts that we're trying through delineating public place and to try to delineate reasonably remote, would just be an impossibility and a nightmare which the police have stated would be a nightmare for an attempt to try to enforce it. So, I see no, I think we've debated the question of public drinking ad nauseum and ad infinitum in this House. I don't think we've got anything to gain by going back into the Committee, getting another ruling by the Chairman of Committees that we've already dealt with the subject so we can't deal with it again. So that, to me, gets down to the point where we're wasting the time of the House, Mr. Speaker.

I think that we should be prepared to vote on this third reading to the amended Liquor Ordinance at this time, because there are very positive steps and directions taken in the Ordinance through the formation of the Liquor Corporation, and I don't think that just because we lost, some Members feel that they lost, the section on public drinking that we should defeat the whole Ordinance at this time. You know, Members of the Executive Committee, we worked for months on pieces of legislation and lost it and, you know, we just pick up the pieces and start over again and I think that other Members should have the same type of attitude.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Riverdale?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wish I was in good voice today so I could make my feelings known. As seconder of the Motion from the Member of Kluane, I don't have to tell you that I think it's very important and essential that we put this question back into Committee.

However, I kind of listened to the remarks of the Honourable Members around, and I say is it just a matter of procedure that we're not going to deal with it? Is this the only thing that's holding us back? If it is, I certainly have to recognize the rules and the privileges of this House. But I really wonder. I've had a lot of calls this weekend. In particular, I think I've had seventeen calls and I must say that those calls came from Porter Creek, Whitehorse North and Centre, and Carcross, and I've had a lot of people express their concerns about this matter of public drinking.

I was concerned and I know that all Members around this House are concerned, and that we did not, Mr. Speaker, discuss public drinking in earnest. We discussed the matter of allowing a municipality the right to make those decisions or to not make those decisions. I don't think we had any qualm with the delineation of how public drinking was set out in this particular Ordinance. We had no qualm with that whatsoever.

We had to make an amendment, Mr. Speaker, for consideration that did use different words as you know the rules as well as I do, but I think the part that we wanted in our amendment was a little stronger section that would have allowed the RCMP to in fact carry on and enforce some of the rules of public drinking.

I think they were very reasonable rules and I commend the Government, I commend the Government wholeheartedly for bringing in the Ordinance as they did. They have allowed us to provide for a Liquor Corporation which is an excellent step and the part on public drinking was a very good step as well. It allowed us to certainly look at that question and examine it. But I don't think the way that they wanted to do it by allowing municipalities was the right way, and certainly the response that I've been getting tells me that I am right in my way of thinking and I've had many discussions with the RCMP and with many associations involved as well.

So, I can certainly take exception to what the Honourable Minister had to say. I certainly listen to Honourable Members around here, in particular the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre saying that we shouldn't deprive people of drinking while they were at a lake or at a camp or while hunting or in the bush or what have you.

I don't think the amendments that we were to suggest or even if we would have dealt with a section that you had, would have deprived anybody of that. I think we still would have had the most progressive liquor legislation in the country today by just putting in the section on public drinking.

I really believe, Mr. Speaker, that this question is very, very important and should wholeheartedly be considered to be put back into Committee so that we can deal with it in such a way and get a positive reaction to it.

Thank you.

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

Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Speaker, before we proceed with this Ordinance to amend the Liquor Ordinance, there is some aspect of this Bill, some very important aspects, to which I would like to make a few remarks.

While the Bill was in Committee I was not permitted to debate on the Bill because of my Chairmanship. During that debate, we went through clause by clause reading with the Members being given an unusual degree of latitude. They were permitted a much larger degree of latitude in order to discuss various aspects of the Bill at the same time. This was permitted by the Chair so the Members could have full and free debate unfettered by rules that do not normally allow such freedom of debate.

In other words, Mr. Speaker, the rules were relaxed for the benefit of Members so every chance to debate the issue as fully and as widely as possible, something which the Democratic process does not always allow, but was allowed in this case. Because of the ruling from the Chair, it was then necessary to return to clauses not already cleared from Committee. Again, Members were permitted excessive latitude to fully consider all aspects of the Bill.

During this reading, amendments were brought forth, considered by Committee and voted on. Each clause then, Mr. Speaker, was voted on to be carried or not. When this clause on public drinking was again considered, it received precisely the same treatment as all other clauses. After debate, no amendments were proposed to this clause by the Members. The question was called, the vote was followed, and resulted in defeat of this clause by the same Members who are now proposing the amendments.

Much to the consternation of a few Members, they realized their negative vote was actually a vote for wild and public drinking as it now exists in the Yukon. But it was then too late to regain their political ground that they had lost by poor voting. I should add, Mr. Speaker, that the Chair permitted every opportunity for the rereading or postponement for a week later, but the Honourable Members insisted that that clause be considered on that day.

The Members were then given yet another opportunity to review the Bill in Committee when the Government brought forward its promised amendments. At this time, Mr. Speaker, some Honourable Members attempted to reintroduce a new clause which, in effect, dealt with the same issue of public drinking.

As this subject had already been dealt with and voted on by Committee, the new clause was ruled out of order. This ruling from the Chair was questioned and the Committee was asked to vote on the Chairman's ruling. It is at this time, Mr. Speaker, that I wish to clarify in the minds of some Honourable Members their responsibility in such a ruling.

They're being asked to consider whether the ruling from the Chair is valid and consistent with parliamentary procedures. They are not being asked to consider any particular subject matter that is before the House at the time. At this time, it's their responsibility to deal with the ruling of the Officer of the House. Some Members, and not necessarily the Members, the movers of the new clause in the Liquor Ordinance, I feel were confused on these two issues. They were not being asked to vote on the new clause. They may have wished to support this new clause, but this was not the issue. The issue, Mr. Speaker, was to concur or not with the ruling from the Chair — if it was valid, i.e. a matter already dealt with cannot be reconsidered again during this Session. They were not voting on the Liquor Ordinance or any other ordinance.

It is my expressed opinion, Mr. Speaker, that the Members of this House cannot or chose not to support an issue on which they are voting and it is also my concern that Members show reluctance to support the Officers of this House. These Officers are there to serve the Members and carry out the business of this House. Mr. Speaker, if Members are not willing to give their support, then they may as well go home for all we will have then is a rambling public forum from which no conclusions can result and no legislation shall pass this House.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues in this House to concentrate on judging the legislation before them and apply their talents in bringing forward the best legislation for all Yukoners.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Hootalingua?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Speaker. It was very nice, but I still say, and will say, that we came here expecting to find some legislation in this House and we didn't find it. I think that the government fell down on that side of the picture and I will remain saying that for as long as I'm here, until such time as the thing is changed.

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I hear the Honourable Member from Local Government saying that he has spoken to all the RCMP and so forth and so on. I'm afraid ...

Mr. Speaker: Order please.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: ... I spoke to members of the constabulary, I didn't say all members of the RCMP. Please don't put words in my mouth.

Mr. Speaker: Proceed.

Mr. Fleming: Members of the police force. I think maybe possibly must be different members, I guess maybe they might be under a different law in Yukon Territory than I am. However, I find it very feeble. There has been many recommendations to the House in the outlying communities especially on the matter of public drinking and the matter of drinking in cars and the problems and the accidents and everything caused by it, and somehow or other the impression seems to be pushed at us all the time that this is not so, that they didn't even want to take public drinking off the streets. And I still say they do.

I realize that the procedure the other day was the proper procedure, although it was handed very quickly, and I voted for that procedure to be proper as the Chairman had put it, but I really haven't had a chance to vote on a Bill that, of any kind, or a Motion that does ban either public drinking or open liquor in the Yukon, other than allowing the people to do it themselves. I don't think this took very much thinking on the government's part to bring that forth.

I think that it would be very simple to have defined areas in the Territory because the government themselves asked the people in the communities to come forth and say take the drinking off our streets or take it off of wherever, and in this way the Commissioner and the Board or somebody would have to define those areas. They would have had to do that, which was explained to them, for about four days here and it could have been done very nicely that way, but as they were opposed to that situation they would not take the Bill back in any way, shape or form to look at it. I will be supporting the motion that is on the floor now, to bring it back to Committee.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I must rise on this question of privilege because two Honourable Members have indicated that I said that the RCMP were against or were for public drinking. That is not at all in context with what I said. I said that the members that I spoke to did not want to have to try to enforce a law that is unenforceable.

'Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Education?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I have been fairly quiet during the debate on the Liquor Ordinance and I am getting tired of the Government of the Yukon Territory being condemned by some members for apparently not addressing the problem of public drinking. I don't know where some of the Honourable Members were, but we had a section in that Bill dealing with that specific problem. Now, all of a sudden, the Members who have a responsibility in this House have the ability to bring in Page 484

amendments, have the ability to bring in proposals to this House; they chose not to; they voted down our alternative to the present situation as it applies to public drinking.

And I am tired, Mr. Speaker, and I think that many Members of this House are, that some of the Members are blaming other Members for their mistakes. They made a mistake. They had the opportunity to bring in amendments; the Chairman gave the widest latitude possible and I think all Members will agree with this to bring in amendments, and they chose not to. Now, all of a sudden, it's the Government's fault.

I think that all Members who are so vitally concerned with this issue should re-evaluate their position. It was their responsibility, they have a responsibility in this House and they were not prepared to exercise it. Sure, it's easy to criticise! Stand up and say that the Government didn't do this and the Government didn't do that! But I want to say this, Mr. Speaker, the Members in this House all have a responsibility and they should be prepared to exercise it with bringing in constructive alternatives rather than criticising. And, as I stated a little earlier, Mr. Speaker, I am tired of Members playing their little political games because they made a mistake. I think they had better re-evaluate their position and say, okay, if they are concerned about this particular topic as far as public drinking is concerned, which I think all Members are concerned with, be prepared to come in the next Session of this House with the Private Member's Bill.

This Ordinance that you have before you is a very comprehensive piece of legislation. Some Members in this House passed a Motion asking for expenditures of money; it's going to cost money as it was pointed out in the debate, for liquor inspectors, which was passed in this House. In fact, it was passed by some of the Members that are trying to get the Bill back into Committee, which is not going to do any good because you cannot, because of procedure, you cannot go back and start discussing the same subject matter.

If the Members vote against this piece of legislation, I have never seen anything so hypocritical! One minute they're saying this part of the Bill is good — the next minute they're saying they're not and then they're going to turn around because of one section that they made the mistake on. They're going to vote down the legislation. I think it's totally, totally hypocritical, as far as I'm concerned, Mr. Speaker. And as far as I'm concerned I think that the Honourable Member that proposed the Motion to move this piece of legislation back into Committee should withdraw it, because it is not going to solve anything. You will have an opportunity at the forthcoming Session, as the Honourable Minister of Local Government has said, and it can be discussed in its fullest content as far as, as long as, the Members want to discuss it, which is fine by me. But I think that this legislation has to go through, we have to get the corporation functioning, because I think you have to remember also, Mr. Speaker, that you will probably see a restructuring of the government as far as the, this position of, or the redistribution of portfolios are concerned, and it will make the elected member's job that much easier if the corporation is in effect.

I just say, once again, Mr. Speaker, I think all Members should re-evaluate their positions, because it's a very good piece of legislation, the particular topic that

was, is being discussed here this morning can be brought up at another Session following.

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

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'm rather amused by the Minister of Education who is telling us we made a mistake. I think the mistake was made by the government in not reading the public's sentiments of the public of the Territory in bringing in legislation that the public were prepared to accept. That's where the mistake was made. And also by the Member from Whitehorse who said that we didn't realize what we were voting for. We were given a choice to either vote for Section 103, that was local communities have jurissdiction over public drinking, or not have local communities have jurisdiction over public drinking.

I knew what I was voting for when I voted against it! Becausse the Honourable Member himself stood up in this House on second reading and spoke against that principle. It would have created a dog's breakfast! And if the Honourable Minister of Education thinks that that is what the people of the Territory were expecting for legislation for public drinking, then I'm sure you had better reassess your position. And realize that you made a mistake.

The Honourable Minister of Local Government said I was very candid in saying why I brought the Motion in. I am. I am very candid. I'm very honest and I'm very sincere. I did not stand up to defeat this Bill on third reading. There are too many good things in the Bill, and I am the first to admit it. I know that there's been a great deal of work done on it and I watched and I approved, and I support the concept of a Liquor Corporation.

Now, normally in other legislatures they would defeat, they would attempt to defeat government legislation in order to make a political point. I'm not playing politics in here. I am only trying to bring in legislation for the Yukon, that the Yukon residents want, and this is one section where more and more and more reaction is coming forward from people.

It is almost embarrassing to be able to say or to have to say I'm sorry, through some procedure, we're not going to be able to bring in restrictions to public drinking because the Government only wanted it under local authority and therefore, any other motion would be of the same content, which I disagree with but however, I accept the ruling.

Mr. Hibberd: Point of order, Mr. Speaker. The **Member well knows that at the time this thing was being considered she had ample opportunity to bring any amendments whatsoever at that time and did not have to merely vote yea or nay. She had all the opportunity to bring any amendments she so desired.**

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I said I accepted the ruling. I accepted the ruling. Now, the criticism that has gone on time after time, why didn't you bring an amendment and I often wonder why I didn't and again, I'm too sincere and I'm too honest and truthful about my position here. I have brought in legislation to the House. When amendments have come forth from the floor, have been passed and have been a disaster when you've inserted them into the rest of the Bill, and people of the Territory have to live with them until the next session.

I'm very, very reluctant to bring in amendments almost cold turkey and put them up, and have them passed and when the administration takes it back, it's conflicting with this section. It's conflicting with this section. We can't do this. And if you will recall, it was for this reason that we had these various sections stood over and had the Government take them back and look at them and bring in amendments. It worked very well when I think of the Electrical Protections Ordinance. We went over the various sections. There was debate on the sections. There was concern expressed by various Members on the section. It was taken back once and they were taken back twice. I did not bring in motions and as you recall, I criticized and brought out deficiencies in the Electrical Protections Ordinance. I didn't have to bring in one motion to bring amendment. You drafted the actual amendment.

Mr. Speaker: Order please. I don't believe the Chair drafts anything.

Mrs. Watson: Or the Government drafted the amendments. I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker, I didn't mean to hint at your hidden talents. The same thing with the Liquor Ordinance and I can never understand, even to this day, after all of the hodge podge we've gone through why the administration did not take back the section as we suggested and rework it. The Honourable Member from Mayo said all you have to do is rework it and leave the content of 2 and 3 in it and you've got it.

Mr. Hibberd: Point of order, Mr. Speaker. Fifteen minutes before that vote was taken, the Chair requested any Members if they wished it deferred for revisions to be brought in and that particular Member said no, deal with it now.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I don't know why he's jumping at the gun. I'm not criticizing you one little bit. I'm stating that we should continue to have this method that we've been dealing with bills where we do not bring amendments from the floor because they could be disastrous. But in this area on public drinking, the Government dug in and they refused somehow or other to bring forward anything that we could discuss that really addressed the question of public drinking. This is where my problem was. My motion is not to defeat Bill Number 5. My motion is to ask this House to respond to the public pressures and there are many, to let this go back into Committee and to let the administration attack the problem and try to draft something that we can accept.

The one area where many of us have so much concern is the ability for people to drink while they're driving or in motor vehicles. Yet, all I'm doing is facing a blank wall. I get procedural arguments. People's feelings are hurt. They're saying you're arguing against my decision. You don't think my decision was right. The Minister of Education thinks that we made the mistake. I don't care who made the mistake.

I just want us to have the opportunity to respond in a meaningful way from the pressures of the public that are upon us today and the Member from Hootalinqua was right. Your legislation wasn't acceptable to us on this area and you didn't make an attempt to bring back an alternative and this is what ..

Mr. Speaker: Order please. I don't believe the Chair was involved in bringing back any alternative or anything.

Mrs. Watson: Another hidden talent, I'm sorry Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Kluane, seconded by the Honourable Member from Riverdale, that Bill Number 5, An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance be referred back to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of further consideration.

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mrs. Watson: Division?

Mr. Speaker: I would ask, Madam Clerk, if she would kindly poll the House.

Madam Clerk: The Honourable Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Disagreed.

Madam Clerk: The Honourable Mrs. Whyard.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Nay.

Madam Clerk: The Honourable Mr. Lang.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Disagree.

Madam Clerk: The Honourable Member Mr. McIntyre.

Mr. McIntyre: Agreed.

Madam Clerk: The Honourable Member Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Agree.

Madam Clerk: The Honourable Member Mr. Hibberd.

Mr. Hibberd: Disagree.

Madam Clerk: The Honourable Member Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming: Agree.

Madam Clerk: The Honourable Member Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: Agree.

Madam Clerk: The Honourable Member Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: Disagreed.

Madam Clerk: The Honourable Member Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Agree.

Madam Clerk: The Honourable Member Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Agree.

Madam Clerk: Mr. Speaker, the division is six yea, five nay.

Mr. Speaker: I must rule then, that the motion is carried and Bill Number 5 is recommitted into Committee of the Whole.

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

Mr. Speaker: Is there a seconder?

It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bills, Sessional Papers and Motions.

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

(Motion carried)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

(RECESS)

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

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

Mr. Fleming: I second that.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair. All those in favour?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Contrary? The motion is carried.

(Motion carried)

(Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair)

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

Mr. Hibberd: Yes, Mr. Speaker, no business was committed by Committee this morning.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: May I have your further pleasure? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

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

Mr. Speaker: Is there a seconder?

Mr. Fleming: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalingua that we now call it five o'clock.

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

(Motion carried)

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

(ADJOURNED)

THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATIVE RETURNS WERE TABLED

76-3-31 Environmental Impact Study (Oral question)

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76-3-34 Plans for Road Approaches and Tagish Bridge (Oral question)

76-3-35 Commissioner's Travel and Entertainment Budget (Written question number 15)

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76-3-38 Energy Corporation (Written question number 26)

THE FOLLOWING SESSIONAL PAPER WAS TABLED

76-3-40 Annual Report of the Commissioner, Yukon Territory, March 31, 1976

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