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Labour applauds the passage of Motion #542
Yukon Government working toward legislation to protect young workers.

YFL welcomes the passage of Motion #542 calling for a review of the current status of child labour in the Yukon. "We applaud Premier Fentie and his colleagues for committing to develop legislation to protect young workers" says Alex Furlong, President of the Yukon's largest labour organization. "We look forward to working with government, employers, parents and young workers to ensure the best possible means of ensuring their safety."

While the passage of Motion #542 was unanimous, Furlong was surprised at the Liberal Party's long winded comments. Furlong says "All parties supported this motion. We were disappointed that the Liberal Party spent much of the afternoon presenting often irrelevant material. We sincerely hope the Yukon Liberal party chooses to participate more constructively in the coming discussions as we move toward legislation to protect young workers."

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