

Yukon and N.W.T. Government

I think we are probably talking there about 70 per cent of the budget of the Territorial Council. They also want full executive powers. The resolution reads in part:

(ii) Territorial Resources including Land (iii) Public Works (iv) Justice and Corrections (v) Revenue and Finance (vi) Forestry (vii) Fishery (viii) All residual Executive and Administrative functions including Industry and Labour controlled or performed by the Federal Government, and the Legislative Assembly to have exclusive legislative jurisdiction to make laws for the Government of the Territory in relation to the above classes of subjects, in addition to the legislative powers existing under Section 16 of the Yukon Act—

This section sets out the powers that they have.

(D) The number of Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly determine it appropriate that all necessary legislative and other changes are to be effected to constitute the Province of Yukon with the same legislative—

There was an interjection there in the minutes from which I am reading. I may be mistaken, but when the member for Yukon was reading this resolution he did not read the areas with regard to the province of Yukon, the legislative assembly of the province of Yukon, and so on. I take it further because I think it is important to put before the House and on the record exactly what is being requested by the Yukon Territorial Council for which the member for Yukon this morning acted as an advocate. I continue:

(D) The number of Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly to be further increased at such time as the Yukon Legislative Assembly determines it appropriate that all necessary legislative and other changes are to be effected to constitute the Province of Yukon with the same legislative and executive powers as those which exist in the provinces of Canada.

● (3:20 p.m.)

That clause asks for authority to determine when the province of Yukon will be fully constituted with all the legislative and executive powers that are possessed by other provinces of Canada. I do not know of better terminology with which to frame a request for full legislative and executive powers than to place the Yukon in the same position as the other provinces of Canada.

(E) The Members to be given all necessary authority analogous to that in Provincial Legislative Assemblies to establish their indemnities and allowances and to have all the requisite powers to establish or participate in pension plan or group health plan.

(F) Section 24 of the Yukon Act to be repealed.

As the hon. member said this morning, this clause would repeal the prohibition against elected members introducing money bills in

[Mr. Honey.]

the Territorial Council—I should not say “legislature”.

Mr. Nielsen: Is that bad?

Mr. Honey: My hon. friend asks whether that is bad, and it is bad in this sense: this morning my hon. friend did not use the term “legislature” or the expression “province of Yukon”, though they are in fact used throughout the resolution. So I think it is important—

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. The hon. member will have to accept my word that I was reading verbatim the same resolution to which he is referring. I was not paraphrasing; I was reading the same material.

Mr. Honey: I accept my hon. friend's word. I do not know whether he read it in its entirety.

Mr. Nielsen: I did.

Mr. Honey: Very well; then I accept my hon. friend's word. Clause (G) provides:

The status of the Yukon Legislative Assembly to be enlarged so that it shall have full capacity to attend all interprovincial and federal-provincial conferences and to participate in resulting discussions and agreements.

I do not think I have to enlarge on that; it is self-explanatory.

(H) The Land Titles Act to be repealed in respect of the Yukon Territory and replaced by a Land Titles Ordinance.

The next is the last clause I shall read. I think it probably exhibits as well as any the difference in interpretation that the hon. member and I place on the resolution. It provides:

(I) All Crown Land to be held in the name of the Crown in right of the Territory.

It seems to me that that is a pretty basic step in the constitution of a province. Again I hope I am not misquoting the hon. member for Yukon, but when he dealt with this clause earlier in the debate, according to the note I made of his remarks he said, “What members of the Yukon Council desire is not provincial status. In no way can its recommendations be construed as being a request for provincial status”. I think that is the position my hon. friend is taking. I take the position that it is in fact a request for provincial status.

Mr. Nielsen: Again on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member has just misquoted me once more. I also said at the