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### WINTER SITTING 1996

1. Motion #1 - Hon. Mr. McDonald, Government Leader  
Carried December 4, 1996

THAT Robert Bruce, Member for Vuntut Gwitchin, do take the Chair of this Assembly as Speaker.

2. Motion #2 - Hon. Mr. Harding, Government House Leader  
Carried December 4, 1996

RESOLVED THAT Gary McRobb, Member for Kluane, be appointed Deputy Speaker and Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

3. Motion #3 - Hon. Mr. Harding, Government House Leader  
Carried December 4, 1996

RESOLVED THAT Todd Hardy, Member for Whitehorse Centre, be appointed Deputy Chair of Committee of the Whole.

4. Motion #10 - Mr. McRobb, Member for Kluane  
Carried December 9, 1996

THAT the following Address be presented to the Commissioner of the 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.

5. Motion #19 - Hon. Mr. Harding, Government House Leader  
Carried December 10, 1996

THAT it is the opinion of this House:

- (1) That the radio and television programming of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation plays a unifying role in Canada,
- (2) That Yukon and other Northern Canadian people rely more on the CBC for basic communication services than southern Canadians,  
and
- (3) That federal cutbacks to the CBC northern service will mean a significant reduction in basic communication services to Yukon people;

and

THAT this House urges the federal government to reverse its decision to cut CBC funding with the view to preserving communication services for all Canadians and northern people in particular.

6. Motion #12 - Mr. Ostashek, Leader of the Official Opposition  
Carried December 11, 1996

THAT this House recognizes the importance of the family in Yukon society; and

THAT it is the opinion of this House that the Government of Yukon should work with provincial, territorial and federal governments to develop effective means of addressing child poverty and supporting families, and that, within this process, an integrated child benefit be considered.

**Amended**

7. Motion #4 - Hon. Mr. Harding, Government House Leader  
Carried December 12, 1996

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

THAT Hon. Piers McDonald, Hon. Trevor Harding, Jack Cable and John Ostashek be appointed to the Members' Services Board;

THAT the Board consider:

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

and

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

and

THAT the Board fulfill its statutory responsibilities including those in the **Ombudsman Act**, the **Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Act**, and the **Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act, 1991**.

8. Motion #5 - Hon. Mr. Harding, Government House Leader  
Carried December 12, 1996

THAT the honourable members Trevor Harding, Sue Edelman, Doug Livingston, Gary McRobb and Doug Phillips be appointed to the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges;

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.

9. Motion #6 - Hon. Mr. Harding, Government House Leader  
Carried December 12, 1996

THAT the honourable Members John Ostashek, Eric Fairclough, Todd Hardy, Gary McRobb and Pat Duncan be appointed to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts;

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.

10. Motion #7 - Hon. Mr. Harding, Government House Leader  
Carried December 12, 1996

THAT the honourable Members Dave Keenan, Peter Jenkins, Trevor Harding, and Jack Cable be appointed to the Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments;

THAT the said Committee be empowered to sit during intersessional periods;

THAT the said Committee review all new regulations as they are published;

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.

11. Motion #8 - Hon. Mr. McDonald, Government Leader  
Carried December 12, 1996

THAT it is the recommendation of this Assembly that the honourable members Piers McDonald, Trevor Harding and Lois Moorcroft be appointed to the Advisory Committee on Finance and that the honourable members David Sloan, David Keenan and Eric Fairclough be appointed as alternate members of the same committee.

12. Motion #27 - Mr. Fentie, Member for Watson Lake  
Carried December 18, 1996

THAT it is the opinion of this House that the Government of Yukon should be commended for its new approach to resolve important forest policy issues through the creation of the Forest Cabinet Commission; and

THAT this House commend the government for adopting an approach to resolving difficult policy issues based on the principles of public involvement and consultation, and respect for First Nation governments.

13. Motion #28 - Mr. Hardy, Member for Whitehorse Centre  
Carried December 18, 1996

THAT it is the opinion of this House that the Government of Yukon should be commended for its new approach to resolve important local hire policy issues through the creation of the Cabinet Commission on Yukon Hire.

14. Motion #31 - Mr. McRobb, Member for Kluane  
Carried December 18, 1996

THAT it is the opinion of this House that the Government of Yukon should be commended for its new approach to resolve important energy policy issues through the creation of the Cabinet Commission on Energy.

15. Motion #30 - Mr. Livingston, Member for Lake Laberge  
Carried December 18, 1996

THAT it is the opinion of this House that the Government of Yukon should be commended for its new approach to resolve important policy issues through the creation of the Cabinet Commission on the Development Assessment Process.

16. Motion #9 - Hon. Mr. Harding, Government House Leader  
Carried December 18, 1996

THAT the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges:

- (1) consider the recognition that should be provided to Cabinet commissioners in the Standing Orders of the Assembly;
- (2) report to the House any recommended amendments to the Standing Orders in reference to Cabinet commissioners;
- (3) review the current use of gender-inclusive language in the Legislative Assembly;
- (4) make recommendations to the House that reflect the wishes of Yukoners who want their elected Members to use inclusive, non-sexist and non-violent language; and
- (5) review Standing Orders 14.2, 38(2) and 44.1 and make recommendations for any amendments it considers necessary.

**Amended**

#### SPRING SITTING 1997

17. Motion #37 - Hon. Mr. McDonald, Government Leader  
Carried March 24, 1997

THAT Doug Livingston, Member for the Electoral District of Lake Laberge, do take the Chair of this Assembly as Speaker.

18. Motion #13 - Mr. Phillips, Member for Riverdale North  
Carried March 26, 1997

THAT it is the opinion of this House that the universal licensing and registration associated with the Liberal Federal Government's Firearms Act (Bill C-68) will be costly and intrusive on property and civil rights and the rights of First Nations people pursuant to their Self-Government Agreements, and is not an effective measure for reducing the criminal use of firearms;

THAT this House urges the Liberal Federal Government to cancel the costly registration system and to utilize the savings to combat alcohol and drug abuse and violence against women; and

THAT this House commends the Yukon government's position to participate in the province of Alberta's constitutional challenge of the new gun control law, along with the governments of Ontario, Saskatchewan, the Northwest Territories and Manitoba.

**Amended**

19. Motion #40 - Mrs. Edelman, Member for Riverdale South  
Carried March 26, 1997

THAT it is the opinion of this House that:

- (1) current legislation in the Yukon does not adequately protect victims of domestic violence;
- (2) the Government should examine legislative initiatives, recently taken in other Canadian jurisdictions, to assist victims of domestic violence; and
- (3) the Government should then provide draft legislation responding to violence against women and children to victim advocates, the RCMP, the Crown, First Nations, women's groups, the legal community and interested members of the public in order to ensure Yukon legislation addresses community needs.

**Amended**

20. Motion #38 - Hon. Mr. McDonald, Government Leader  
Carried March 26, 1997

THAT the Yukon Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Section 2 of the **Ombudsman Act**, recommends that the Commissioner in Executive Council appoint Hendrik K. Moorlag as the Ombudsman of Yukon for a term of five years commencing April 8, 1997.

21. Motion #55 - Hon. Mr. Harding, Government House Leader  
Carried April 8, 1997

THAT at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 1997, Rob McWilliam, President of the Yukon Energy Corporation, and Cam Osler of Intergroup Consultants, a company on contract with the Yukon Energy Corporation, appear as witnesses before Committee of the Whole to discuss the financial status of the Corporation.

22. Motion #56 - Hon. Mr. McDonald, Government Leader  
Carried April 14, 1997

THAT Robert Bruce, Member for the Electoral District of Vuntut Gwitchin, do take the Chair of this Assembly as Speaker.

23. Motion #58 - Mr. McRobb, Member for Kluane  
Carried April 16, 1997

THAT it is the opinion of this House that:

- (1) contamination at abandoned military sites could have detrimental impacts on the Yukon's environment, fish, wildlife and people who depend on country foods;
- (2) clean-up of these sites should be undertaken on a priority basis; and



(3) given the Government of Canada's ownership and jurisdictional responsibility for most of the Yukon land mass, both now and at the time the sites were contaminated, Canada must retain the responsibility for reclamation of these sites;

THAT, given the Yukon Government's current jurisdiction for fish and wildlife and the shared responsibility of Canada, Yukon and First Nations governments to manage for conservation, Canada has an obligation to consult with Yukon and First Nations governments and the relevant land claims boards and councils in respect to matters affecting the reclamation of contaminated sites on Crown land;

THAT this House strongly objects to Canada's signing of an agreement with the United States of America regarding reclamation of U.S. military sites which may affect the clean-up of sites in the Yukon without any prior consultation with Yukon governments and people;

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to provide assurances that contamination at Yukon sites will be cleaned up; and

THAT the Speaker forward copies of this resolution to:

- (1) the Right Honourable Jean Chretien, Prime Minister of Canada;
- (2) the Hon. Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Foreign Affairs;
- (3) the Hon. Doug Young, Minister of National Defence;
- (4) the Hon. Ron Irwin, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development;
- (5) the Hon. Sergio Marchi, Minister of Environment;
- (6) Audrey McLaughlin, M.P.;
- (7) Acting Grand Chief Steve Taylor of the Council of Yukon First Nations;
- (8) all Yukon First Nations Chiefs and Councils;
- (9) Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board;
- (10) Alsek Renewable Resources Council;
- (11) Teslin Renewable Resources Council;
- (12) Mayo Renewable Resources Council;
- (13) Wildlife Management Advisory Council, North Slope; and
- (14) Inuvialuit Game Council.

24. Motion #62 - Hon. Ms. Moorcroft, Minister of Justice  
Carried April 28, 1997

THAT the Yukon Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 16 of the **Human Rights Act**, appoint Brenda Chambers to be a member of the Yukon Human Rights Commission.

25. Motion #49 - Mr. Cable, Member for Riverside  
Carried May 7, 1997

THAT this House commends the Government of the Yukon's co-ordinated response providing life and safety upgrades and preventative maintenance programs responding to the staff and inmate health and safety concerns, relating to the Whitehorse Correctional Centre, raised in the Barr Ryder Condition Survey report of January 31, 1995.

**Amended**

26. Motion #65 - Ms. Duncan, Member for Porter Creek South  
Carried May 7, 1997

THAT this House recommends that the Government consider allocating funding presently allocated for the Yukon Anniversaries Commission in the budget years following 1997-98 for the promotion and enhancement of the Yukon's tourism industry subject to consultation with the Yukon Tourism Industry Association and First Nation tourism associations.

**Amended**

**Committee Report Motions**

1. Committee Report Motion #1 - Hon. Mr. Harding, Chair,  
Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges  
Carried March 26, 1997

THAT the First Report of the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges, presented to the House on March 26, 1997, be concurred in;  
and  
THAT the amendments recommended in that report to the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly be adopted.