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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2000****MEMBERS PRESENT**

Honourable Roger Allen, Honourable Jim Antoine, Mr. Bell, Mr. Braden, Mr. Delorey, Mr. Dent, Honourable Jane Groenewegen, Honourable Joe Handley, Honourable Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Krutko, Mr. Lafferty, Ms. Lee, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Miltenberger, Mr. Nitah, Honourable Jake Ootes, Mr. Roland, Honourable Vince Steen, Honourable Tony Whitford.

ITEM 1: PRAYER

SPEAKER (Hon. Tony Whitford): Good afternoon. With tomorrow being Remembrance Day, I would ask Members to remain standing in a moment of remembrance after the prayer, in remembrance of those who gave their lives for our freedom.

-- Prayer

At the setting of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. Thank you.

I wish to advise the House that I have received the following message from the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories:

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I wish to advise that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories the passage of the Supplementary Appropriations Act, No. 5, 1999-2000 during the Third Session of the 14th Legislative Assembly.

Yours truly,

Glenna F. Hanson, Commissioner

Orders of the day. Déclarations de ministres. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Déclarations de députés. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Hay River North, Mr. Delorey.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**Member's Statement on Remembrance Day**

MR. DELOREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of the men and women who fought for our great country in order that we may live in peace. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of Remembrance Day tomorrow, I feel very strongly that we need to recognize these individuals for the sacrifices they made for us.

Mr. Speaker, I will be travelling home to Hay River later today and I will be laying a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service at the Royal Canadian Legion in Hay River. Mr. Speaker, in Hay River, we have a number of veterans who served in war time that I feel strongly deserve our recognition. These are, Mr. Speaker: Frank Hirst, Ken Hunt, Ross Ullathorne, Steve Kovatch, Mansel Grey, Art DeChief, Bernie Campbell, Harry Dobbs, Don Ducharme, Burt Stevenson, Bob McMeekin, Jerry Eyford and Lawrence Clark.

Mr. Speaker, we owe these men, and the thousands of other veterans like them, a debt of gratitude for their selflessness and

commitment in order that we may enjoy the freedom that we have today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

-- Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Delorey. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Thebacha, Mr. Miltenberger.

Member's Statement on Remembrance Day

MR. MILTENBERGER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I as well would like to take this opportunity in this House to reflect briefly on Remembrance Day and its importance in my community, in this Territory and across our land.

Mr. Speaker, like my colleague, Mr. Delorey, I will be returning home to my community for the first time in about two weeks. Tomorrow is a very important day for us, as it will be for many others. There are many people in our community who served in the armed forces in World War II, in Korea, and other conflicts since then, and continue to serve with honour and distinction across the land for the benefit of all of us.

As we stand in this House debating issues and raising issues in a democratic process in a free and open way, it is because of the sacrifices that these folks made on our behalf that we are able to do that. I think that it is very important never to forget the contribution, blood and sacrifice that people put out so that we in fact have the privilege to have this type of government, to raise issues in a careful way, in a good way without bloodshed. I think we should all take time to honour those people and never, never forget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Miltenberger. Déclarations de députés. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Deh Cho, Mr. McLeod.

Member's Statement on Remembrance Day

MR. MCLEOD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As my colleagues who spoke before me, I would like to say a few words on Remembrance Day. As November 11th approaches, it is important that we honour the contribution of the many Canadians who fought in wars and conflict in this past century. Remembrance Day is our opportunity to remember with gratitude and pride those who have died while serving their country and honour those who still carry the scars of the wars.

Mr. Speaker, it is only by understanding what the role the people of the North played as part of our war heritage, including the aboriginal people who went to great lengths to enlist and fight for this country, only then can we appreciate

what we have achieved as a nation. There are many proud moments in our country's military history. Although we all consider Canada a peaceful country, there have been many occasions when we have had to defend peace and freedom, values that define us as Canadians.

While we honour those who lost lives and were in battle fronts, it is equally important that we show our appreciation to those who stayed home and worked to support the war effort. Mr. Speaker, it is important to know that most of these people were women.

This week across the North, children in our schools will be participating in activities that will make them aware of the role of Canadians at wartime. We would also assume that they will be made aware that we have many veterans in the North, some are possibly their grandfathers, uncles, cousins, and it is important to know that they participated as part of Canada's involvement in the wars.

November 11th is a sombre reminder of things that really matter in life; courage, determination and freedom that we sometimes take for granted. We all have challenges in life to face. Let us face them in the same spirit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

-- Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLeod. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, Mr. Krutko.

Member's Statement on Remembrance Day

MR. KRUTKO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we stand here today to say that we have a mandate as people have served in the army, the First and Second World War, to serve and protect the interests of the people we swore to uphold the laws of the land and to ensure that we are servants of the people who elected us.

I think it is important to Members of this Assembly that when we made that oath swearing in as Members of the 14th Legislative Assembly, we uphold that oath. We swore to serve the people of the North fairly and equitably and also to ensure that we do what we can to ensure the well-being of all people is taken fairly.

When we see what is happening around us to the people we have sworn to serve with the declining programs and services, we have to stand up and do what we know is best in the areas of health, social services, education, and ensuring people of a healthy lifestyle to live, ensuring we take care of all the people, from the elderly to the disabled.

We hear ourselves say a prayer every day. There are some words in there that I think we must never overlook: "As we work for the benefit of all people and peace and justice in our land." That goes for those who came before us who served us in war. We also have a duty to ensure that we serve for the benefit of all people, and ensure that we continue to have peace and justice in our land.

I, for one, feel that we have a duty to all of those people who have served in the army to ensure that we preserve and protect in the name of the House, but also the people who have put the trust in us to be here to serve them like those who have served before us. With that, Mr. Speaker, thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Krutko. Déclarations de députés, Ms. Lee.

Member's Statement on Remembrance Day

MS. LEE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to honour Remembrance Day tomorrow. Mr. Speaker, in a place and time where it sometimes seems as though there is non-stop discussion in this House about rights, benefits, entitlements and what is wrong in our world, I would like to take a moment to reflect, honour and remember those who have served our country in conflicts and battlegrounds around the world in order that we are able to discuss what we do in an atmosphere that makes it possible for each and every one of us to exercise and articulate democratic rights to the fullest extent possible.

In particular, Mr. Speaker, I would like to especially honour those Canadians who fought and suffered injury and lost their lives in the Korean War between 1950 and 1953. Mr. Speaker, the war that broke out on June 25, 1950, was the first open act of aggression following the establishment of the United Nations. Over 26,000 Canadians served in the Korean War and we were one of the 36 United Nations member nations that participated in that conflict. Our contingent was only surpassed by the United States and the United Kingdom.

I would also like to honour those aboriginal soldiers, which I am advised amounted to about 73 members in that contingent.

Mr. Speaker, there were thousands of people who lost their lives in that war and many suffered injury. Mr. Speaker, my family comes from North Korea. My mother was one of the millions of refugees who left a burning village to the south. She lost her father in the conflict.

Mr. Speaker, I have said in this House that I consider the day I moved to Canada to be my birthday. I consider Remembrance Day to be one of the most important days of the year. I would just like to state that for the record and honour the memory of those who served our country. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

-- Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms. Lee. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South, Mr. Bell.

Member's Statement on Shortage of Child Protection Workers

MR. BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, by now, I think we have all seen the news item with the heading "Child protection workers and workload crisis." Some Members of this House, myself, Mr. Braden, Mr. Dent and Ms. Lee, were at a meeting yesterday with child protection workers. We heard about the crisis they are facing, Mr. Speaker. They told us that they are over-worked, have unmanageable caseloads, files all over the place, and in fact are just bursting at the seams. We certainly believe that we are faced with a crisis now that this has been building for some time, Mr. Speaker.

This government commissioned the Child Welfare League to do a report. The report was called, "It Takes a Community". In this report, it identified a need for 22 additional child protection workers to be hired in the North; specifically, the Deh Cho and

Yellowknife were singled out as requiring immediate attention. The Child Welfare League research prior to the report indicated that ten were specifically needed in Yellowknife.

One of the things we discovered in talking with these workers yesterday, Mr. Speaker, was that up to 50 percent of the active files they are currently dealing with involve children who have been in Yellowknife for less than six months. Mr. Speaker, it is another example of the effect of the magnet community situation we are in. Clearly we have services that people come to this community for.

I think this will continue to build as we refuse to address some of the alcohol and drug situations in the communities. We have seen drug and alcohol centres in the North reduced from five operating facilities to one. I think this is just a single example.

Currently, child protection workers in this city see three times the national average of cases, Mr. Speaker. They have told us that they have 140 kids in care at any given time. A worker on call over the weekend, they only have one on call each weekend, can get 25 calls per weekend.

Another serious problem is the lack of supervisors for the child protection workers. We again have higher than the national average, Mr. Speaker.

They are thankful that this Minister has listened to their concerns and responded with three new positions. However, Mr. Speaker, it simply is a drop in the bucket. More has to be done. These folks have a legal, moral and ethical obligation to protect our children. Mr. Speaker, we are going to have to give them the support they need. Our children are counting on us. Thank you.

-- Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Bell. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Weledeh, Mr. Handley.

Member's Statement on Remembrance Day

HON. JOE HANDLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Remembrance Day tomorrow, I would like all of us today to reflect on the benefits and rights we enjoy as Canadians. These rights have been protected and maintained by great sacrifice during the past century, in particular during the wars, by many. In fact, in too many cases, it was at an ultimate sacrifice. Let us not disappoint their efforts through anything less than our best efforts as MLAs to continue to do everything we can to make this world a better place for everyone. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Handley. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Great Slave, Mr. Braden.

Member's Statement on Opening of Newly Renovated Sir John Franklin High School

MR. BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last night, along with hundreds of other Yellowknifers and Northerners, I had the pleasure of attending a ceremony at Sir John Franklin High School to commemorate the opening of the

newly renovated Sir John. It was a fine evening. I would especially like to compliment the principal, Anne Mieke-Cameron, for the wonderful job she did.

Mr. Speaker, since its opening in 1958, Sir John Franklin High School and Akaitcho Hall have provided a very, very high standard of academic and vocational education and made a difference in the lives of thousands of people in the North. It is interesting to recount that people from over 37 different communities have attended Sir John Franklin High School over its time. Since then, we have seen it evolve into a facility that also serves the arts community with the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre there.

I am a graduate of the class of 1972, Mr. Speaker, and it is very satisfying for me now to have my own daughters attending school. I would like to also congratulate the people involved with the renovation program for involving the students in the redesign and the ideas that have gone into this remarkable new facility.

Last night, the commitment of this government through the previous Minister of Education, Mr. Dent, was acknowledged and Mr. Ootes, today's Minister, as well as the excellent work of the Department of Public Works people. Mr. Steen was also acknowledged, along with Clark Builders and Ferguson, Simek and Clark. It was a good tribute to the hard work and the dedication of over two years of construction that everybody endured.

Mr. Speaker, you yourself represented us very well as the voice of past students and gave a great presentation and a tribute to what that facility has meant. Along with that spirit of celebration, Mr. Speaker, I too will be joining Northerners and Canadians in recognizing the sacrifices that many made so that we can still continue the privilege of a free and a broad education in this wonderful country. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Braden. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Mr. Ootes.

Member's Statement on Remembrance Day

HON. JAKE OOTES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to say a few words in regard to Remembrance Day. This is a day to express our gratitude, and certainly my personal gratitude, for the sacrifices that were made and continue to be made by the many Canadians around the world to protect what we consider a very important thing, and that is freedom; freedom to speak, freedom of activity.

My parents lived through two world wars. I was born during World War II. Like most people, we have our own horror stories about those times. People of my birth country are still gratefully and eternally grateful for the work that was done by Canadians. On an annual basis they still celebrate, half a century later, the work that was done by the Canadian soldiers who went to Europe and liberated Holland. There are many Yellowknifers as well, Mr. Speaker, who served in the world wars and in other wars and have sacrificed their own lives and contributed to keeping peace around the world and they continue to do that.

I would like to make mention of just three, but that is not limited to the number of people who are in Yellowknife who contribute;

Jack Adderly, Dusty Miller and Mel Brown. I consider them personal friends and I really appreciate the work they have done. They all served, of course, in World War II in Holland.

We were fortunate to be able to come to Canada, to this great country, after the war. And it is a great country. It is a country that has been designated as the best country in the world for seven times in this particular decade alone. That is a tremendous achievement. That is a judgment from amongst 100-plus countries around the world. As well, it is judged on the basis of numerous criteria, over 100 criteria. So I think it is something to remember. Tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, I will be participating in the Remembrance Day ceremonies, like most of us will. Thank you.

-- Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ootes. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for North Slave, Mr. Lafferty.

Member's Statement on All-Weather Road to Connect North Slave Communities

MR. LAFFERTY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I took the opportunity to read the Highway Strategy that was tabled on Wednesday. It is called Investing In Roads For People and The Economy. Unfortunately, after reading this document, it is clear that the title is inaccurate. The needs of industry are addressed first and the needs of the people are addressed casually, if at all.

When it is mentioned, it is as a by-product of industry's needs. As I have indicated in letters to the Minister and through statements in the House, the chiefs in my region and the majority of my constituents are interested in having an all-weather road connecting their communities. This road would have the added benefit of serving as a road to resources.

It is highly unlikely that the federal government is going to connect the communities. It is up to the territorial government, industry and evolving aboriginal governments. With greater resource development occurring and more land claims being settled in the North, we talk of revenue sharing with aboriginal governments. How can we expect aboriginal governments to support us if we bypass their communities?

If we go ahead with this strategy the way it is written, it will be the biggest mistake the 14th Assembly will be remembered for. I will have further comments and questions about this important issue at the appropriate time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lafferty. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Nahendeh, Mr. Antoine.

Member's Statement on Remembrance Day

HON. JIM ANTOINE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I stand today in this House to speak in honour of Remembrance Day tomorrow, November 11th. Tomorrow is a special day to remember for all Canadians. To remember the Canadians who have paid the ultimate price of putting their lives on the line in time of war and conflict. They did this for all Canadians to protect our way of life. Their investment is huge, Mr. Speaker.

For the past seven years, Canada has been recognized by all the rest of the countries as the best country to live in.

We have a great country here today, Mr. Speaker, through the sacrifice of these Canadians have made with their lives. On that note, Mr. Speaker, in October of 1999, I was the Premier of the Northwest Territories. I went with Team Canada, the Prime Minister and other premiers to Japan.

There in Japan, we did a lot of things, but one of the most special ceremonies I attended was that we participated in a very special ceremony at the Canadian gravesite at Yokohama, Japan. This is a gravesite of Canadians who have died in this southeast conflict. These Canadians apparently were captured in Hong Kong and transported to Japan and perished there during the conflict. We did the ceremony. We prayed. As an aboriginal person, I offered tobacco at the site and we prayed in honour of their service to Canada.

As an aboriginal person, upon coming back to Canada, I checked to see who was all there and wanted to know if there were any aboriginal people. I was told that there were two members of the aboriginal First Nations from Manitoba who were at that site as well. I just want to make note that during the conflicts in the past and the wars, aboriginal people have also contributed and wanted to make special note of it in remembrance of tomorrow. For all Canadians, everybody who lives in Canada, has contributed to make this country a great place. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mahsi, Mr. Antoine. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, Mr. Nitah.

Member's Statement on Waging a War on Poverty

MR. NITAH: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I too would like to honour those who have fought in wars to ensure our freedom in this great country, but sometimes, Mr. Speaker, I feel we dishonour them. All sorts of Canadians have gone out and fought for our freedom, justice and peace that we have in this country, including aboriginal people.

We say that this is the greatest country in the world. The world says that this is the greatest country in the world. Yet within this country, aboriginal people and aboriginal communities still live in poverty. They recognize that communities in Canada live under the poverty line. That is not honouring those who fought for freedom, justice and peace in our country, Mr. Speaker. If we are to honour them, we have to bring everybody to the same standards of living.

My colleague, Mr. Bell, spoke on the child welfare crisis that we are facing in the Northwest Territories. That is the result of poverty, Mr. Speaker. I say we wage another battle to honour those who fought for our freedom. We wage a battle against poverty in this country and in this Territory.

We as legislators for the Northwest Territories can only control what we have. What we can do in the Northwest Territories is, I say, let us wage war against poverty in the Northwest Territories, Mr. Speaker, and honour those who have fought for the freedom of this country. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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MR. SPEAKER: Mahsi, Mr. Nitah. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Hay River South, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Member's Statement on Remembrance Day

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today I would also like to recognize the veterans, particularly in my riding and in my family. Mr. Speaker, when I was a child, I did not realize that I was growing up in the recent shadow of much grief which had resulted from my parent's involvement in war.

Our parents shielded us from this pain. My father entered the British army at the tender age of 20. When I think that is just about the age of my boys now, it is shocking. My mother had said goodbye to two of her brothers when she was 16 years old. One never came back and the other came back shell shocked and suffered anxiety the rest of his life, never able to move away from the memory of the wounded and dead he picked up on the front lines as part of the ambulance brigade. He had been put in the ambulance brigade because he could not bring himself to bear arms.

During that time, when his brother was close by in France, my uncle did not realize how close he was to him and later he received word that his younger brother had been killed in action. Knowing that he was so close by, he had such a reaction to this that again, he was just shell shocked for the rest of his life. The only, I guess, happy news for Uncle Bruce was that he did meet a beautiful, sophisticated Dutch woman in Holland when he was there and she did come back to Canada after the war to marry him as a Dutch war bride.

I would also like to recognize my grandfather who served in the First World War. I have to tell you, I became one of his favourite grandchildren because I moved up North where aboriginal people were and he served in the trenches in the First World War alongside aboriginal soldiers. He said that was the place to be. They had the skills to listen and to survey the situation and if there was a place that you had to be in those trenches, he said he wanted to be with the aboriginal soldiers.

I would also like today to honour my father-in-law, who was too young to be in the Second World War, but from Holland, he was taken to the German work camps and served during the war in a camp.

Mr. Speaker, these are all relatives of mine who have actually passed on now, but when I look at veterans, I can just hold them in the highest regard and appreciate them, knowing what they have been through. I would just like to thank all of the veterans in the Northwest Territories today who served for our freedom. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mrs. Groenewegen. Déclaration de députés. The honourable Member for Frame Lake, Mr. Dent.

Member's Statement on Remembrance Day

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I too would like to say a few words in honour of Remembrance Day tomorrow. Like many in Yellowknife tomorrow, I will take part in the Remembrance Day services, marching from the Legion to the cenotaph and then on to St. Pat's. Mr. Speaker, it is important to remember the sacrifices that many have made to

protect our freedoms and to mark Remembrance Day as the time to do that.

My father was a World War II vet and he was one of the lucky ones. He came back and he did not bear any significant scars from the war. I have talked to him and to other veterans about the horrors of war and, even hearing from those people, I know it is hard for me to comprehend what they have gone through.

We need to not only mark Remembrance Day to pause and reflect, but we also need to take this opportunity to remember that we must teach our children about the honour, respect and sacrifices made by so many. We must not only honour those who fought on our behalf but we must do our best to stop it from ever happening again. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

-- Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Dent. Members, I too will be participating in the Remembrance Day services tomorrow in Hay River. I want to remember an uncle of mine who was in the Second World War. In 1994, I had the honour of being able to retrace some of his steps that he had made after D-Day, through France, Belgium, and into the Netherlands. I was very moved by the cemeteries. The Canadian cemeteries that are there are well maintained by the Europeans, particularly in the Netherlands. It was a great honour for me to be there and pay my respects to those Canadians who had fought for our freedom.

Item 3, Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Item 5, recognition of visitors in the gallery. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South, Mr. Bell.

ITEM 6: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 259-14(3): Additional Child Protection Workers

MR. BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is for the Minister responsible for Health and it relates to my Member's statement and the situation that child protection workers are faced with. The Minister has responded to this crisis by offering three additional child protection workers in the community. We have been told that while they are very thankful, this is only a start. Mr. Speaker, I am wondering if the Minister can tell us, are these workers on a permanent basis? Will this now go into base funding? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Bell. The honourable Minister responsible for Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Return to Question 259-14(3): Additional Child Protection Workers

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I believe the temporary workers who have been brought in, two social workers and one support staff, to alleviate the immediate crises here in Yellowknife are there on a temporary basis. The more permanent solution to this problem will become a part of our planning and budgeting process, as I have mentioned to another Member who asked this question earlier this week. Unfortunately I am not at liberty to discuss what is in the business plans in response to this report.

I want to assure the Member that we do recognize this as a very serious issue and want to do everything we can to alleviate the shortages where they have been identified. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Groenewegen. Supplementary, Mr. Bell.

Supplementary to Question 259-14(3): Additional Child Protection Workers

MR. BELL: Thank you. Another issue that these folks are faced with is the lack of supervisors. I think nationally the average is one supervisor for six child protection workers. We only have one supervisor in the city and, with these additional temporary workers, we would be looking at a situation of one for twelve. I am wondering if the Minister has looked at addressing this problem.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Bell. The honourable Minister for Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Further Return to Question 259-14(3): Additional Child Protection Workers

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we are aware of the lack of supervision that many of these workers are under. One of the advantages of having people in supervisory positions is so that workers can discuss some of the issues with them. They have a sounding board and some direction in difficult situations. Unfortunately in the North, most of the supervisors are also carrying heavy caseloads themselves just because of the sheer volume of the work. Yes, we do recognize this as a problem and hope to address it in the best way that we can. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mrs. Groenewegen. Supplementary, Mr. Bell.

Supplementary to Question 259-14(3): Additional Child Protection Workers

MR. BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Another issue these folks are unfortunately faced with is, as the Minister said, they have an overwhelming caseload and are unable to do prevention work, or unable to be proactive in many cases and work with the families before it gets to the intervention stage. Short of more workers being put toward the problem, I am wondering what else the Minister is planning to do to address this situation so that in fact we can do some prevention work and do not have to always be taking children out of these situations.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Bell. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Further Return to Question 259-14(3): Additional Child Protection Workers

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I believe there are quite a number of contributing factors to the stress which the social workers and child protection workers find themselves under.

There is the actual volume of calls that are coming in. These calls, I believe...I should not quote the number, but I know the

Members would be very surprised at the actual volume of calls across the North they are called upon to respond to.

When we do receive these calls, it may be necessary in the future to have some way of prioritizing these calls so they can deal first and foremost with the most urgent and the most critical ones. That might be of some help.

The other thing is that once social workers are dealing with a family that is in crisis and children who are at risk and it is necessary to respond, quite often the resources they need are not there so that they can in confidence place these children in placements in homes that have been screened, that have been approved where parents may have received training. I think these are all things that could be looked at as adding additional resources to the network, to the system that is available to social workers as they deal with these critical issues. These things are all issues that we are looking at. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mrs. Groenewegen. Final supplementary, Mr. Bell.

Supplementary to Question 259-14(3): Additional Child Protection Workers

MR. BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister is correct. We have been told that 25 calls from Friday night to Sunday morning is not at all unusual. These are not calls of a non-urgent nature. These are calls typically from the RCMP who say they are going to a home because there has been a problem and they need a social worker to meet them there because there is a child who has to be taken into care. These are very serious situations. I do not think any of us could comprehend how a worker could make it through a weekend with this kind of work. It is a critical problem. I sure hope the Minister sees this as the highest priority and will commit to the House to address it as quickly as she can and make this one of her highest priorities. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Bell. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Further Return to Question 259-14(3): Additional Child Protection Workers

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, child protection is a very high priority to me. It is a very high priority to my department. I appreciate the work of the social workers in all of the regions in all of the communities. I ask them to bear with us as we make plans to offer more support to them in carrying out their duties. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, Mr. Krutko.

Question 260-14(3): Serving All Residents Fairly

MR. KRUTKO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Premier and it is in regard to my Member's statement. As we all swore an oath when we were sworn in to the 14th Assembly to serve the residents of the Northwest Territories and also that we treat everybody fairly across the board, I think it is also important that we, as the Members of this Legislature, have to ensure that we improve the programs and services that are out there. We have seen a real decline in

the area of health, social services and in the health and well-being of the people who are in our communities and the residents of the Northwest Territories.

An area I have a lot of concern about is to ensure that the health and well-being of the people of the North are being well-served, to make sure that we have safe drinking water, that it does not affect the health of the residents of the Northwest Territories, especially when we as a government are responsible for ensuring that service is not jeopardized by the actions of this government in regard to carrying that out, or the inactions of this government because of not responding to it.

I would like to ask the Premier, due to the number of concerns that have come forth and knowing that we do have an obligation to the residents, is there an avenue to ensure that we continue to carry out the responsibility to work for the benefit of all the people of the North, making sure that service is measured by ensuring we do make positive steps, that we do not continue to make statements like we are looking at it, we will get back to you, but making positive efforts to find solutions to these problems for the residents of the Northwest Territories.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Krutko. The honourable Premier, Mr. Kakfwi.

Return to Question 260-14(3): Serving All Residents Fairly

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on the issue of this government providing good services to the residents of the Northwest Territories and to specific communities, I believe there is an obligation to communicate directly with the communities involved to ensure that the type of support and programs they are accessing are serving them well. If we are going to discuss concerns and issues of specific communities, then we should find a way to bring those community leaders directly into meetings so we can discuss them. It seems to me that once we raise the initial issues here in the House, then it is an obligation on our part to make sure that the community's concerns are directly involved. I think this is what the Ministers are attempting to do. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Premier. Supplementary, Mr. Krutko.

Supplementary to Question 260-14(3): Serving All Residents Fairly

MR. KRUTKO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think it is apparent that we have to use all avenues within this government when we serve our people. We do have people within the government who have the expertise or have the experience in assisting communities when they need help. We have to get those people into those communities to assist with these problems. Will the Premier commit to ensure that the departments do make their resource people more available to communities?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Krutko. The honourable Premier, Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return to Question 260-14(3): Serving All Residents Fairly

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I believe the Member should be assured that this

government will always encourage officials who deal with communities to make themselves available to the communities they are serving, to ensure there is as much communication and effort being made to resolve issues and concerns that arise in the course of business as conducted between the government and the communities involved. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Premier. Supplementary, Mr. Krutko.

Supplementary to Question 260-14(3): Serving All Residents Fairly

MR. KRUTKO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, another area I have some concerns with is ensuring that we do work for the benefit of all of the people in the North and that we be consistent when we do something for one community, the opportunity is there for other communities, especially when communities find themselves in financial difficulties and it is affecting the programs and services we have given them the ability to carry out. They cannot do that.

I would like to ask the Premier if he could ensure that we have fairness in the way programs are being allocated. That we do not pick one community over the other and we try to be fair to all communities when it comes to distributing and assisting communities to help them with the budgetary problems they are running into. Will the Premier commit to that?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Krutko. The honourable Premier, Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return to Question 260-14(3): Serving All Residents Fairly

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the Member can be assured that we try to be as consistent and as fair as possible and that we will deal with all communities, all people of the Northwest Territories. It is also true that communities, as they take on increased responsibility, also have a responsibility to manage their money and their budgets. If they run into deficits, take on the responsibility for recovering those as well. Where it is not solely their responsibility, this government is prepared to discuss that situation with them. I think that has been fairly consistent. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Premier. Final supplementary, Mr. Krutko.

Supplementary to Question 260-14(3): Serving All Residents Fairly

MR. KRUTKO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I, for one, would like to hear it from the Premier. I think it is apparent that we do have different resources used in different areas. We have programs that are structured to assist some communities and not all communities. We have to realize there is a financial impact not only to the communities, but it is a financial impact to this government. The services we provide are on behalf of this government for all people. I think we have to ensure that if one community is getting funds through a supplementary appropriation, other communities have the ability to also access dollars to assist them under the same circumstances through that process.

So I would like to ask the Premier, will he consider ensuring that the use of supplementary appropriation is open to all communities?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Krutko. The honourable Premier, Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return to Question 260-14(3): Serving All Residents Fairly

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, supplementary appropriations are used by this government to request additional financial resources for departments that find themselves facing additional needs through the course of the year that are beyond what is appropriated to them through the normal budgetary process.

Where, on occasion, communities face difficulties that we believe are not solely their responsibility and are created through unforeseen circumstances, there are sometimes supplementary appropriations requested by departments to address that. It is not intended for communities to unilaterally request money through appropriation bills themselves. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Premier. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for North Slave, Mr. Lafferty.

Question 261-14(3): Changes to Highway Strategy Needed

MR. LAFFERTY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for Transportation, the Honourable Vince Steen. As I mentioned in my Member's statement, I took some time yesterday to read the latest highway strategy. Recognizing that the government's mandate is to serve the people of the North, I was very disappointed to read that there was no thought given to connecting the communities as part of our plan for economic development in the North.

I would like to ask the Minister if they will be making changes in their strategy to connect communities in the region along those routes to the mines? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lafferty. The honourable Minister responsible for Transportation, Mr. Steen.

Return to Question 261-14(3): Changes to Highway Strategy Needed

HON. VINCE STEEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the document and the strategy is a living document that will be around for awhile. It is the department's intent to make changes as required. All through the document, you will see that it suggests that there is encouragement for aboriginal companies, aboriginal people to get employment or business opportunities. The strategy really realizes that to have these particular routes put in place would require cooperation and coordination with the aboriginal groups and with the aboriginal communities.

The Lupin road, which I think is giving the Member some concern, is really just a winter road into the Lupin mine country which services the diamond mines at the present time as well as some gold explorations. There is no intention at this time

that this is eventually going to become the all-weather route into the Slave Geological Province.

The document clearly states there is going to be involvement with communities to define exactly where an all-weather route would eventually be built in the North Slave. If this route services the communities and the mines at the same time and it is the cheapest route, then that is the route that we will probably take, but there is no decision in this document at this point. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Supplementary, Mr. Lafferty.

Supplementary to Question 261-14(3): Changes to Highway Strategy Needed

MR. LAFFERTY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am sorry to hear the Minister say the cheapest route will be taken when we have the concerns of the people of the North in jeopardy here. When referring to the Slave Geological Province, the department's study writes of the importance of the federal government and of industry as stakeholders with regard to road construction in the North.

There is no mention of aboriginal governments in this process. Can the Minister tell me if they will have this put in place in the study? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lafferty. The honourable Minister responsible for Transportation, Mr. Steen.

Further Return to Question 261-14(3): Changes to Highway Strategy Needed

HON. VINCE STEEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, one of the main purposes of this government in considering taking over the Lupin winter road is to allow for aboriginal participation in the maintenance of that road for future. It allows for northern control of the route.

The whole strategy would include consultation with aboriginal groups and consultation with aboriginal communities as to where and what we will do with this particular route in the future. The whole purpose at this point is to allow for northern control of that particular route into the Slave Geological Province and, like the Member's concern, it is aboriginal participation.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Steen. Supplementary, Mr. Lafferty.

Supplementary to Question 261-14(3): Changes to Highway Strategy Needed

MR. LAFFERTY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Common vision, partnerships sharing, taking advantage of opportunities is in the document "Towards a Better Tomorrow", but this study does not reflect that. I would like to ask the Minister if the department had blinders on when they did this study? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Lafferty, I would think that is a difficult question to ask. Could you rephrase that question please?

MR. LAFFERTY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will rephrase my question. The question is, I cannot say what their intent was,

but my question is what were they planning to achieve when they started the study by not putting in connecting the communities with industry? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lafferty. The honourable Minister responsible for Transportation, Mr. Steen.

Further Return to Question 261-14(3): Changes to Highway Strategy Needed

HON. VINCE STEEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the intent here is to allow for aboriginal participation, like I said. We are discussing these issues with industry. We are having discussions with all stakeholders to identify the needs. The overall plan of this Lupin winter road would be at no cost to this government. Right now, it operates on a similar system with industry. Industry pays the full cost. I am a bit concerned that the Member is suggesting that we do not take aboriginal concerns and we do not identify them specifically in this document. The document is following on the lines of "Common Ground". It is following the lines of "Towards a Better Tomorrow" and the whole intent is to involve the aboriginal groups in the benefits from this construction of these roads. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Steen. Final supplementary, Mr. Lafferty.

Supplementary to Question 261-14(3): Changes to Highway Strategy Needed

MR. LAFFERTY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There was mention made of the importance of working with the Government of Nunavut and other aboriginal and private partners as they pursue an all-weather road in Nunavut. If we support this road when it is built, why would we need another road into this area? We are taking our own road away from us. Why can we not concentrate on developing our own all-weather road connecting our communities to industry instead of supporting other territories so they can cut us off? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lafferty. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Transportation, Mr. Steen.

Return to Question 261-14(3): Changes to Highway Strategy Needed

HON. VINCE STEEN: Mr. Speaker, the Lupin winter road exists today. It is used by industry today. It is maintained by industry today, but there is a limited amount of northern control on that route. We are trying to encourage more northern control and more northern involvement on that route. I, as a Minister, also realize the Member's concern that we are concentrating on this route rather than concentrating our resources somewhere else on other routes and to other roads into our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to assure the Member that, as I said, if we were to take over control of the Lupin winter road, it would cost this government nothing. That is the intent of the department. It would still allow us to concentrate on roads into communities and to have resources to continue what we are doing right now in maintaining the existing highways system. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. I would just like to remind Members that the Speaker has no control over how a Minister

answers a question. Ministers can choose to answer a question in any way they want. They can either answer it, not answer it, or speak as they see fit. The Speaker has no control over that or over the quality of the answer. Members, just keep that in mind. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Hay River North, Mr. Delorey.

Question 262-14(3): Availability of Flu Vaccinations

MR. DELOREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today my question is for the Minister responsible for Health and Social Services, the Honourable Jane Groenewegen, in regard to the concern that was brought to me by a constituent. It has to do with flu vaccinations and the availability of them in Hay River. In light of recent remarks, Mr. Speaker, that were made by the director of population health for the NWT on the importance of the flu vaccinations, can the Minister inform me as to the availability of these vaccinations throughout the NWT?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Delorey. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Return to Question 262-14(3): Availability of Flu Vaccinations

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am not sure what the availability is throughout the Northwest Territories but the health boards do have the responsibility for delivering these flu vaccine shots. I heard the program advertised. It is going on here in Yellowknife and I was in Hay River when they had the seniors' health clinic day so I know they were made available there. I am not familiar with how extensive they are but I would assume, Mr. Speaker, that these flu shots are available in all of the communities, all of the regions of the Northwest Territories. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Supplementary, Mr. Delorey.

Supplementary to Question 262-14(3): Availability of Flu Vaccinations

MR. DELOREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does the Minister have any information as to the benefits of these flu vaccines? Is there any indication as to how much benefit we are getting from the flu vaccines to cut down on the amount of flu that is going around? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Delorey. The honourable Minister responsible for Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Further Return to Question 262-14(3): Availability of Flu Vaccinations

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the flu vaccination program is something that has been in place for some time and I believe that the knowledge within the health care community is that they do serve a very useful purpose. Certainly for people who are elderly or at high risk because of chronic illness, these are very advisable shots to receive. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Supplementary, Mr. Delorey.

Supplementary to Question 262-14(3): Availability of Flu Vaccinations

MR. DELOREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does the Minister have any information or can the Minister inform me as to how these flu vaccination shots are being administered in Hay River and who has to pay for them? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you Mr. Delorey. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Further Return to Question 262-14(3): Availability of Flu Vaccinations

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that the flu shots are available in Hay River and, as I mentioned, there was a public health day held recently for seniors in Hay River. There were a number of things provided that day for seniors. One of them was the flu shots. I also believe that through public health in Hay River, flu shots are available to the general public. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Final supplementary, Mr. Delorey.

Supplementary to Question 262-14(3): Availability of Flu Vaccinations

MR. DELOREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have done a bit of canvassing at the public health departments in the NWT in regard to this. In Fort Smith, they have never charged for the flu shots. In Yellowknife and Inuvik, they have charged for them in the past but for this year they have waived the fee for these flu shots. In Hay River, I understand that these flu shots are available free of charge for caregivers, seniors, and the chronically ill. In light of the fact that other jurisdictions do not charge their residents for these flu shots, Mr. Speaker, would the Minister consider directing the Hay River Community Health Board to waive the fee on these flu shots for this year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Delorey. The honourable Minister responsible for Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Further Return to Question 262-14(3): Availability of Flu Vaccinations

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, health boards do have the authority to decide whether or not to charge a fee for people outside of the chronically ill and the elderly. The Hay River Community Health Board did make a decision to charge people this year because the board did not budget for providing flu shots free to all people. So it is my understanding that the board will be considering offering free flu shots to everyone next year. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Frame Lake, Mr. Dent.

Question 263-14(3): Health Boards' Deficit Recovery Plans

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for Health and Social Services and relates to the deficit recovery plans for boards in the

Northwest Territories. We were told earlier that four boards had run up deficits totalling in the millions of dollars. I was wondering if the Minister could advise us, have the plans for the deficit recovery for all boards been received yet?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Dent. The honourable Minister responsible for Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Return to Question 263-14(3): Health Boards' Deficit Recovery Plans

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the last time I was updated by the department on this, I do not believe that all health boards had submitted deficit recovery plans yet. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Supplementary, Mr. Dent.

Supplementary to Question 263-14(3): Health Boards' Deficit Recovery Plans

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have been given the understanding that the final approval for deficit recovery plans would wait until all boards had their plans in and could be considered in concert. This is causing some problems for those boards that are waiting to try and make some changes. My question for the Minister is, when will boards hear if their plans have been approved?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Dent. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Further Return to Question 263-14(3): Health Boards' Deficit Recovery Plans

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it was initially considered that we would wait until all deficit recovery plans were received so that we could consider some of the initiatives in light of the overall health care system. Subsequent to that, it was decided that we would not want to hold back some of the boards who had made more progress on this planning exercise. There were a couple of deadlines that had come and gone, but at least a portion of one of the boards' request to this government and FMB did receive consideration. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Supplementary, Mr. Dent.

Supplementary to Question 263-14(3): Health Boards' Deficit Recovery Plans

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in responses to questions posed by Mr. Lafferty earlier in this sitting, the Minister left the impression that there might be board inefficiencies which had led to these cost overruns. Can the Minister provide us with some concrete examples of inefficiencies that have been found as a result of these proposals to eliminate deficits? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Dent. The honourable Minister responsible for Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Further Return to Question 263-14(3): Health Boards' Deficit Recovery Plans

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in order to deal more knowledgeably with some of the deficits, because this is a relatively new thing for health boards to get into this degree of deficit that we have seen with four of the boards this year, in order to make decisions based on the best knowledge possible, the department is undertaking an operational review of the boards which had a deficit to be able to more clearly identify where there were unavoidable cost drivers, where there were unavoidable costs associated with volume of travel or work. Hopefully when we receive those, we will be in a better position to identify what the source of some of these issues are. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Final supplementary, Mr. Dent.

Supplementary to Question 263-14(3): Health Boards' Deficit Recovery Plans

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Also, when responding to questions posed by Mr. Lafferty, the Minister suggested that recovery plans could not include service reductions. I would like to ask the Minister how that is possible, given that we are looking at millions of dollars?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Dent. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Further Return to Question 263-14(3): Health Boards' Deficit Recovery Plans

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Mr. Speaker, the Member is referring to something I previously said and asked me to answer based on the...I would have to see the exact wording that he is referring to. I guess the spirit of what I am trying to say is that if a board came forward with a proposal to recover their deficit, which was going to significantly and negatively impact the level of service that was being received in that region or in that community, that is probably something that the department would not approve. Where there would be efficiencies created where it would not negatively impact on the service, that is something we probably would look at. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Range Lake, Ms. Lee.

Question 264-14(3): Women Accessing Trades Opportunities

MS. LEE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today goes to the honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Education, Culture and Employment, and it has to do with the Human Resource Strategy for Non-Renewable Resource Development that we discussed in committee of the whole, Mr. Speaker.

I spoke about it yesterday and I commended the department and the Minister for coming up with that strategy. I believe that it gives a really good picture of the number of jobs that will be created by the industry and the number of people that should be trained in order to take those jobs. However, Mr. Speaker, I did point out the lack of information in that strategy having to do

with programs available for women. The deputy minister of the department answered the questions. I am not sure if I am happy with that answer in that he focuses on the role of the employer and not the government in setting out priorities to make sure that women are able to take advantage of those employment opportunities as well as men.

So I would like to ask the Minister again, what is he doing to ensure that women can take advantage of the training opportunities, especially in the trades area, with this industry? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms. Lee. Unfortunately, I am going to have to disallow the question by the honourable Member because this matter is now before committee of the whole. The honourable Member will have the opportunity to address that document there. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Thebacha, Mr. Miltenberger.

Question 265-14(3): Board Deficit and Cost Drivers

MR. MILTENBERGER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are addressed to the Minister responsible for Health and Social Services and they are in regard to the issue of board deficits and cost dollars. I would like the Minister to expand on her statement that the deficit reduction plans will not significantly or negatively affect programs and services to the communities. Could the Minister just define or clarify that statement? What exactly could that mean in terms of actual service delivery in the communities, significantly or negatively? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Miltenberger. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Return to Question 265-14(3): Board Deficit and Cost Drivers

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we as a department, through our work with the health boards, do ensure a certain level of service in the communities. If we were to entertain deficit recovery initiatives from health boards that were going to eliminate a sector of that service, thereby creating hardship for constituents in that region or that community, we would have to seriously look at that because that would in turn impact another area or region in our overall system.

When I used the example of the very much publicized amalgamation of the pediatrics and surgical wards at Stanton, for example, that proposal was presented to the department, which we in turn presented to the MLAs. It was stressed to us very clearly that it was an efficiency measure and as a result of changing numbers and changing ways of delivery services, it would not negatively impact the access of people requiring that service. That is why we were entertaining that. Subsequently, of course, we found out that there was consultation that had been missed in that process.

So without the Member giving me a specific type of service he might be referring to, we do not want to diminish the core services delivered currently in the various communities and regions. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Supplementary, Mr. Miltenberger.

Supplementary to Question 265-14(3): Board Deficit and Cost Drivers

MR. MILTENBERGER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In one reply to my colleague, Mr. Dent, the Minister indicated that this deficit reduction situation was relatively new for boards. I am assuming that it would be relatively new for the department as well. Can the Minister tell this House, do they in fact have a clear plan or criteria that flushes out the significant or negative impacts on programs and services so that the communities and boards would be clear when they are doing their deficit reduction plans? What is acceptable and what range of options would be acceptable or not acceptable? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Miltenberger. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Further Return to Question 265-14(3): Board Deficit and Cost Drivers

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we devolve a lot of the governance and delivery of services for health and social services to the boards. We think that the boards are in a good position to identify to us efficiencies that may make sense, that would not create undue hardship for their constituents.

The kinds of things that we would identify that would be unavoidable kinds of costs would be things like forced growth that would be beyond the direct control of the board, one-time extraordinary costs. Over-expenditures within the control or the discretion of the board would be something that we would look at. Also, if the board has changes in anticipated revenue or changes in anticipated access to the services, those are all things that we would take into consideration when considering any specific initiatives that we have brought forward.

The department does work very closely with the boards, although they do have a board support unit within the department that works very closely with the boards to help them put these kinds of things together. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Supplementary, Mr. Miltenberger.

Supplementary to Question 265-14(3): Board Deficit and Cost Drivers

MR. MILTENBERGER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, some of those points raised by the Minister strike me more as factors that in fact cause growth or forced growth or added expense. The concern I have, or the question was, given the fact that there are deficits in a number of boards and possibly more in the coming months as deficit reduction plans are developed, will the department in fact have a framework of what is acceptable when they do deficit reduction plans with the fundamental goal to protect service delivery levels in the communities and in health centres? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Miltenberger. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

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HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think that we would be in a position as a department to more clearly indicate those kinds of things to boards after we have undertaken our operational reviews to see what the main contributing factors to this are. As I said, this is a relatively new problem that we are facing with significant deficits this year. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Final supplementary, Mr. Miltenberger.

Supplementary to Question 265-14(3): Board Deficit and Cost Drivers

MR. MILTENBERGER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like the Minister to expand a bit on her comment about this operational review that she says is underway. We have had the MedEmerg report. We have had a host of other similar studies done. If she could elaborate on this particular review. What it is going to do? When it is going to be done and when we can see it? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Miltenberger. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen. There were three kind of sub-questions, but they are kind of all related to the when, where and why. Madam Minister.

Further Return to Question 265-14(3): Board Deficit and Cost Drivers

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, there were quite a few questions there. I do remember him asking when they might be complete. Operational audits or reviews will be conducted on all boards that are in a deficit position. The audits and reviews are to be completed by the end of this fiscal year. That information may not be in our hands until then. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, Mr. Nitah.

Question 266-14(3): Dental Services in Fort Resolution

MR. NITAH: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. My question today is for the Minister responsible for Health and Social Services. We hear colleagues talking about deficits. Deficits contribute to a lack of services. There is one area of services that I question the Minister on in the last session. It has to do with dental services in the community of Fort Resolution. I would like to ask the Minister if there has been any resolution to that problem. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nitah. I am uncertain as to which Minister you were referring to. Could you just give me which Minister please?

MR. NITAH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am referring to the Minister responsible for Health and Social Services. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nitah. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Return to Question 266-14(3): Dental Services in Fort Resolution

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Deninoo Community Health and Social Services Board had placed a tender for dental services, for which no bids were received. Subsequent to that, the department contacted the University of Manitoba Faculty of Dentistry and asked them to provide service to the community. I am pleased to report that the University of Manitoba Faculty of Dentistry is providing dental services to Fort Resolution. They began providing these services during the first week of November. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Supplementary, Mr. Nitah.

Supplementary to Question 266-14(3): Dental Services in Fort Resolution

MR. NITAH: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. For my information and for the information of the people in Fort Resolution, can the Minister inform me in what way has this service been delivered? Is the dentist going to the community on a regularly scheduled rotation? Is somebody living in the community? Or do the members of the community have to go outside of the community to obtain this service? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nitah. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Further Return to Question 266-14(3): Dental Services in Fort Resolution

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, thankfully, Mr. Nitah's constituents in Fort Resolution will be able to receive those services in Fort Resolution. The community has been allocated 30 dental days per year by the non-insured health benefits. The dental team will visit the community four times a year. Each visit, they will be staying seven to eight days in the community. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Supplementary, Mr. Nitah.

Supplementary to Question 266-14(3): Dental Services in Fort Resolution

MR. NITAH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister raised the non-insured health benefits. I am wondering how Members of the community who are not under the non-insured health benefits will be paying for the services that they may or will require? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nitah. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Further Return to Question 266-14(3): Dental Services in Fort Resolution

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, that is a very good question. I will have to undertake to get that information for the Member. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, Mr. Krutko.

Question 267-14(3): Role of Community Financial Advisor

MR. KRUTKO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for Municipal and Community Affairs. It is in regard to finding ways to assist communities. I would like to ask the Minister, knowing there are people in his department who are there for a specific reason, especially in the area of community financial services, I would like to ask the Minister exactly what is the role of this portfolio?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Krutko. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, Mr. Allen.

Return to Question 267-14(3): Role of Community Financial Advisor

HON. ROGER ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the role of the financial advisor is very clear. They have very specific duties. Those duties can help the municipalities work and, for example, overcome some deficit recovery problems. They are there to guide the municipalities to achieve some sort of results in terms of financial management. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Allen. Supplementary, Mr. Krutko.

Supplementary to Question 267-14(3): Role of Community Financial Advisor

MR. KRUTKO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, can the Minister tell me if this department has made any effort to work with the Hamlet of Fort McPherson in dealing with their deficit situation?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Krutko. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, Mr. Allen.

Further Return to Question 267-14(3): Role of Community Financial Advisor

HON. ROGER ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the historical data in terms of the specific community has been that we have gone into the municipality on occasion, on several occasions to be specific, to help the community work towards a deficit recovery plan. That is still in the works. We would like to inform the Member that we will continue to make our presence felt in that community and make sure they are satisfied with the direction we are going. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Allen. Supplementary, Mr. Krutko.

Supplementary to Question 267-14(3): Role of Community Financial Advisor

MR. KRUTKO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is great to go into the community but I think it is apparent that they have to spend more time than just going into the community. We should have them on the ground working with the municipality. If it takes a week or a month, they should be there assisting them, realizing we have some grave areas,

especially in regard to the service that is being provided by the Department of Public Works and Services. It is questionable.

As the Minister stated, they are there to serve the communities. I would like to ask the Minister, do you have any idea how much time was actually spent in the community of Fort McPherson?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Krutko. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, Mr. Allen.

Further Return to Question 267-14(3): Role of Community Financial Advisor

HON. ROGER ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, no, we do not have any specific time that our staff has spent in the community. I just want to reiterate again that our ambition here is to help the community resolve their debt problems. We want to institute a debt recovery plan. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Final supplementary, Mr. Krutko.

Supplementary to Question 267-14(3): Role of Community Financial Advisor

MR. KRUTKO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, will the Minister commit to ensure that this group continues to work with the community and find solutions to their deficit problem? I think it is a grave concern. I would like to see this problem resolved as soon as possible. I know we are going to be adjourning next week, but hopefully we can try to have an answer next week before the House adjourns. Is that a possibility?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Krutko. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, Mr. Allen.

Further Return to Question 267-14(3): Role of Community Financial Advisor

HON. ROGER ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we have endeavoured to try to have the municipality lead to some conclusion to the deficit problem. We are aware that they recently had a changeover in their senior administrative officer. With a new SAO in place, hopefully we can work jointly. We have made that commitment and we will continue to stand by that commitment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for North Slave, Mr. Lafferty.

Question 268-14(3): Highways "Vision" for the Slave Geologic Province

MR. LAFFERTY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in this document, Investing In Roads for People and the Economy, A Highway Strategy for the Northwest Territories, it says: "Our vision for roads in the Northwest Territories." One of the visions in here is a road down the Mackenzie Valley from Wrigley to Tuktoyaktuk to provide all-weather road access for communities and to facilitate development of the resource of the Mackenzie Valley and the Delta.

I would like to ask the Minister why there was no vision for the Slave Geological Province similar or equal to the one they have for Tuktoyaktuk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lafferty. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Transportation, Mr. Steen.

Return to Question 268-14(3): Highways "Vision" for the Slave Geologic Province

HON. VINCE STEEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the department did hold committee meetings with all stakeholders down the Mackenzie Valley, but also in the North Slave. The department did have consultations with the communities in the North Slave and the decision for a route in the North Slave, an all-weather road, will depend on many factors, including which route will serve the largest number of communities, the largest number of mines, which route would have the most construction material available, and also environmental impacts. There are all kinds of issues involved in picking the route. I wish to assure the Member that his communities will be involved if there are discussions on an all weather route in the North Slave.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Steen. Supplementary, Mr. Lafferty.

Supplementary to Question 268-14(3): Highways "Vision" for the Slave Geologic Province

MR. LAFFERTY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am happy to hear that the Minister is going to involve my constituents in the road to resources, but the question I asked was why was there no vision, as there is a vision for the road to Tuktoyaktuk? Why is there no vision from this department for the Slave Lake project? Why was there no vision, Mr. Speaker?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lafferty. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Transportation, Mr. Steen.

Further Return to Question 268-14(3): Highways "Vision" for the Slave Geologic Province

HON. VINCE STEEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the department feels that there is a vision. At the present time, the vision consists of the present winter road and it could eventually be developed into an all-weather road into the mines.

The vision also takes into consideration the fact that there are communities in the North Slave and somehow they would have to be involved in the route. Whether there is going to be two routes or whether there is going to be one route, this is something for the future.

Like I said, there are a lot of factors governing where these routes are going to be. One of the specifics about the route right now, the North Slave Geological Province is serviced by an all-weather road that is not controlled by this government. It is there already. Part of our vision is that Northerners control this route, that aboriginal companies and aboriginal people take part in maintaining the route.

If it eventually becomes an all-weather route, aboriginal people and aboriginal groups would have the opportunity to take part

in business ventures to construct this route. If, in fact, there is a route through the North Slave communities, the same applies. So there is a vision. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Steen. Supplementary, Mr. Lafferty.

Supplementary to Question 268-14(3): Highways "Vision" for the Slave Geologic Province

MR. LAFFERTY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am glad that the Minister can reassure me that they have a vision, but it is better to see it on paper where it is written down. To that, I would like to ask, what did this study cost the government? In this 14th Assembly, I would like to know what it cost to do this study, which is missing a lot of information. A lot of visions were left out. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lafferty. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Transportation, Mr. Steen.

Further Return to Question 268-14(3): Highways "Vision" for the Slave Geologic Province

HON. VINCE STEEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this study was ongoing for many years. The strategy refers to the fact that there were previous documents tabled reflecting transportation strategies. It also shows that they did spend a lot of time in consultation with stakeholders. These consultations did require resources. The Department has spent to date, if I remember correctly, in the neighbourhood of \$3 million gathering all of this information and putting this strategy together. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Steen. Final supplementary, Mr. Lafferty.

Supplementary to Question 268-14(3): Highways "Vision" for the Slave Geologic Province

MR. LAFFERTY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister, how many times did they go into the North Slave region, not in Yellowknife, but the North Slave region, and consult with the people there? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lafferty. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Transportation, Mr. Steen.

Further Return to Question 268-14(3): Highways "Vision" for the Slave Geologic Province

HON. VINCE STEEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am not clear whether the Member was asking whether I did consult or whether I will consult for the route out of the North Slave, but the answer both ways is yes, we will.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Steen. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South, Mr. Bell.

Question 269-14(3): Clarification of Documents Tabled

MR. BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just heard the Minister refer to the document tabled and he indicated that in that document, it suggests this is a compilation of things that have

come down over the last few years. As he mentioned, it is a document that has been in the works for quite a long time. I believe the Minister said the document tabled refers to previous documents tabled. In going through the document that has been tabled, I see the reference to previous documents released. I think there is quite a difference here between documents the department has seen fit to release and documents the department has seen fit to table. So am I wrong in thinking...did he mean released, when in fact he said tabled? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Bell. The question is directed to the Minister of Transportation, Mr. Steen, for clarification.

Return to Question 269-14(3): Clarification of Documents Tabled

HON. VINCE STEEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am relating to two previous documents that the department did have. I am not 100 percent sure whether they were tabled or not in this House, but I have the impression that they were strategies, and I assume that they were tabled by the previous government.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Bell.

Supplementary to Question 269-14(3): Clarification of Documents Tabled

MR. BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I had assumed that the summary report on the highway strategy released October 1999 would have been tabled as well, so I can understand if there is some confusion here, but it has not been tabled, Mr. Speaker. I have looked for it in the library and I have managed to track down a copy, but this is something that has not been able to go to committee and the public has not been able to see. Unless I am mistaken, this thing has not been tabled and I am wondering why.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Bell. The honourable Minister responsible for the Department of Transportation, Mr. Steen.

Further Return to Question 269-14(3): Clarification of Documents Tabled

HON. VINCE STEEN: Mr. Speaker. I have no reason not to table a document if it has not been tabled. I will check with the department to see if it had been tabled in previous governments and, if it has not been tabled, I will table the document. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Steen. Supplementary, Mr. Bell.

Supplementary to Question 269-14(3): Clarification of Documents Tabled

MR. BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can probably save the Minister the time because I was going to table it today on behalf of the Minister and help him out, as a gesture of good faith, Mr. Speaker. I hope he will appreciate that.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. There was no question there. Do we have a supplementary, Mr. Bell? Thank you. The time for question period has expired. Item 7, written questions. Item 8, returns to written questions. Item 9, replies to the opening address. Item 10, petitions. Item 11, reports of standing and

special committees. Item 12, reports of committees on the review of bills. The honourable Member for Frame Lake, Mr. Dent.

ITEM 12: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON THE REVIEW OF BILLS

Bill 11: An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act No. 3

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two bills to report. I wish to report to the Assembly that the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight has reviewed Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act No. 3 and wishes to report that Bill 11 is now ready for further consideration in committee of the whole.

Bill 15: An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Power Corporation Act and Public Service Act

Mr. Speaker, if I may continue, I wish to report to the Assembly that the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight has reviewed Bill 15, An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Power Corporation Act and Public Service Act, and wishes to report that Bill 15 is now ready for further consideration in committee of the whole. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Dent. Item 12, reports of committees and review of bills. Item 13, tabling of documents. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South, Mr. Bell.

ITEM 13: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Tabled Document 74-14(3): Summary Report of the Highway Strategy, October 1999

MR. BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have managed to dredge up a copy of the Summary Report of the Highway Strategy, released October, 1999. In my opinion, a very controversial document I will be tabling. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Bell. Item 13, tabling of documents. Item 14, notices of motion. The honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, Mr. Nitah.

ITEM 14: NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion 12-14(3): Establishment of a Special Committee to Review the Official Languages Act

MR. NITAH: Mahsi cho, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday, November 14, 2000, I will move the following motion:

I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that the Legislative Assembly hereby establishes a special committee to review the Official Languages Act; and further, that the following Members be named to the special committee:

- the Honourable Mr. Allen, the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes;
- Mr. Bell, the Member for Yellowknife South;
- Mr. Krutko, the Member for Mackenzie Delta;

- Mr. McLeod, the Member for Deh Cho; and
- Mr. Nitah, the Member for Tu Nedhe.

And further, notwithstanding Rule 88(2), the following Members be named as alternate Members to the special committee:

- the Honourable Mr. Antoine, the Member for Nahendeh;
- Ms. Lee, the Member for Range Lake; and
- Mr. Miltenberger, the Member for Thebacha.

And further, that the special committee prepare its terms of reference and present them at the first opportunity during the sitting of the Legislative Assembly in February, 2001. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nitah. Item 14, notices of motion. The honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, Mr. Krutko.

Motion 13-14(3): Establishment of a Special Committee on the Implementation of Self-Government and the Sunset Clause

MR. KRUTKO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday, November 14, 2000, I will move the following motion: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, that the Legislative Assembly hereby establish a special committee to be named the Special Committee on Self-Government Implementation and the Sunset Clause. And further, that the following Members be named to the special committee:

- the Honourable Mr. Antoine, the Member for Nahendeh;
- Mr. Braden, the Member for Great Slave;
- Mr. Delorey, the Member for Hay River North;
- Mr. Lafferty, the Member for North Slave; and
- Ms. Lee, the Member for Range Lake.

And furthermore, notwithstanding Rule 88(2), the following Members be named as alternate Members to the special committee:

- the Honourable Mr. Steen, the Member for Nunakput;
- Mr. McLeod, the Member for Deh Cho; and
- Mr. Nitah, the Member for Tu Nedhe.

And further, that the special committee prepare its terms of reference and present them at the first opportunity during the sitting of the Legislative Assembly in February, 2001. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Krutko. Item 14, notices of motion. Item 15, notices of motion for first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Weledeh, Mr. Handley.

ITEM 15: NOTICES OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Bill 18: Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 5, 1999-2000

HON. JOE HANDLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday, November 14, 2000, I will move that Bill 18, Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 5, 1999-2000, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Handley. Item 15, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 16, motions. Item 17, first reading of bills. Item 18, second reading of bills. The honourable Member for Nunakput, Mr. Steen.

ITEM 18: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Bill 16: An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Act

HON. VINCE STEEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker,

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh, that Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Act, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Motor Vehicles Act to clarify the provisions relating to seatbelts and child restraint systems. The bill also limits the number of persons that may ride in a motor vehicle, and specifies that they must be in designated seating positions. The bill also removes the exemption that allows persons to ride in the back of a truck in certain circumstances. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Steen. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour? Thank you. All those opposed? Thank you. The motion is carried. Bill 16 has had second reading. Accordingly, the bill stands referred to a committee. Item 18, second reading of bills. Item 19, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Tabled Document 63-14(3), A Human Resource Development Proposal Related to Non-Renewable Resources in the NWT, with Mr. Krutko in the chair.

ITEM 19: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS AND OTHER MATTERS

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Krutko): Welcome to committee of the whole. We have one item to deal with, Tabled Document 63-14(3), A Human Resource Development Proposal Related to Non-Renewable Resources in the NWT. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Dent.

MR. DENT: Mr. Chairman, I move we report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Krutko): There is a motion on the floor to report progress. The motion is not debateable. All those in favour? All those against? The motion is carried. We will rise and report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: The House will come back to order. Item 20, report of committee of the whole. The honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, Mr. Krutko.

ITEM 20: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MR. KRUTKO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Tabled Document 63-14(3), A Human Resource Development Proposal Related to Non-Renewable Resources in the NWT, and would like to report

progress. I move that the report of the committee of the whole be concurred with.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Krutko. Do we have a seconder for the motion? The Chair recognizes the honourable Member for Hay River North, Mr. Delorey. All those in favour, please signify. Thank you. All those opposed? The motion is carried. Item 21, third reading of bills. The honourable Member for Hay River South, Mrs. Groenewegen.

ITEM 21: THIRD READING OF BILLS

Bill 10: An Act to Amend the Adoption Act

HON. JANE GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker,

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh, that Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Adoption Act, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mrs. Groenewegen. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Thank you. All those opposed? Thank you. The motion is carried. Bill 10 has had third reading. Item 21, third reading of bills. Item 22, orders of the day. Mr. Clerk.

ITEM 22: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, a meeting of the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight at 12:15 p.m. today. Meetings for Tuesday, November, 14, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. of the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight, of Caucus at 10:30 a.m., and again of the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight at 12:00 p.m.

Orders of the day for Tuesday, November 14, 2000:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
13. Tabling of Documents
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15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

16. Motions
- Motion 12-14(3), Establishment of a Special Committee to Review the Official Languages Act
 - Motion 13-14(3), Establishment of a Special Committee on the Implementation of Self-Government and the Sunset Clause
17. First Reading of Bills
- Bill 12, Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 1, 2000-2001
 - Bill 14, An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act
 - Bill 18, Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 5, 1999-2000
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
- Tabled Document 63-14(3), A Human Resource Development Proposal Related to Non-Renewable Resources in the Northwest Territories
 - Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act, No. 3
 - Bill 15, An Act to Amend the NWT Power Corporation Act and the Public Service Act
20. Report of Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. By the authority given the Speaker by Motion 4-14(3), the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, November 14, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

-- ADJOURNMENT

The House adjourned at 12:00 p.m.