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ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Moved by Mr. Nordick, Member for Klondike:

THAT the following Address be presented to the Commissioner of Yukon:

MAY IT PLEASE THE COMMISSIONER:

We, the Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly, beg leave to offer our humble thanks for the gracious Speech which you have addressed to the House.

Adjourned debate: Mr. Fairclough

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #6)

THAT the honourable Members Steve Nordick, Gary McRobb, Steve Cardiff, Hon. Elaine Taylor, Darius Elias and Hon. Brad Cathers be appointed to the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges established pursuant to Standing Order 45(1);

THAT the Committee elect its Chair from the Government Caucus Members appointed to it;

THAT the Chair of the Committee be required to participate in all votes before the Committee;

THAT the said Committee review, as necessary, such Standing Orders as it may decide upon;

THAT the said Committee, following the conduct of any such review, report any recommendations for amendment to the Assembly;

THAT the said Committee have the power to call for persons, papers and records and to sit during intersessional periods; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the Committee.

2. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #7)

THAT the Honourable Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 45(2), be appointed Chair of the Members' Services Board;

THAT Hon. Dennis Fentie, Arthur Mitchell, Todd Hardy and Hon. Brad Cathers be appointed to the Members' Services Board;

THAT the Board consider:

- (1) budget submissions for the following Votes:
 - (a) Legislative Assembly,
 - (b) Ombudsman (including Information and Privacy Commissioner),
 - (c) Conflicts Commission, and
 - (d) Elections Office,

and

- (2) policy questions concerning matters such as:
 - (a) space allocation,
 - (b) staffing,
 - (c) caucus funding,
 - (d) Media Gallery House rules, and
 - (e) Hansard,

and

THAT the Board fulfill its statutory responsibilities including those in the *Legislative Assembly Act*, the *Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act*, the *Elections Act*, the *Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Act*, the *Ombudsman Act*, and the *Cabinet and Caucus Employees Act*.

3. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #8)

THAT the honourable Members Arthur Mitchell, Steve Nordick, John Edzerza, Hon. Glenn Hart, Don Inverarity, Hon. Marian Horne and Hon. Patrick Rouble be appointed to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts established pursuant to Standing Order 45(3);

THAT the said Committee have the power to call for persons, papers and records and to sit during intersessional periods; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the Committee.

4. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #9)

THAT the honourable Members Steve Nordick, Darius Elias, John Edzerza, Hon. Brad Cathers and Hon. Jim Kenyon be appointed to the Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments established pursuant to Standing Order 45(1);

THAT the said Committee have the power to call for persons, papers and records and to sit during intersessional periods;

THAT the said Committee review such regulations, made following the date of its appointment, as it may decide upon;

THAT the said Committee review such other existing or proposed regulations as are referred to it by the Assembly; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the Committee.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

1. Bill #2 - Fourth Appropriation Act 2005-06
-Hon. Mr. Fentie
2. Bill #3 - Second Appropriation Act 2006-07
-Hon. Mr. Fentie
3. Bill #31 - Act to Amend the Income Tax Act
-Hon. Mr. Fentie

BILLS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT BILLS

(Second Reading)

1. Bill #101 - Act to Perpetuate a Certain Ancient Right
- Mr. Nordick

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICES OF MOTION

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #28)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to provide new incentives to increase the labour pool for entry-level jobs in the service and retail industries in the short-term:

- (1) for seniors who might wish to take on part-time or full-time work but are discouraged by the higher rates of income taxes they would then pay,
- (2) for stay-at-home parents who are unable to take on work due to the cost of childcare,
- (3) for those on social assistance who would like to supplement their income to help meet their needs, and
- (4) for students, where the cost of introducing these new entrants to the job market may be prohibitive to employers.

2. Mr. Nordick (Motion #29)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to implement a multi-departmental approach and actions focusing on zero tolerance of violence against the family through the development of a long-term public education awareness campaign responding to and preventing family violence.

3. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #30)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to construct a new elementary school in Copper Ridge as soon as possible to ensure there is sufficient school capacity to allow students to attend school near where they live and not have to be bussed to more distant neighborhoods.

4. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #31)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to commence construction of the Hamilton Boulevard extension during the 2007 construction season in order to provide a second access to alleviate traffic congestion and to help ensure that emergency medical and other services will be available to the residents of McIntyre, Granger, Arkell, Logan and Copper Ridge.

5. Mr. McRobb (Motion #32)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to develop a comprehensive Climate Change Action Plan containing the following elements:

- (1) targeted assistance for Yukoners to improve the energy efficiency of their homes,
- (2) improved efficiency and sustainability for Yukon government buildings and operations,
- (3) encouraging community energy management in Yukon communities to maximize efficient energy use, local employment and conservation,
- (4) developing biomass community heating systems through community partnerships,
- (5) reducing the waste associated with the use of diesel generators or replacing them with renewable options,
- (6) integration of energy conservation and renewable energy options into Yukon Energy's long-term plans, and
- (7) establishing targets for greenhouse gas emissions in collaboration with industry, governments and the public.

6. Mr. McRobb (Motion #33)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to develop a comprehensive Energy Policy in consultation with stakeholders which:

- (1) ensures affordable energy is available for all Yukon residents and businesses,
- (2) identifies the effectiveness and long-term practicality of existing subsidies within and outside the current electricity rate structure (i.e. the Rate Stabilization Fund),
- (3) ensures that energy development and management decisions support the high quality of the natural environment and biodiversity of ecosystems, recognizing the absolute importance of the long-term protection of these natural systems to economic, social and cultural well-being of Yukon residents,
- (4) identifies new policies (e.g. net metering) and related implementation plans;
- (5) promotes uses of renewable energy that contribute to a lasting legacy of affordable and sustainable energy for the benefit of all Yukoners,
- (6) promotes and assists community energy management initiatives through local partnerships,
- (7) encourages First Nation equity positions in energy development projects and works in partnership with all stakeholders towards sustainable energy solutions for the benefit of all Yukoners,
- (8) updates the Non-Utility Generator Policy to allow for private investors to participate in the expansion of the territory's electrical system,
- (9) incorporates all issues related to oil and gas development, and
- (10) provides for the discussion of any other issue important to stakeholders or the public.

7. Mr. Elias (Motion #34)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to demonstrate its unequivocal support for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which is the calving grounds for the Porcupine Caribou Herd, and immediately make representations to the appropriate American representatives and to lobby on behalf of Yukon for protection of this most valuable resource area.

8. Mr. Elias (Motion #35)

THAT it is the opinion of this House that:

- (1) the Government of Yukon has once again committed to the protection of the Porcupine Caribou Herd,
- (2) the Vuntut Gwitchin people and all Yukoners recognize the importance of preserving this resource, and
- (3) the Vuntut Gwitchin people are very concerned over the overall health, size of the herd, hunting along the Dempster Highway and a lack of a harvest management strategy.

9. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #36)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to introduce a Teacher School Supply Tax Credit.

10. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #37)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to give priority to the completion of the *Children's Act* and bring it before the Yukon Legislative Assembly without further delay.

11. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #38)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to conduct public consultations on the outdated *Liquor Act* and bring forward amendments in the 2007 Spring Sitting that remove the barriers for entrepreneurs wanting to build, own or operate a cocktail lounge or neighborhood pub and to ensure that the legislation can be enforced by the Yukon Liquor Board by:

- (1) ensuring the *Liquor Act* is more consistent with other liquor jurisdictions in Canada,
- (2) eliminating the bedroom requirement currently associated with neighborhood pubs and cocktail lounges,
- (3) updating license categories to address emerging business opportunities,
- (4) addressing the service gaps in small Yukon communities and rural areas that have no liquor store, and
- (5) protecting the licensees and servers that refuse service when it is reasonably believed that such service and the resulting consumption of alcohol may result in serious harm to the consumer or others.

12. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #39)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to publicly state the amount of its financial commitment to the proposed cold climate research station and to demonstrate private sector interest in the project before proceeding with construction.

13. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #40)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately release the completed issue papers of the Education Reform process so that all Yukoners can consider and discuss the ramifications of proposed education governance, administration, and the language and cultural implications, and so that the mandatory review of the *Education Act* that should have been completed years ago can finally be concluded with appropriate amendments to make Yukon's public education system work to the benefit of all Yukon people.

14. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #41)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to develop and implement, as an urgent priority, an effective territory-wide Anti-Poverty Action Plan that will identify and correct the root causes of poverty in the Yukon and will make the need for food banks and soup kitchens in one of the most privileged societies in the world a shameful relic of the past.

15. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #42)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately release for public consideration the review of Yukon mental health services commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Services and presented to the Government in March, 2006, and take decisive action on the report's findings that the Yukon needs supported housing, in-patient facilities and services, an additional psychiatrist, crisis and after-hours services, and better mental health services in rural communities.

16. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #43)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately allocate the appropriate financial and human resources to implement an interim strategy to provide safe shelter and support services for Yukon youth who are homeless, especially during the winter months, until such time as a permanent youth shelter has been established.