- the policy development process on matters affecting the Arctic (e.g. military activities and Canadian Arctic sovereignty initiatives)
- aboriginal sovereignty issues
- the funding of territorial governments
- the devolution process (the delegation or transfer of powers from the federal government to territorial governments)
- northern land claims
- oil and gas development
- Meech Lake and other constitutional reform matters
- health and social services
- aboriginal language retention and literacy
- development of an Arctic conservation strategy and other environmental issues such as PCB's and other toxic pollutants
- the fur issue (the impact of the animal rights movement on the trapping and traditional pursuits sector of the northern economy)
- export and trade in reindeer
- aboriginal people's concerns respecting methods of bison disease control
- compensation for "high arctic exiles" (Inuit who were moved from Northern Quebec to NWT in the 1950s)
- northern energy and resource policies
- postal rates and the high cost of store-bought food
- the impact of the GST on northern living costs
- the cumulative impact on the Inuit economy of various factors such as the GST and fur and ivory bans.