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GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Hon. Mr. Fentie (Motion #69)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work collaboratively with the Government of Canada, the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Porcupine Caribou Management Board, all affected First Nations in Yukon and the Northwest Territories, and stakeholders, to develop a Porcupine Caribou Herd Harvest Management Strategy that ensures to the greatest extent possible, the conservation and protection of the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

2. Hon. Mr. Fentie (Motion #167)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon, the Government of Canada and Yukon First Nation governments to develop a timely, inclusive process through the re-instated Intergovernmental Forum to implement the recommendations of the Nine Year Review of the Yukon Final Land Claims Agreements in order to ensure the spirit and intent of the land claims agreements are fulfilled.

3. Hon. Mr. Kenyon (Motion #239)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to work with the Government of Canada, First Nations, Yukon College, members of the business community and non-governmental organizations to:

- (1) enhance and develop labour market initiatives targeting First Nations, older workers, youth, persons with disabilities and immigrants through measures such as apprenticeship programs, the Youth Employment Program, the Yukon Nominee Program, the Temporary Foreign Worker Program and other programs,
- (2) develop a national recruiting campaign; and
- (3) assist in the development of retention incentives for employers.

4. Hon. Ms. Horne (Motion #713)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada and its NATO allies to insist in the strongest possible terms that the Government of Afghanistan fully honour its human rights treaty obligations under international laws and demonstrate its commitment both in law and in practice to respect, protect and enforce the equality rights of the women of Afghanistan or face international sanctions.

5. Hon. Mr. Hart (Motion #723)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to support the findings of the Motion #542 Consultation Report done by the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board and the Employment Standards Board, responding to Motion #542 adopted during the 2008 Fall Sitting of the Legislative Assembly, by requesting that the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board and the Employment Standards Board:

- (1) work together within their existing frameworks of authority to appropriately address areas of general consensus;
- (2) work together to ensure adequate training, orientation and supervision of young workers; and
- (3) conduct a review within 5 years to assess the effectiveness of any regulations resulting from this consultation and consider whether there is a need for a general minimum working age in Yukon.

6. Hon. Ms. Horne (Motion #832)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to explore the concept of a multidisciplinary approach to dealing with the complex needs of chronic substance abusers.

7. Hon. Ms. Horne (Motion #935)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to meet its obligations under the Yukon First Nation Self-Government Agreements by providing sufficient financial resources to implement these agreements through the Assumption of Responsibilities Agreement (ARA) process; and to demonstrate this commitment by negotiating an appropriate ARA on the administration of justice with the Teslin Tlingit Council.

8. Hon. Ms. Taylor (Motion #941)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to work with Canada's tourism industry, provinces and territories and other stakeholders in the development of China Approved Destination Status policies and processes that will enable Canada's tourism sector to capitalize on this opportunity.

BILLS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT BILLS

(Second Reading)

1. Bill #101 - Act to Perpetuate a Certain Ancient Right
-Mr. Nordick
2. Bill #105 - An Act to Amend the Cooperation in Governance Act
-Mr. Mitchell
Adjourned debate: Mr. Nordick
3. Bill #107 - Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act
-Mr. Hardy

4. Bill #108 - Legislative Renewal Act
-Mr. Hardy

5. Bill #109 - Young Worker Protection Act
-Mr. Cardiff

Adjourned debate: Mr. Cathers

6. Bill #110 - Yukon Energy Corporation Protection Act
-Mr. McRobb

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Fentie

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

1. Mr. McRobb (November 29, 2007)

Addressed to: Hon. Mr. Fentie, Minister of Finance

On what date was the Yukon Government's public web site updated to make available the internal government audit, officially entitled "Report on the Audit of Contributions" dated January 2007, prepared by the Government Audit Services Branch? **(WQ #1)**

2. Mr. Elias (December 11, 2007)

Addressed to: Minister of Environment

Does the Government of Yukon support the Kyoto Protocol? **(WQ #2)**

3. Mr. Hardy (April 29, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate

Will the Minister table the following information concerning the 2008/09 Main Estimates for the Women's Directorate:

- (1) plans for the Family Focus Housing project that include location, size, and total cost,
- (2) the type of programming and counseling support services to be offered to tenants in the Family Focus Housing,
- (3) the eligibility criteria for the project's tenancy; including family income, number of children, social conditions, criminal records, pet restrictions, and family history of violence,
- (4) the expected completion date for the Family Focus Housing; and
- (5) how the Directorate will assure tenants and the public that the project will not become a ghetto. **(WQ #5)**

4. Mr. Hardy (April 29, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate

Will the Minister please table the following information concerning the 2008/09 Main Estimates for the Women's Directorate:

- (1) a list of recipients, a breakdown of the amounts transferred, and the objectives of projects for funds transferred in the line item "Various Women's Groups",
- (2) the evaluation process used for the various women's groups for measuring success,
- (3) justification for the difference in amounts transferred to various women's groups and the amount transferred to the Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre; and,
- (4) the guidelines for transfer payments. **(WQ #6)**

5. Mr. Hardy (April 29, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate

Will the Minister table the following information concerning the 2008/09 Main Estimates for the Women's Directorate:

- (1) how the Directorate has met its program objectives over the past year, as listed on page 16-6; and
- (2) how the Directorate measures its success in meeting its program objectives. **(WQ #7)**

6. Mr. Hardy (April 29, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate

Will the Minister table the following information concerning the 08/09 Main Estimates for the Women's Directorate:

- (1) a progress report on the Northern Strategy Emergency Shelter Feasibility Study,
- (2) the criteria for the evaluation of the Long Term Public Education Campaign on the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Children,
- (3) the process for evaluation and the results of the evaluations of the projects initiated by Aboriginal women to address violence prevention in their communities in 2007-08; and,
- (4) the process for evaluation and the results of the evaluations of the projects funded in 2007-08 under the Women's Equality Fund. **(WQ #8)**

7. Mr. Hardy (April 30, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission

Will the Minister please provide responses to the following questions related to the 2008/09 Main Estimates for the Public Service Commission:

- (1) what is the Public Service Commission doing to reduce workplace injuries and lower the Workers' Compensation assessment rate the Government pays,
- (2) does the Government believe it is on-track with respect to recruitment and succession planning, and that we will have enough well-trained employees to maintain excellent public services as the current employees reach retirement age,
- (3) how long is the project involving people with disabilities who look after the Government's document shredding and recycling scheduled to run, and what plans are there to provide opportunities for people with disabilities in the public service,
- (4) why has the Public Service Commission taken the position that the right to join unions doesn't extend to certain categories, such as teachers-on-call and emergency fire-fighters,
- (5) is the Minister prepared to re-visit that position - for example, if teachers-on-call make another attempt at union certification,
- (6) how many grievances are currently on the books, and what is being done to clear up any backlog? **(WQ #9)**

8. Mr. Cardiff (December 1, 2008)

Addressed to the Premier

Will the Premier provide responses to the following questions:

- (1) what is the status of each recommendation made in the Audit of Contracts including:
 - (a) what recommendations has the government adopted to date?;
 - (b) what recommendations does the government plan to adopt at a later date?; and
 - (c) what recommendations does the government not plan to adopt? **(WQ #11)**

9. Mr. Cardiff (December 10, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation

Will the Minister please provide the following information:

- (1) the detailed total amount expended by the Yukon Housing Corporation for litigation with the Whitehorse Housing Co-operative; and

- (2) the detailed total amount expended in fulfilling the Yukon Housing Corporation's duties as receiver responsible for the Whitehorse Housing Co-operative, including expenses for management and maintenance of the property and infrastructure.

(WQ #12)

10. Mr. Cardiff (May 4, 2009)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation

What is the process for distributing the \$50 million in housing funding that Yukon is to receive from the Federal Government including:

- (1) the criteria for determining which projects will qualify for funding?,
- (2) the criteria for determining which projects are priorities?; and
- (3) the timeframe for determining which projects will receive funding? **(WQ #13)**

11. Mr. Cardiff (May 13, 2009)

Addressed to the Minister of Community Services

Will the Minister provide the House with the following information concerning implementing measures to protect young workers in the workplace:

- (1) an update on progress in implementing of changes to the *Employment Standards Act* and related regulations in response to the findings of the Motion 542 Consultation Report,
- (2) a timeline for when legislative changes will come before the Legislative Assembly for First Reading; and
- (3) a timeline for when regulatory changes will come into effect. **(WQ #14)**

12. Mr. McRobb (December 17, 2009)

Addressed to the Premier

Will the Premier identify the mystery investor providing \$12 million to the Carmacks-Stewart Transmission Line Project, Phase II, which is censored in the document entitled Canada-Yukon Energy Corporation Green Infrastructure Fund Agreement for the Yukon Green Energy Legacy Project 2009-2010/2011-2012 as tabled in the Legislative Assembly on December 15, 2009? **(WQ #15)**

13. Mr. McRobb (December 17, 2009)

Addressed to the Premier

Will the Premier provide a full chronology of his secret negotiations with ATCO regarding Yukon Energy, which ran in parallel to those negotiations he ordered government officials to undertake? **(WQ #16)**

NOTICE PAPER

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Mr. McRobb (Motion #982)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to provide complete details of the financing of the Carmacks-Steward Transmission Line and Mayo B projects.

2. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #983)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to review the practices of air carriers and airport operating authorities to provide better services to the public by:

- (1) reviewing the conditions on non-refundable airfares with the intent of removing all or some of the conditions around the refundability of airfares,
- (2) removing the non-endorsement/non-transferability clauses of non-refundable airfares so other family members or friends can use any residual airfare values from cancelled tickets,
- (3) encouraging air carriers to offer interline options for connecting passengers and baggage specifically when tickets are issued via the Web using e-ticketing,
- (4) working with air carriers and airport operating authorities to eliminate the double charging of airport improvement fees caused by e-ticketing,
- (5) working with all involved parties to reduce the user fees charged by government bodies, agencies and airport operating authorities,
- (6) reviewing all non-profit airport operating authorities to ensure they are not exceeding their mandates,
- (7) exercising more control over the Canadian Aeronautics Board and Transport Canada to ensure the rights of the passenger are paramount,
- (8) ensuring air carriers refund the taxes, Airport Improvement Fees and fuel surcharges portion of non-refundable airfares; and
- (9) ensuring that air carriers put passengers, their customers, first when dealing with service complaints.

3. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #984)

THAT this House urges the City of Whitehorse to adopt a "Snow Angels" program aimed at encouraging residents to reach out and help neighbours, especially those in need, with shoveling snow.

4. Mr. Hardy (Motion #985)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately convene the Yukon Collaborative Practice Initiative in order to create an active role for nurse practitioners in full spectrum health care within a collaborative health care delivery system.

5. Mr. Hardy (Motion #986)

THAT it is the opinion of this House that the boycott by federal Conservative Members of Parliament of the federal Special Committee on the Canadian Mission in Afghanistan:

- (1) resulted in a lack of quorum so that the Committee could not meet officially,
- (2) insults elected members and Committee officials as well as parliamentary process itself; and

(3) should be denounced in the strongest possible manner and immediately reversed by the Prime Minister.

6. Mr. Hardy (Motion #987)

THAT this House calls on the Yukon Government to follow its own Energy Strategy and develop and implement demand management programs and incentives to promote energy efficiency and conservation.

7. Mr. Cathers (Motion #988)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada and the Yukon Government to reach an agreement to replace the Territorial Health Access Fund with a successor agreement that supports the sustainability of Yukon's Health Care system and continues to fund successful initiatives currently supported by the Territorial Health Access Fund including:

- (1) the 811 Yukon Healthline,
- (2) the Family Physician Incentive Program for new graduates,
- (3) the Medical Education Bursary,
- (4) the Nursing Education Bursary,
- (5) the Health Professions Education Bursary,
- (6) assisting existing family practices in expanding to provide space for new physicians,
- (7) the Satellite Specialist Clinic,
- (8) the Diabetes Collaborative and the Chronic Disease Collaborative,
- (9) initiatives encouraging collaborative practice,
- (10) the Palliative Care Program,
- (11) mental health services in communities and through the Telehealth network; and
- (12) other initiatives under the Health Human Resource Strategy that support the development of local health care capacity and improve health care outcomes for Yukon citizens.