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ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion No. 211)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to continue to:

- (1) respect the fact that there are many hundreds of families in Yukon that depend upon mineral exploration in order to make their mortgage payments, feed themselves, and ensure a proper education and a bright future for their children; and
- (2) support responsible mineral exploration and responsible mining as key elements of a strong, diversified Yukon economy.

3. Hon. Mr. Dixon (Motion No. 212)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to work with industry, First Nations, and non-governmental organizations to:

- (1) attract investment to Yukon; and
- (2) encourage the development of responsible economic projects.

4. Hon. Mr. Kent (Motion No. 213)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work with Yukon College, the Yukon Mine Training Association, and the mining and exploration industries to train and develop a skilled work force made up of Yukon residents to meet the current and future needs of the mining and resource sectors.

5. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion No. 215)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to work with the Yukon Water Board and the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board to improve Yukon's assessment and regulatory processes.

6. Hon. Mr. Pasloski (Motion No. 216)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to preserve and maintain the Free Entry System of mineral allocation in Yukon.

7. Hon. Mr. Nixon (Motion No. 219)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to work with Public Safety Canada and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to:

- (1) implement the new twenty-year agreement with the Government of Canada for the provision of police services,
- (2) support the RCMP in the provision of a professional, effective and efficient territorial police service that is responsive to the needs of all Yukon communities,
- (3) address street crime; and
- (4) implement the recommendations of the *Sharing Common Ground* report.

8. Hon. Mr. Dixon (Motion No. 241)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to implement the 2012 Aishihik Bison Herd Management Plan, which includes allowing a Fall hunt in selected areas, reducing the cost of the seal from fifty dollars to ten dollars, and maintaining hunting as the primary management tool.

9. Hon. Mr. Nixon (Motion No. 376)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to recognize the important role that arts and culture play in contributing to the social and economic life of Yukon by providing assistance to arts and cultural organizations and Yukon artisans and by promoting exhibits, concerts, festivals, and multicultural events and programs.

10. Hon. Mr. Nixon (Motion No. 403)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to assist Mothers Against Drunk Driving – Whitehorse in engaging other governments and agencies to implement a public awareness campaign with both general awareness advertising regarding the Report Impaired Drivers Program, and targeted signage focused on students celebrating graduation, boaters, and snowmobile operators at the Skagway and Haines summits.

11. Hon. Mr. Kent (Motion No. 487)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to ensure there is a continuing and abundant supply of clean and affordable power in Yukon in order to promote responsible and sustainable economic development, by:

- (1) directing the Yukon Development Corporation, as the agency designated by legislation as responsible for assuring a continuing and adequate supply of energy in Yukon, to commence the research and planning of a new hydroelectricity dam, based on the principles of scalability, environmental responsibility and First Nations engagement, as the centrepiece of a clean power future for Yukon;
- (2) exploring additional renewable sources such as wind and biomass as potential complements to the existing hydro-based grid;

- (3) exploring alternative sources that are cleaner and more affordable than diesel to facilitate the reduction of diesel consumption in those communities not connected to the existing hydro-based grid; and
- (4) ensuring there is a continuing supply of fossil fuels as a backup source to the hydro system and;
- (5) pursuing sources that are cleaner and more affordable than diesel for backup wherever possible.

12. Hon. Mr. Dixon (Motion No. 562)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada, after receiving legal clarity from the Supreme Court of Canada, to consult with all provinces and territories on options for reforming the Senate of Canada.

13. Hon. Mr. Nixon (Motion No. 658)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon, in recognition of the Yukon Party's platform commitments to promote Yukon's tourism economy, to continue to study the technical and economic business case of further capital upgrades, including paving the runway at the Dawson City Airport, as part of the Government of Yukon's work with Air North, Yukon's airline, and Holland America to promote tourism to Yukon and the Klondike region through the use of tourism cooperative marketing agreements and strategic marketing campaigns.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

(Second Reading)

- 1. Bill No. 15 -*Second Appropriation Act, 2014-15*
-Hon. Mr. Pasloski
- 2. Bill No. 78 -*Act to Amend the Marriage Act*
-Hon. Mr. Graham
- 3. Bill No. 79 -*Pioneer Utility Grant Act*
-Hon. Mr. Graham

BILLS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT BILLS

(Second Reading)

- 1. Bill No. 1 -*Act to Perpetuate a Certain Ancient Right*
-Ms. McLeod
- 2. Bill No. 101 -*Disclosure Protection Act*
-Mr. Elias
- 3. Bill No. 103 -*An Act to Respect Voters and Stop Floor Crossing*
-Ms. White
- 4. Bill No. 104 - *Paid Lobbying Act*
-Ms. Hanson

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 1. Bill No. 105 -*Act to Amend the Vital Statistics Act (No. 2)*
-Ms. Moorcroft

NOTICE PAPER

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Hon. Mr. Pasloski (Motion No. 710)

THAT this House:

- (1) urges the Government of Yukon to show national unity and Yukon's support for the Government of Canada's decision to participate in the broad international coalition of nations working together to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), and to provide humanitarian aid to innocent people suffering from ISIL's atrocities;
- (2) recognizes the personal contribution of Canadians serving in the Armed Forces and that the experience of war has profound and ongoing consequences for veterans by supporting our troops during combat missions, and after they return home; and

THAT the Speaker of the Yukon Legislative Assembly transmit the decision of this House to the Parliament of Canada and to the provincial and territorial assemblies of Canada.

2. Hon. Mr. Pasloski (Motion No. 711)

THAT this House urges the Yukon government to contribute \$25,000 to the Canadian Red Cross in support of its efforts to address the Ebola epidemic in Africa.

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Ms. McLeod (Motion No. 712)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to ensure that changes to recycling surcharges on beverage containers provide additional support to recycling processors and community depots.

2. Mr. Elias (Motion No. 713)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to ensure that recycling fees better cover the costs of diverting and processing recyclable materials by:

- (1) making all beverage containers subject to a recycling surcharge;
- (2) requiring a recycling fee for all sizes of tires sold in Yukon ; and
- (3) requiring a recycling fee for many electronic and electrical products sold in Yukon.

3. Mr. Hassard (Motion No. 714)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to:

- (1) ensure that there is no undue impact on resident, non-resident, or First Nation hunters as a result of the filing of claim by the Ross River Dena Council seeking a declaration that the Yukon Government has a duty to consult, and
- (2) where indicated, accommodate Ross River Dena Council prior to issuing hunting licenses and seals under the *Wildlife Act* for big game animals.

4. Ms. Hanson (Motion No. 715)

THAT this House opposes Bill S-6, which seeks to amend the *Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Act* (YESAA) by providing authority to a federal minister to issue binding policy direction to the independent Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board with respect to any of the board's powers, duties and functions; and

THAT this House further opposes unilateral changes to YESAA that have not been agreed upon by all parties to the *Umbrella Final Agreement*.

5. Ms. White (Motion No. 716)

THAT it is the opinion of this House that:

- (1) Canada's veterans deserve our utmost respect and support owing to their services to Canada during both war and peacetime; and
- (2) the Yukon Government should call on the federal government to:
 - (a) address the mental health crisis facing veterans through the hiring of properly trained mental health professionals;
 - (b) re-open recently closed veterans' offices; and
 - (c) review its *New Veterans Charter* to address the concerns of Canadian veterans thereof, notably the issue of lump sum payments.

6. Ms. White (Motion No. 717)

THAT it is the opinion of this House that the Government of Yukon should:

- (1) acknowledge the affordable housing motion unanimously approved by the Association of Yukon Communities on September 21, 2014, and
- (2) recognize that:
 - (a) a stable and secure housing system that creates and maintains jobs and allows for a range of living options is essential to attracting and retaining new workers, meeting the needs of young families, supporting seniors and our most vulnerable citizens, and growing a vibrant Yukon;
 - (b) cost and availability of affordable housing are threatening Yukon's long-term viability, putting our economy at risk;
 - (c) while each community's affordable housing problem looks different, every community must be treated fairly and equitably in addressing their housing needs;
 - (d) solutions to Yukon's housing needs can only be realized with long-term planning and investment by the Yukon government that includes measures to ensure a healthy stock of rental housing for Yukoners; and
 - (e) the lack of housing as a critical issue affecting all Yukon communities, and
- (3) the Government of Canada should commit the necessary resources for addressing the territory's housing issues as a matter of urgent priority and work with Yukon communities to develop solutions.

7. Ms. Stick (Motion No. 718)

That this House urges the Government of Canada to implement a federal anti-poverty plan to eradicate poverty and hunger for the 833,000 people in Canada who use food banks each month and for the millions of others struggling to get by.

8. Mr. Barr (Motion No. 719)

THAT this House urges the Yukon government to reaffirm its pledge to divert 50% of solid waste by 2015 by increasing solid waste diversion credits to ensure a sustainable level of funding for organizations handling Yukon's non-refundable recyclables.

9. Mr. Silver (Motion No. 720)

THAT this House congratulates the City of Whitehorse for showing leadership in addressing the issue of affordable housing.

10. Mr. Silver (Motion No. 721)

THAT the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges shall meet to review the powers of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, in particular the Speaker's authority to police non-responsive answers in Question Period.

11. Mr. Silver (Motion No. 722)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to support Canadian military personnel by petitioning the Government of Canada to reverse its cuts to Veteran's Affairs offices.