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Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and his department.

It cannot be easy because the Davis Inlets of Canada are many and the problems have accumulated over the years. Having said that I would like to look at a more futuristic agenda that will deal with the lives of children and families ultimately if people are empowered to do so.

I think in particular of two groups that are well on their way to working out land claims packages. One is the Inuvialuit who would like very much to be resourced to work on a self-government regime for their people on a regional self-government basis. That is much warranted and is to be supported. The other specifically is the Council of Yukon Indians which is working on an agreement and is under a very tight deadline. It has to have the agreement of four First Nations in order to complete the arrangements. It is under-resourced. It would like \$1.2 million worth of bridge funding for those four First Nations as well as \$500,000 to cover some debts it has in working very hard to achieve this claim.

I am wondering if the hon. member has any good news for us on this front.

Mr. Reid: Mr. Speaker, I wish I had but that does not mean I will not.

I think my friend knows that we all have to be prepared to commit to the processes that the Inuvialuit and other communities go through. The bridge funding issue for the four different groups is one I know the department will deal with and is one I will raise with the minister.

We get into this political world and we get constantly fixated and tied up with money. We all get into it. As I said earlier to my friend from St. Boniface, the question of available resources is one where there is never enough money. There is never enough money.

I look at the situation in Davis Inlet and realize that we could spend huge amounts of money. I will be frank and say that the amount of money we have spent in the short term and will spend in the long term in Davis Inlet will be very substantial.

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Frankly, some people in other communities wonder why we would spend that amount of money, particularly in the short term. My answer is that we spend it now in

perhaps large amounts or we spend it in the future in huge amounts. That is applicable across the country.

However, it has to be said that it is not a bottomless pit, that resources have to be spent wisely. I have to say that my experience with aboriginal communities in the west, in the north and in Ontario, is that they understand very well how to get best value from the resources, be they money or natural resources or others. It is something a lot of us could learn from and about. I hope that we would and benefit from it.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being 7.45 o'clock p.m., it is my duty to interrupt these proceedings and put forthwith every question necessary to dispose of the business of supply under the provisions of Standing Order 81(14).

Accordingly, the question is on the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion, which was negatived on the following division:

(Division No. 430)

YEAS

Members

Allmand
Anawak
Assad
Black
Boudria
Butland
Campbell (South West Nova)
Comuzzi
Duceppe
Ferguson
Fontana
Punk
Gauthier
Harb
Heap
Kaplan

Althouse
Angus
Bevilacqua
Blondin-Andrew
Brewin
Caccia
Catterall
de Jong
Duhamel
Fisher
Foster
Gagliano
Guarnieri
Harvey (Edmonton East)
Jordan
Keyes