

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

Report of the Special Committee to Increase the Representation of Women in the Legislative Assembly

Committee Report 14-18(3)

March 13, 2019

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, committee. We will begin with consideration of the committee report. I will turn to the chair of the committee for opening remarks. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Special Committee to Increase the Representation of Women in the Legislative Assembly worked hard to deliver the interim report that was tabled today and read into the record yesterday. We travelled extensively between the new year and the beginning of this session. We started in Fort Smith and then went on to Hay River, Fort Providence, and Detah. We also met with the public here in Yellowknife and at the Association of Communities earlier this month. We received a few written submissions. We are grateful for the dozens of people who took part in informal conversations about the barriers that prevent women from running for office and solutions to those barriers. As well, we are looking at policy and legislative changes that will enable women to take their places here in this House.

Our interim report includes seven recommendations that address policy changes, and we will be going through each of them, I understand, today. Our work will continue after the House rises tomorrow. We will be travelling to Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk the first week of April to discuss ways to improve women's representation, and to Norman Wells and Behchoko in May for the same purpose. All of that information will be combined with any additional written responses to create a final report. Our goal is simple: to increase the number of women sitting in this House so that the other half of society is better represented here. I would also like to thank the MLAs on the committee, including the honourable Members for Range Lake, Thebacha, Deh Cho, and Tu Nedhe-Willideh. These Members may also have comments of their own. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Ms. Green. I will open the floor to general comments on the report itself. Seeing none, Ms. Green.

COMMITTEE MOTION 107-18(3):

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INCREASE THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY INTERIM REPORT - CHILD CARE EXPENSES AS CONSTITUENCY WORK ALLOWANCE EXPENSE, CARRIED

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move that this Assembly recommends that the Legislative Assembly Board of Management consider childcare expenses as a constituency work allowance expense. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Ms. Green. There is a motion on the floor. To the motion. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. At several places that we met, we heard from women that one of the things that stood in their way of serving in the Legislative Assembly was their responsibility as caregivers for their families, especially for small children. They heard that they would like to be able to access childcare, whether in their home community or here in Yellowknife when they are sitting in this Legislative Assembly. So, as such, we recommended that childcare expenses be included in the constituency work allowance expense. My further clarification there is that people who claim childcare expenses as part of their constituency work allowances would not receive less of a constituency work allowance; it would be the full amount plus the childcare expenses, so that those with children who are claiming childcare expenses would not be penalized for doing so. Those are my remarks. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Testart.

MR. TESTART: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I, as Members know, have a young family at home, and oftentimes I like to share those childcare responsibilities equally with my partner. She has a job of her own. It's a very demanding job. Oftentimes, childcare, it can be quite difficult to just on rely on another partner to do so. I think, for a long time, that has kind of been the status quo. I recall in other occupations that, when the childcare issue would come up as a single parent, I would often be told, "Well, you know, you have a girlfriend. Why can't she help out?" That is not really the point. The point is, if you are sharing time equally between partners and you are both responsible for childcare and you both have your own affairs that need to be taken care of, then childcare comes into play. I think many people with young families, and in particular women, would benefit greatly from seeing our Legislature take action on this issue and provide some sort of benefit for childcare, so I think this is an important motion. I think it will make a difference, a tangible difference, in addressing a major concern of women candidates and also candidates with young families, so I support this motion, and I hope others do, as well. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. O'Reilly.

MR. O'REILLY: Yes, thanks, Mr. Chair. I, too, support this motion, and I want to thank the Members of the committee for doing the work. I think these are some very easy changes that we can do to make the Legislative Assembly just a much more family-friendly place. I remember my time on city council in Yellowknife from 1997 to 2006. We had young kids at the time, and I remember taking the kids into the Chamber one time. We were having a mock council meeting when the mayor actually discovered us playing in there. So, all of that to say that childcare is a barrier for folks who would like to come in here and serve the public interest, and I certainly support this and the other recommendations that the committee came up with. Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. To the motion. Minister Cochrane.

HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I also am going to support this motion. For many years, I was a single parent, and childcare was always a barrier. Women traditionally are known to make less income. This is not the same in the Legislative Assembly, but it used to be, in a time when women were told, and I am going to be kind of blunt, that, "You make your bed. You lie in it." So women stayed in

relationships, in my mother's day, throughout their lives, happy or not. Those times have changed. We now have more single parents. The majority of them tend to be women, although there are men who are single-parenting, as well, so this will be one way of addressing a huge barrier for not only women, but for all single parents. That is a new demographic of parenting in this day and age, so I think this is an important motion, and I urge all Members to support this motion. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. To the motion. I will allow the mover to close debate. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate the statements in support of this motion. As people have said, this is a very simple way to make the work more accommodating for women. I request a recorded vote. Mahsi.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. The Member has requested a recorded vote. All those in favour, please rise.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Ball): The Member for Yellowknife Centre, the Member for Deh Cho, the Member for Nunakput, the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, the Member for Range Lake, the Member for Great Slave, the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, the Member for Hay River South, the Member for Thebacha, the Member for Mackenzie Delta, the Member for Sahtu, the Member for Yellowknife North, the Member for Kam Lake, the Member for Tu Nedhe-Wiilideh, the Member for Nahendeh, the Member for Frame Lake.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): All those opposed, please rise. All those abstaining, please rise. The motion is carried. The results of the recorded vote are: 16 in favour, zero opposed, zero abstentions. The motion is carried.

---Carried

Ms. Green.

COMMITTEE MOTION 108-18(3):

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INCREASE THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY INTERIM REPORT - CHILD CARE EXPENSES AS ALLOWABLE ELECTION EXPENSE, CARRIED

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move that this Assembly recommends that the Legislative Assembly make childcare an allowable election expense.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Ms. Green. There's a motion on the floor. The motion is in order. To the motion. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just as women require childcare in order to take their place in this House, they need childcare during the election campaign period. What we heard is that, through that very intense month of campaigning, forums, and door knocking, it is often necessary for women to have childcare arrangements in place outside their families. It's our understanding that the Chief Electoral Officer has allowed women to claim childcare as an election expense, but this is not a practise that is codified within the Elections and Plebiscites Act. What we're doing is trying to formulize

this by taking it up with the Legislative Assembly as an allowable expense. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Question has been called. Ms. Green?

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I request a recorded vote.

RECORDED VOTE

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Ms. Green. The Member has requested a recorded vote. All those in favour, please rise.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Ball): The Member for Yellowknife Centre, the Member for Deh Cho, the Member for Nunakput, the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, the Member for Range Lake, the Member for Great Slave, the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, the Member for Hay River South, the Member for Thebacha, the Member for Mackenzie Delta, the Member for Sahtu, the Member for Yellowknife North, the Member for Kam Lake, the Member for Tu Nedhe-Wiilideh, the Member for Nahendeh, the Member for Frame Lake.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): All those opposed, please rise. All those abstaining, please rise. The results of the recorded vote: 16 in favour, zero opposed, zero abstentions. The motion is carried.

---Carried

Ms. Green.

COMMITTEE MOTION 109-18(3):

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INCREASE THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY INTERIM REPORT - DELIVERY OF CAMPAIGN SCHOOL FOR WOMEN INITIATIVES, CARRIED

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move that this Assembly recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories task and fund one or more independent individual(s) or organization(s) to deliver the Campaign School for Women Initiatives throughout the Northwest Territories; and further, offer more than two workshops in one fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Ms. Green. There's a motion on the floor. The motion is in order. To the motion. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. During our travels in the South Slave, we've learned that campaign schools were relatively well-known, and people who had attended them had found them useful. The regret was that there were some communities which have not yet hosted campaign schools, or had not hosted them in many years. The intention behind this motion is to ensure that there are more campaign school-type initiatives offered to women throughout the Northwest Territories, and that they be offered by individuals or organizations who are at arm's length from the

government, such as the Status of Women, the Native Women's Organization, and others. What we're asking for here is to increase the training available to women so that one of the barriers they face, which is knowledge of the position and how to obtain it, is overcome through education. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. To the motion. Minister Cochrane.

HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. As the Minister for the Status of Women, this is a huge concern of my own. The campaign schools have been very successful. I think that can be vouched by MLA Green, who attended some of them, and by the voices of women throughout.

This motion, I did actually ask to change a bit originally because what I'd learned is that traditionally our pilots are currently being done by the Native Women's Association here in Yellowknife and the NWT Status of Women Council here in Yellowknife, recognizing that they're territorial. However, in my travels, not only on this campaign but through many engagements with community members, I've met many qualified facilitators in all the regions, so we are looking at getting the money out in different ways. The majority of costs have been to bring up people to the northern communities from Yellowknife, paying for the accommodation, for them to travel. Spreading the money out more to the communities means that we could actually save money and actually provide more campaign schools, and that is the goal of this motion, is to provide more to communities, and my personal goal is to support community development more so. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Question. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate the Minister's support for this motion. What we're trying to do here is take a good thing and make it spread further around the Northwest Territories. I would like to request a recorded vote. Thank you.

RECORDED VOTE

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): The Member has requested a recorded vote. All those in favour, please rise.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Ball): The Member for Yellowknife Centre, the Member for Deh Cho, the Member for Nunakput, the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, the Member for Range Lake, the Member for Great Slave, the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, the Member for Hay River South, the Member for Thebacha, the Member for Mackenzie Delta, the Member for Sahtu, the Member for Yellowknife North, the Member for Kam Lake, the Member for Nahendeh, the Member for Frame Lake.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): All those opposed, please rise. All those abstaining, please rise. The motion is carried. The results are: 16 in favour, zero opposed, zero abstentions. The motion is carried.

---Carried

Ms. Green.

COMMITTEE MOTION 110-18(3):
SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INCREASE THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY INTERIM REPORT - PUBLIC INFORMATION ON
ASPECTS OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, CARRIED

MS. GREEN: Mr. Chair, I move that this Assembly recommends that the Legislative Assembly provide to the public a better understanding of the work of a Member, and make available a video and other visual and written materials, including information on the prerequisites, roles, and responsibilities, as well as the benefits available to Members. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Ms. Green. There's a motion on the floor. To the motion. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. In our travels, we discovered that there was very little information available to the people who attended our sessions about the roles and responsibilities of MLAs. They are often familiar with the work that we do in this House because they see the televised proceedings, or they may also read Hansard, but they have little understanding of the work that we do that is not televised, specifically the work of standing committees, special committees, constituency work, and the like. There was a request that we attempt to create a job description for the role of MLAs so that people who are interested in this work have a better idea of exactly what's involved with it.

Likewise, we found that people were not well-informed about the pay that is offered to MLAs, and the other benefits that are available to them such as living allowance if they are living in Yellowknife during the session and they are normally resident elsewhere, as well as travel allowances for themselves and their families. The committee feels that making this information more available to women will answer questions they have about what they're getting into if they decide to run for office. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. To the motion. Minister Cochrane.

HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This motion is one that I hold dear to my heart and I really do support it. I hope everyone will support it. I just want to share that women are well-known within their communities as leaders; however, they tend to be on the ground in providing services that stay in the communities, and they don't usually get to the higher levels such as being an MLA or a Minister or Premier. My own experience is I worked for over 20 years with homeless women and low-income women. I came into the government not because I wanted to be a politician, but because I felt that our needs weren't being heard, and so I wanted to make change and have the power to do that. In fact, I apologize to Joe Hanley, a previous Premier. I was so unaware of politics in general that I didn't even know who Joe Hanley was. That is an embarrassment, and I should have known.

The first thing I asked when I became a Minister was, "What is my job description?" I

was told, "You are a Minister. You have no job description. You can do what you want." From then on, very quickly, I was told, "But you can't do that. But you can't do that. But you can't do that." I am a firm believer that this motion is critical to not only women, but to all Members, so that we have a clear idea of what we can do and what our limitations are. I hope that all of my fellow colleagues and female colleague will support this motion. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. To the motion. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate the Minister's remarks in support of this motion. I request a recorded vote. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. The Member has requested a recorded vote. All those in favour, please rise.

RECORDED VOTE

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Ball): The Member for Yellowknife Centre, the Member for Deh Cho, the Member for Nunakput, the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, the Member for Range Lake, the Member for Great Slave, the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, the Member for Hay River South, the Member for Thebacha, the Member for Mackenzie Delta, the Member for Sahtu, the Member for Yellowknife North, the Member for Kam Lake, the Member for Tu Nedhe-Wiilideh, the Member for Nahendeh, the Member for Frame Lake.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): All those opposed, please rise. All those abstaining, please rise. The results of the recorded vote: 16 in favour, zero opposed, zero abstentions. The motion is carried.

---Carried

Ms. Green.

COMMITTEE MOTION 111-18(3):

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INCREASE THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY INTERIM REPORT - INFORMATION ON CONSENSUS
GOVERNMENT IN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, CARRIED

MS. GREEN: Mr. Chair, I move that this Assembly recommends that the Legislative Assembly take the necessary steps to assist in ensuring that information on the NWT's consensus government is made available to any group, organization, or government in the Northwest Territories involved in teaching young women; and further, that the Legislative Assembly encourage its Members to be supportive of hands-on learning activities on consensus government such as school visits to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Ms. Green. The motion is in order. To the motion. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This motion speaks to advice we received in the communities to make the information about a career in politics known to young women

who are still in the school system. There is a feeling that, when young women are considering careers for their post-graduation life, they may not consider a career as a Member of the Legislative Assembly. This motion attempts to take up that idea and requests that, whether it is an education group or the guides or the youth parliament, there be more effort to involve young women in activities that teach them about the Government of the Northwest Territories, specifically about consensus government, and that, where possible, young women are encouraged to come to the Legislative Assembly to see our work take place.

This responds to a well-known principle in increasing women's representation, which is that, if women see women in positions of leadership, then they can see themselves in that position, as well. This motion is in response to that principle. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Ms. Green. To the motion. Minister Cochrane.

HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This, again, is a very important motion. It was traditional that women were kind of stereotyped into traditional roles that were considered for women; nurses, social workers like myself, et cetera. We are breaking those barriers. Women are now in mining. They are in construction. They are in heavy equipment. We are still not at par, though. Women in politics is another area that was a barrier. We need to break all of these glass ceilings around us. This is another motion that will allow young women to see politics as a viable career. I fully support this motion, and I expect all my Members to support this, as well. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Minister. To the motion. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I request a recorded vote.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. The Member has requested a recorded vote. Question has been called. All those in favour, please rise.

RECORDED VOTE

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Ball): The Member for Yellowknife Centre, the Member for Deh Cho, the Member for Nunakput, the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, the Member for Range Lake, the Member for Great Slave, the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, the Member for Hay River South, the Member for Thebacha, the Member for Mackenzie Delta, the Member for Sahtu, the Member for Yellowknife North, the Member for Kam Lake, the Member for Tu Nedhe-Wiilideh, the Member for Nahendeh, the Member for Frame Lake.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): All those opposed, please rise. All those abstaining, please rise. The results of the recorded vote: 16 in favour, zero opposed, zero abstentions. The motion is carried.

---Carried

Ms. Green.

COMMITTEE MOTION 112-18(3):
SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INCREASE THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY INTERIM REPORT - FAMILY-FRIENDLY MEASURES AT
THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUILDING, CARRIED

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move that this Assembly recommends that the Legislative Assembly investigate practical measures to make the Legislature family-friendly, explore the possibility of creating a family room, installing infant change devices in bathrooms, and improving signage indicating location of family-friendly facilities. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Ms. Green. The motion is in order. To the motion. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If you went into most of the coffee shops in Yellowknife and you were with someone who required a baby change table, there is a good chance that that person would find a baby change table in the women's washroom. That is not the case here at the Legislative Assembly. There is nowhere for a parent to change a child except for the floor. There is also nowhere for a parent to calm a child or breastfeed or do other family-related activities.

The purpose of this motion is to make this building more family-friendly while it was designed by men and for men. Because it is a new Legislature, there are already some facilities in place for women. For example, there are an equal number of washrooms for men and women. This would take our accommodation of caregivers to the next step by providing these family-friendly facilities. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Ms. Green. To the motion. Minister Cochrane.

HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. One of the reasons this motion is important is it is not only a women's issue. We are asking for a family room. The dynamics are changing, now. It used to be, again, that women were expected to stay home and raise children. That is not the norm anymore. It might be prominent, but it is not the norm. It is not only a women's change table in a women's washroom. It needs to be a change table in a family room that men who are caring for children also have the option to provide for their infants. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. To the motion. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I request a recorded vote.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Ms. Green. Question has been called. The Member has requested a recorded vote. All those in favour, please rise.

RECORDED VOTE

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Ball): The Member for Yellowknife Centre, the Member for Deh Cho, the Member for Nunakput, the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, the Member for Range Lake, the Member for Great Slave, the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, the Member for Hay River South, the Member for Thebacha, the Member for

Mackenzie Delta, the Member for Sahtu, the Member for Yellowknife North, the Member for Kam Lake, the Member for Tu Nedhe-Wiilideh, the Member for Nahendeh, the Member for Frame Lake.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): All those opposed, please rise. All those abstaining, please rise. The results of the recorded vote: 16 in favour, zero opposed, zero abstentions. The motion is carried.

---Carried

Ms. Green.

COMMITTEE MOTION 113-18(3):

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INCREASE THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY INTERIM REPORT - ALLOWANCE FOR ABSENCES FOR PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH OR CHILD CARE FOLLOWING BIRTH OR ADOPTION, CARRIED

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move that this Assembly recommends that the Legislative Assembly Board of Management make allowance for Members to be absent from the Assembly without financial penalty for up to four months due to pregnancy, childbirth, or the care of a Member's child following birth or adoption. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Ms. Green. The motion is in order. To the motion. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This Legislative Assembly has had women with small children as Members, but I don't think that there has ever been a Member who has given birth while sitting as a Member of the Legislative Assembly. This is a proactive motion that would allow those who give birth or who adopt a child or are the partners, part of a family in which a child is born or adopted, to take a period of time off without financial penalty or without any other kind of penalty in recognition that they need to be present for their families during this formative part of the child's life.

While there is a range of time in different Legislative Assemblies around the world, four months is the amount that we felt represented a reasonable compromise between serving our constituents and maintaining our roles here on various standing committees and in the Assembly, yet being able to take time to care for our children. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. Minister Cochrane.

HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I am going to speak both as a mother who has borne children and also as a social worker who specialized in child and human development. There is a lot of research that talks about the importance of bonding with infants and the importance of gaining a solid attachment with your infant. Allowing only a couple of weeks for a parent who has an infant to be able to be with their child and then get taken on the road, as many of us do, is contrary to the whole idea of building attachment and bonding. Research shows that, the more attached that a parent is to their child, the better chance of success for that child throughout life. This

is a critical component, not only for allowing women to enter politics, but also for the well-being of children. I am hoping, again, that all Members will support this motion. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. To the motion. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate the support from the Minister responsible for the Status of Women, and I would like to request a recorded vote.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. Anything further?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been called. The Member has requested a recorded vote. All those in favour, please rise.

RECORDED VOTE

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Ball): The Member for Yellowknife Centre, the Member for Deh Cho, the Member for Nunakput, the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, the Member for Range Lake, the Member for Great Slave, the Member for Hay River South, the Member for Thebacha, the Member for Mackenzie Delta, the Member for Sahtu, the Member for Yellowknife North, the Member for Kam Lake, the Member for Tu Nedhe-Wiilideh, the Member for Nahendeh, the Member for Frame Lake.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): All those opposed, please rise. All those abstaining, please rise.

The results of the recorded vote are: 15 in favour, zero opposed, zero abstentions.

---Carried

Seeing nothing further from committee, does committee agree that this concludes consideration of Committee Report 14-18(3), Special Committee to Increase the Representation of Women in the Legislative Assembly Interim Report?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.