

Motion

Referral of Online Petitions Issue to the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures

WHEREAS the Rules and practices of the Legislative Assembly do not allow the presentation of online petitions;

AND WHEREAS the population of the Northwest Territories is spread over a vast geographic area;

AND WHEREAS in this day and age many people are using online and electronic means for communications;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Great Slave, that this Assembly directs the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures to undertake research in order to determine the consequences of allowing online petitions to be used in its parliamentary process;

AND FURTHER, that the research and analysis pay particular attention to concerns regarding security issues and identification challenges;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the research and analysis also look at the potential for increased participation in the democratic process and modernization of parliamentary processes.



Date of Notice:	June 2, 2009	Moved by:	Mr. Hawkins
Date of Introduction:	June 4, 2009	Seconded by:	Mr. Abernethy
Disposition:	Carried as Amended		
Carried:	June 4, 2009	Ruled Out of Order:	