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Speaker: Honorable Daniel Pottle

In Attendance:

Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Honorable **Daniel Pottle**

President of Nunatsiavut, **Jim Lyall**

First Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Ordinary Member for Nain, Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Honorable **Anthony Andersen**

Minister of Health and Social Development and the Status of Women, Honorable **Diane Gear**

Minister of Education, Training and Economic Development, Honorable **Darryl Shiwak**

Minister of Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Honorable **Todd Broomfield**

Ordinary Member for Nain, **William Barbour**

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, **Keith Russell**

Ordinary Member for Hopedale, **Gregory Flowers**

AngajukKâk for Postville, **Keith Decker**

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, **Judy Dicker**

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, **Herb Jacque**

Chair Person for the NunaKatiget Community Corporation, **Malcolm Winters**

Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, **Toby Andersen**

Deputy Minister of Cultural, Recreation and Tourism, **Sheldon Baikie**

Deputy Minister of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, Secretary to the Executive Council, **Kate Mitchell**

Director of Legal Services, **Loretta Michelin**

Acting Director of Communications, **Bert Pomeroy**

Clerk of the Assembly, **Mary Sillett**

Absent:

Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Honorable **Ben Ponniuk**

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, **Daniel Michelin**

AngajukKâk for Nain, **Sarah Erickson**

Chair Person for the Sivunivut Community Corporation, **Edward Tuttauik**

Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development, **Michelle Kinney**

Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, **Tim McNeill**

Deputy Minister of Finance and Human Resources, Information Technology, **Wyman Jacque**

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Assembly commenced at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Pottle: Ullakut Illonasi, Good Morning everybody. I'd like to call the 14th sitting and the 7th session of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to order. And at this point in time I'd like to call upon elder, John Jararuse to do our opening prayer.

John Jararuse: Prayer recited.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, John. Proceeding with Order of the Day, number three, *Announcements and Recognitions* from the Chair. There are four Assembly Members who have been excused from this sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, they are the AngajukKâk for Nain, Sarah Erickson, the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Danny Michelin, the Chair of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation for North West River, Ed Tuttauq, and the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Ben Ponniuk. For the benefit of Assembly Members we do have two pages for this sitting of the Assembly, Davidee Ningeok and Matthew Lougheed. Welcome and thank you. Also I'd like to welcome and thank support staff of the Assembly for this sitting, Agnes Millie and Tabea Onalik. I'd like to welcome as usual the OKalaKatiget Society for providing filming for this session of the Assembly, Sarah Abel and Shirley Jararuse. Welcome. I'd like to say welcome and thank you to our translators for this session as of the Assembly as well, Wilson and John Jararuse. Reverend Burrows who has been providing our opening prayers for the last year has now completed his duties in Hopedale and he's moved on, and on behalf of the Assembly we would like to wish Reverend Burrows great luck on his journey wherever that may take him. If any Assembly Members requires assistance to deal with travel and or accommodations please consult Hilda Hunter. As you see in front of you, you have a couple of binders for use in the Assembly this time around, your first binder which is I believe colored red, has several tabs in it, tab two and three are just the orders of the day, schedule and the Assembly schedule, tab four is a special resolution for nomination for an appointment to the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, tab eight for the benefit of Members of the Executive Council and other Members who have specific legislative reporting requirements, we've isolated those reporting requirements, they were sent to each Assembly member via e-mail and they are now in your binder as well. Also in your binder there are a couple of pieces of information prepared by the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, and I'm sure he will speak to that when we get to that round of orders of the day, there is also in your binders, progress report from the Drug and Alcohol committee of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and I'm sure the responsible individual will speak to that at the appropriate time as well. The final piece of information in your binder is a letter that was presented to the Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly who is required to forward this information in the letter to the Assembly, this letter is directed to the Inuit Community Government and I would expect that the AngajukKâk for Hopedale deal with the matter in the time frame that she deems appropriate. That concludes Order of the Day, number three and moving on in our

agenda with Order number four, *Tabling of Documents and Petitions*. Are there any documents or petitions that are to be tabled at this sitting of the Assembly? The Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members will note a Pre-Budget Consultation report that is being tabled here today, this is a consultation that was conducted by the former Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Minister Gear along with her Deputy Minister, they consulted with all communities in Nunatsiavut and in the Upper Lake Melville area, and Members will note that this is a report from that consultation process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Are there any further tabling of documents or petitions for this sitting of the Assembly? If there are no further tabling of documents and petitions we will move to Order of the Day number five, *Minister's Statements or Announcements*. Is there any Minister wishing to make a statement or announcement at this sitting of the Assembly? The Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I must say it has been a very busy time for the Department of Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology. Members will note in their binder as the Speaker referred to, a report on the Civil Service of Nunatsiavut Government. There are also a couple more reports in that binder that are required to be presented to the Assembly from the office of the Treasurer. Mr. Speaker, a salary review is currently under way with the intent to complete this review in the not to distant future, there are many requirements of the office of Treasurer, as there are of other offices of Nunatsiavut Government. I will touch on the process of putting together the consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended, and preparing the annual financial plan for Nunatsiavut Government. Firstly, Mr. Speaker, the consolidated financial statements that are required to be presented to the Assembly. At the end of fiscal year, on March 31st, the Department of Finance leaves the books open for about a month afterwards, this is to ensure enough time for bills and invoices to come in for the month of March, to be paid for that fiscal year. After this time has passed the Auditors visit our various sites to gather their information and to conduct audits. They conduct audits of our various sites and entities for Nunatsiavut Government, from Nain to St. John's, including Inuit Pathways, Post Secondary, LIDC, etc., once these audits are completed the Auditors consolidate the financial information that is then internally scrutinized by the Auditing firm to ensure accuracy. After this is completed by the auditors they present the consolidated financial statements to the Nunatsiavut Government via the Comptroller. This information is then sent to Torngasok for translation, as it is required to be translated into Inuktitut. When the translation of this financial information is completed it is then returned to the Department of Finance. The consolidated financial statements are then required to be tabled in the Assembly prior to presenting a new budget. As you can see, Mr. Speaker, it is a lengthy process to put together the consolidated financial information from the fiscal year ended. And if it were less onerous and time consuming the Department would present them much earlier in the year. The process is well under way for putting together the financial plan for fiscal year

2010 - 2011, and we have asked the various Departments to have their projections into us by December 11th. After this the Department will begin preparing the financial plan for the next fiscal year for Nunatsiavut Government. Mr. Speaker, I am well aware of my responsibilities as the Treasurer for Nunatsiavut Government, and I thought it would be informative to the Members to provide this information, can I meet the requirements laid out for the Treasurer? Yes, but not within the time lines established to do so, because of the lengthy process that must be followed to put this financial information together, Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to provide this information as an excuse for not being able to meet the time frames but to inform you of the efforts that are required to bring this information to the Assembly. I look forward to presenting a budget bill for the Assemblies consideration in our March session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Honorable Minister. Are there any other Minister who would like to make a statement or announcement at this point in time? The President of Nunatsiavut.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Probably all the Members here know that we have been working on a strategic plan for the last seven or eight months, it is still not complete, however, it is in its final stages, I just like to inform the House that the plan will be ready by our next sitting, that it will be here for information for the Assembly. Thank you very much.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. President. Are there any other Minister who would like to make a statement or an announcement at this particular time? If there are no further statements or announcements from Ministers, we'll move on to Order of the Day, *Member's Statements*, before we do that I would like to apologize to the delegation for not welcoming Members of the general public to this sitting, who are seated in the Gallery, thank you for taking the time to come out to support the Assembly and for showing your interest in the proceedings of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Is there any Member who would like to make a statement at this point in time? The AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This morning I stand here on behalf of the seniors of the Makkovik Inuit Community Government, I just like to inform the Assembly and those Ministers who made the statement regarding the wood, they were very disappointed, the community of Makkovik received two chords of wood for approximately twenty-five households. And I stand here again today and say the elders wanted me to bring this forward, because they were promised in the conference in Rigolet that they would receive wood. This is my statement this morning, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. Are there any other Members who would like to make a statement at this time? The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'll be brief today, but I've had several constituents come to me, who are strikers from Vale Inco and as we all know working at the Voisey's Bay mine site, they've come to me, their Ordinary Member asking me in this time of strife for them 'where's our Government, where's this group that's supposed to be behind us, and further more where's our President?' We can all appreciate I think how hard this Christmas is going to be for these people, this strike has been dragging on, they're standing on these lines, standing tall with each other, next to their Innu brethren, who are seeing grocery vouchers, who are seeing some sort of financial help for those families, in this time of need, and they're coming to me and wondering what we're doing, and I had to tell them, the one statement from the President urging both sides to get back together was the only thing this Government put forward, and they requested that I stand before this House today and say that is not enough. We're talking about families, children, this touches up communities up and down the North Coast, Upper Lake Melville, everywhere, it's not just a Goose Bay thing, it's everywhere, and they feel that this is the time that the Nunatsiavut Government should have stepped up and done something for these families, whether it was financial, whether it was much bolder, much more hard statements, I guess you could say, about uh what should be happening, I can only put their frustrations to this Assembly and agree with them that we haven't done enough, simply urging both sides to get back to the negotiating table, everybody has done that, that's just a very bland statement in my opinion, I think we could have done more, especially if they've seen their fellow strikers getting support from their aboriginal associations if you will, the Innu Nation in this situation, I hope that our Government, if this strike continues to drag on is going to do something, going back to Innu Nation I know that they take Mining Royalties and distribute to individuals in their communities, hopefully we could do something similar if this strike doesn't get resolved, I don't know I'll leave that to the Executive Council to see what they can do for these people, like I said before it's about people going through hardships and this is definitely something that is going to take its toll this Holiday Season. Further more I would like to use this opportunity Mr. Speaker to give a big thank you to all the people in Upper Lake Melville who've supported me this year, and I'd like to thank them for their patience, for putting up with the Membership process, or for awhile as we know for enrolment beneficiaries has been very difficult, a lot of mistakes they're still recurring, I'm trying to work with them and the Membership office, to help these people to get these applications through and hopefully get the answers they need, I hope we can do a better job as a Government on that, and I thank them for their patience and I also like to wish the people in Mud Lake, North West River, and Goose Bay a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season and again thank them for their time, thank them in taking me into their homes, thank them for asking me for help and putting me to work for them and I'd like to also wish Inuit everywhere a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe Holiday Season as well as everybody in this Gallery and around this table. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Ilâle. Are there any other Members who would like to make a statement? Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I've got a couple of thank you's to make, I would like to thank our M.H.A. for getting wood to our Northern communities, I

heard the Member from Makkovik being disappointed, we can certainly work on this, I think that it went over well in Hopedale, but there is a few things that could be done a little bit better, can change but I think that the people of Hopedale is grateful to have this wood again this year, and I thank her for her efforts in doing this and I also like to thank the community of Hopedale, the President for attending the torch relay that was held here on November 12th, it was a great day for Hopedale and Hopedale really came out and had a great time, I think it was a good news story for this community and it was something that you don't see often, usually when we make news it's always something disappointing but it was a great day for the community of Hopedale and I guess for who didn't attend missed a great day that was held here in Hopedale, thank you to that and thank you to the community of Hopedale for their efforts, I also was quite disappointed about three weeks ago when I heard that our pharmacy in Goose Bay was closing down, to me that was a disappointment, I think that was not only for Goose Bay but for Nunatsiavut itself, I remember two years, two and a half years ago I worked very hard as Minister of Health to try and get our own pharmacy so that we could help with Non-insured Health Benefits try to make it a little easier, I don't know the full reasoning of the closure of our pharmacy but I guess to me it was a great disappointment after seeing the struggles that we have here and I think to me there wasn't enough time to work on to why it was closed down, but in saying that I guess they had their reason and ICST made a ruling and I guess they have to live the decision that they made, I guess I can say that it was badly needed for Nunatsiavut and for the people, our beneficiaries across our country so we that I close now and thank you and hope everybody too has a Merry Christmas. Thank you.

Mr. Pottle: AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

Mrs. Dicker: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This summer we seen phase two of our water and sewer project on Berry Road completed and phase three is about eighty percent completed, we have eighteen building lots over there, there's sixteen still available because two has already been taken, and the extension to our office building is about seventy percent completed. Greg took a part of mine I guess about the Olympic Torch relay, but I too would like to thank President Lyall for attending and I'd like to thank Ethel and her committee. Thank you.

Mr. Pottle: Are there any other Member who would like to make a statement at this point in time? The Ordinary Member for Nain.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Normally I think this would come under the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and im sure had he been here, he would of made the statement anyway, but in his absence since I was present this summer in Hebron I was only glad I was able to assist the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in getting the monument up in Hebron and completed this summer it was yet another emotional time for our people and also another way of moving forward, having not just the President, Ministers there but the Premier, and three Ministers from the Provincial Government attend at the same time, it was a time and money well spent, I just take the time because I was in the field actually assisted, take the time to publicly thank Parks

Canada whom without their help, the monument erection would have not happened.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Ordinary Member for Nain. If there are no other Member who would like to make a statement at this point in time this concludes Order of the Day number six, moving onto Order number seven of the day, *Oral Question Period*. Just a reminder to Members that time allocated to question period is thirty minutes. You are allowed or permitted to ask a question at the discretion of the Chair, and two supplemental questions to your initial question. Are there any question at this point in time? The AngajukKâk for Postville.

Mr. Decker: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. I hope I got the title right. People has come to me and asked me, I'll bring it the way that they asked me, is there anything or anyway that you're looking at lifting the moratorium on uranium mining?

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To respond, this is a difficult question, this is not uh, this law that we have in place that bans mining and milling of uranium, its not a Departmental decision, it certainly wasn't a decision of mine, but it was a decision by majority of the Members of the Assembly that put the Bill to law, that bans the mining and milling of uranium at this time, I say to the Member Mr. Speaker that if there was to be a change or review of the legislation, it would be done by this Assembly and certainly not by my Department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Supplemental question from the AngajukKâk for Postville.

Mr. Decker: My question is still to the Minister. What time can we see legislation coming to this House regarding to land use plan whatever you have to put in place or guidelines for...

Mr. Pottle: Order please. Your supplemental question is not relative to your initial question. To the acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources with respect to the time frame with respect to the lifting of the uranium processing and milling.
AngajukKâk for Postville.

Mr. Decker: Mr. Speaker, I do think it is relevant, and it's along those guidelines that the reason that the moratorium was put in place first was that there was no guidelines for milling, mining or nothing. And that's the reason that I'm asking that question.

Mr. Pottle: To reiterate again to AngajukKâk for Postville, your question is not relevant to your initial question, your initial question dealt with the lifting of the moratorium on uranium milling, processing and mining. Now you're speaking to a different issue with respect to legislation put in place to look at the land use planning process.

Mr. Decker: Sorry...

Mr. Pottle: Order please. The Speaker has made a ruling on your question. The Chair of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation.

Mr. Winters: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the President. I've had numerous complaints that this Government hasn't have had representation at special functions such as ...Remembrance Day, Beaumont, recently they had a wreath ceremony by the town I was led to believe by the town and an invitation was sent to this Government to have representation there and I understand that this Government gave the plaque to Cooper, Cooper Park. I'm wondering Mr. President do you have anything in mind to correct this, I think it is very embarrassing when you go to ceremonies and you look around to see if there is anyone around when the Nunatsiavut Government is announced see who is going to go and perform those duties. I'm wondering Mr. President if you already have anything done to plan or assign somebody to attend special functions, I think it is very serious when we've had our comrades die so we could have peace and we don't even have representation when asked to be there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Applause.

Mr. Pottle: Order please. President of Nunatsiavut.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To answer your question, I think...I know that I had a request to have someone present at , I think you're talking about a town, where they had a ...for the Town of Happy Valley – Goose Bay, I informed them that I could not be in attendance, I was in another meeting at that time or I was scheduled for another meeting, I contacted Goose Bay office to see if there was anyone there, my understanding Max is that you agreed to attend that, is that not correct?

Mr. Pottle: The Chair of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation.

Mr. Winters: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No I was not asked, but there was a lady who was in the audience that was asked seeing there was no body there. But I brought this before when Mr. Ponniuk was there, but he said that there was no invitation sent to this Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: The President of Nunatsiavut.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will guarantee you Max, any further time that we are invited to any such functions there will be someone asked on my behalf if I can not attend, I usually depend on the Goose Bay office if there is some sort of ceremony taking place, to take my place in Happy Valley Goose Bay, I think I've asked you on a number of occasions to taking laying of wreaths or Keith to take part on one or two occasions, I will guarantee you for any invitations that we get will be taken care of. Thank you.

Mr. Pottle: Are there any further questions? Minister of Finance and Information Technology.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Mr. Speaker, for the past four years, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans have been applying a communal license system, for our domestic fisheries in Nunatsiavut and our tidal waters of the Lake Melville area. My question, Mr. Speaker, is what are the Minister's plans for the domestic fishery to ensure that Inuit harvesting rights in regard to Chapter 13 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement, referred to 13.4.1 and 13.13.1, how will they be applied to recognize our harvesting rights for the domestic fisheries in LISA and Upper Lake Melville? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: The acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I commend my colleague, the Ordinary Member from Makkovik, Minister of Finance, former Minister of Lands and Natural Resource, as well as my colleague from Nain, the Ordinary Member from Nain on their fine work on their time as Ministers of Lands and Natural Resources, I commend their hard work and of course, Mr. Speaker, the Ordinary Member from Makkovik, now the Minister of Finance, for his work, he was able to point out to us, that perhaps that we are not in compliance with our Land Claims Agreement, by following, what has become known in the last ten years I believe, communal fishing license issued by DFO for our communities, the Member is absolutely correct and we realize that we are not in full compliance with our Land Claims Agreement. Having said that, Mr. Speaker, it is my contention that before we change something we have to be certain that what we provide to our people, to our beneficiaries in Nunatsiavut, is as good or better than what exists. And what I'm saying, Mr. Speaker is that if we are to change from the communal license system into something new than it has to be as good or better than what we have, which is communal license system which is not in full compliance with our Land Claims Agreement. It is my Department's intention, to meet with the Regional Director General for Newfoundland and Labrador as early as tomorrow, tomorrow afternoon the meetings begin, when we will put the Department of Fisheries and Oceans on notice, that they too are not complying with our Land Claims Agreement with respect to subsistence harvesting in Nunatsiavut. It is my Department's intention, Mr. Speaker, we will make known to the Regional Director General and ask him to convey to his Minister that we're not happy, we're not satisfied, and we expect no less than compliance with our Land Claims Agreement. It is my Department's intention, Mr. Speaker, that over the next two years to bring a new subsistence harvesting 'regime', to bring the way, how we harvest salmon, char, and trout in summer time, that it will be in compliance with our Land Claims Agreement. We want to be certain, I'm sure that the Member understands, Mr. Speaker, I cannot stress enough that we don't want to go about this in a rash manner, to bring in something that will perhaps jeopardize conservation efforts that was started by the LIA and lately by the Nunatsiavut Government and including the now Minister of Finance, his own very good efforts, to ensure conservation, as well to ensure that the needs of our beneficiaries are met with respect to subsistence harvesting of salmon

especially and that the Government of Canada as well, acts in good faith and follows to the letter our Land Claims Agreement. Ramble on a bit Mr. Speaker, I hope that somewhat answers the Member's question.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. The Ordinary Member for Nain.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is also directed towards the acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. I follow the same question as the AngajukKâk for Postville in his supplemental question, which was ruled out of order; I asked the Minister the same question of to the acting Minister. When can the Assembly expect to see draft legislation in terms of environmental protection on Labrador Inuit Land, the Assembly gave itself three years two years to develop, we are now eighteen months into a process that the Assembly agreed to, we have eighteen to go, now the question more direct to the acting Minister is when can we see draft legislation?

Mr. Pottle: Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope there is no more former Ministers of Lands and Natural Resources. Mr. Speaker, my Department has presented to me just over a week ago, an environmental draft, environmental protection legislation, we spent just over a week ago a full day with senior officials and my staff, going through the draft legislation, and I'm pleased to say that we're on schedule. At this point in time and over the next couple of weeks officials from my Department will put that draft legislation through tests, what I mean by tests, Mr. Speaker, is that they are calling it a dry run. They will create hypothetical projects or potential projects that we see on the horizon, and they will put it to see how it fits our legislation, how it impacts the draft legislation. As well, Mr. Speaker, they will review existing environmental protection legislation and environmental assessment legislation that is in place by Canada and the province of Newfoundland, they will see how this draft legislation harmonizes with that particular legislation. After that process is done, Mr. Speaker, it is my Department's intention to see that this draft legislation is made available to the Members of the Executive Council and my Department very much believes that we will have to present to this House a Bill before the end of March that will allow for us by the time there is an election in May that there will be environmental protection legislation in place, I hope that answers the Members question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Honorable Minister. The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is also directed at the First Minister. It has to do with Membership, we've had training, we've had new applications for enrolment that have been prepared, and yet to me it seems to me this time right now is the worst ever in terms of the number of constituents coming back to me telling me that there's been problems there's been mistakes, glaring errors in the application process, whether its for themselves, for children, for siblings whatever, basically we're seeing

references to, okay let me step back sorry, Mr. Speaker, we're seeing basically refusals to process applications based on references to legislation or parts of the Land Claims Agreement that don't even exist, we're seeing applications processed completely in the wrong way, and seemingly personal decisions made. My question to the First Minister is basically after all the effort we put in to the Membership process, the enrolment process if you will, when are we going to see an end to this complete incompetence that's coming out of that office, the single biggest frustration in Upper Lake Melville is how these applications are being handled, processed and being communicated back and then on top of that they're sticking a clock on you, you only got so many more days to fix it when the problems, majority of them seem to be coming from your office. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: The First Minister of Nunatsiavut.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And nothing could be further from the truth. The Membership process went through some humps and bumps but it is fully functional and contrary to what the Member said, it couldn't be worst couldn't be better, we've established along the way manuals for the appeals, for Membership committees and everything, I won't say that everything is perfect, of course in this process there will always be room to work and improve and we constantly do that through workshops over the course of the year, one workshop was completed just over a week ago but I would suggest Mr. Speaker the frustration comes from applicants who refuse to accept anything other than approval by a Membership Committee, we have over the course of time and we'll work towards making the application for beneficiary status as simple as possible and yet time after time applications are submitted that are not near complete and they are rejected of course, the applicants blame the Membership committees for not processing their application, well time and time, after written letters to people, public statements were posted if an application is not complete it will be returned without review, an application submitted to a Membership committee has to be complete in order to be reviewed and processed, that is where we are finding the biggest hurdle is trying to convince people, also Mr. Speaker it is not the responsibility of my office to fill in applications for Membership, it would be wrong and illegal, Mr. Speaker, for the Registrar or any of its staff to complete applications, if there is one section that is not complete, it will be returned. Screening is done of applications by staff at my office, by the Registrar staff and if an application is not complete before it gets to the appropriate committee, it is returned, I believe Mr. Speaker that is where the frustration is, up to this point in time I am confident in the staff at my office, I'm confident that the people that we've had in all Membership Committees, the Upper Lake Melville/Rigolet Committee, the Makkovik/Postville Committee, the Hopedale Committee, the Nain and North Committee, I believe over the last few years they have become very experienced, we've not have a huge turn over, they have received training, the staff have received training, the Membership Committees have received training and we'll continue to improve on something that I believe it was a lot of work to do in a short period of time, and at times the number of applications that have come in have been overwhelming especially for the Lake Melville/Rigolet Committee, which I think that the Member is perhaps most, was specific about his comments about the applications from the Upper

Lake Melville. I very much have confidence in the process and the effort and time that the Registrar and its staff have put into this, I honestly can't say that, I do not agree that this is the worst that's its ever been Mr. Speaker, in my mind it's the best its ever been, and it will only continue to get better I know that it is difficult for someone to go through the process to have their application rejected but what can I say, that's not a decision that me or my staff, it is the decision of a Membership committee who has received training and will continue to make good decisions as well, Mr. Speaker remind the Member that in addition if an application is rejected there is an appeal process we believe as well under this beneficiary registration is fair and has been fair and we'll work with them as well as with coordinated workshops with the Appeals Committee when we had workshops for Memberships so that everyone is on the same page and that the process is open, fair and honest. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Supplemental question, Ordinary Member of the Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to test the First Minister's confidence a little bit using a specific example. If this is the best that it's ever been, than in terms of the enrolment process and to give a little bit of preamble here about this question; how than can a person submit an application for enrolment, whether, like I said before, whether if its for themselves, for their siblings, for whatever, could be helping out their family member, could be their children, and they specifically identify, and I'll give a specific example here that their bloodline is from the Nain area, therefore it should be handled by that committee, how can the entire application process and the review process by the committee be done ignoring the fact that they designated their blood line from Nain that should be handled by the Nain Committee, how can the entire process go from end to end and not involve the Nain Committee, basically what it comes down to Mr. First Minister, is that they look at the application, they say you have no connection to the Land Claim area, when it wasn't even reviewed by the appropriate committee and the correspondence was done by another committee, reviewed by that committee, everything is done and the clock is on them, you've got thirty-eight days to come back and fix all of this, a mistake was made by your Department...

Mr. Pottle: Order Please. I'd like the Member direct his specific question to the Minister

Mr. Russell: My apologies, Mr. Speaker. How can the entire process, Mr. First Minister go from start to finish and the basic premise of the application saying that the family is from Nain, the blood line is from Nain, how can it go right through for someone to be turned down and the correspondence go right back to that individual when on the second page of that application, the instructions are ignored. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: First Minister.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said, the process is good it has never been better and I did say that everything is not perfect, of course, what can I say, the Member is specific to an application and obviously I do not have it in front of me so I

can't talk to him and give specific answers to why that happened or how that happened, because this is a very specific question, that, how can I possibly answer to that, Mr. Speaker, I can only say that at times people submit information that they believe to be correct and once reviewed by a committee and these applications cross reference it is on file and they may find that person connection to a certain community and connections to another committee, I've seen time and time again that this happened, I'm not suggesting that this is the case for this specific because this is too specific for me to answer, Mr. Speaker, the process unfolds, certainly what I would suggest in this case, if there was a mistake made, Membership committee, this is where/why we have an appeals committee in place, for the process, so that if an applicant feels that their application has been not treated fairly, they have not reached the appropriate committee than this is the safe guard, the appeals process, Mr. Speaker, would kick in and make sure we give that applicant a chance to put on paper why it should have went to a certain committee and that would allow for the appeal process to kick in and perhaps give that person another chance to have their application reviewed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you First Minister. The Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question Mr. Speaker, is directed to the Minister of Health, I guess the question that I have for you is; when the pharmacy was about to close was your Department consulted on the issue, was it taken into consideration that it would affect the beneficiaries in Upper Lake Melville and also in Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We were notified about two days, Michelle got a call saying that they wanted to meet with her, they were looking at closing down the pharmacy and that was the first time we was aware that there was anything going on.

Mr. Pottle: That concludes the allotted time for question period. Moving on to Order of the Day, number eight, *Written Questions*, are there any written questions to be submitted? The AngajukKâk for Postville.

Mr. Decker: I have a written question for the First Minister.

Mr. Pottle: Would the pages please take the question to the First Minister? Just like to remind the House that written questions can either be tabled in Assembly or delivered orally, the responses to the written questions can be tabled in the Assembly or delivered orally at some future time. How does the First Minister wish to respond to the written question?

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question that I have received is in a form of a letter and I will respond in form of a letter too.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, First Minister. Are there any further written questions to be submitted at this point in time? If there are no further written questions, this concludes Order of the Day, number eight, we will move on to Order of the Day, number nine, *Reports of Standing and Special Committees*. Are there any reports of Standing and Special Committees to be presented at this sitting of this Assembly? The Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Alcohol and Drug Committee has in your binder, a progress report, I don't know if anyone here today had time to look over in their progress reports that we've done up in the last month or so, probably on your break if you have time is to go over it and if you have any questions for myself or the First Minister on the progress report, you can certainly find or try and accommodate any questions on the report, and also for your information one of the most important things in this report is the next step that we feel we need to do and we brought to this Assembly in moving forward in the Alcohol and Drug Committee, there was a couple of issues that we think needs to come here and get clarification so that we can proceed with things that we identified and has been identified awhile ago in Nunatsiavut so all I can say right now is that the report is there, progress report and if the First Minister has anything else to add he's certainly welcome, he Chairs the committee also with me, its there for your reading and hopefully we can move forward, we are trying to do our best to move some of these issues forward and sometime we run into stumbling blocks and we have to address or change ways that we try to do things so, hopefully this will give you some ideas on what our committee has been doing, hopefully we can move forward with some of the things we are trying to do. Thank you.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Ordinary Member for Hopedale. The First Minister I believe would like to speak to the report.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I would only like to add on to what my colleague had to say with respect to the next steps and the end of report there are, as my colleague indicated, there are four steps. We'll be presenting four resolutions at the next Assembly, for consideration and decision by the whole Assembly which will provide further support for restriction on alcohol within Nunatsiavut, and it goes on to name of the resolutions that we will recommend. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members, particularly the Members and AngajukKâks of Nunatsiavut that they come back to the Assembly prepared to deal with those four resolutions. It is our hope, Mr. Speaker, behalf of my colleague and Members of the Alcohol and drug Committee, we've waited long enough to start to implement the recommendations that we've received during the hearings held in Two-thousand and Six. And I ask, Mr. Speaker ,the Members be prepared to deal the four resolutions at the next sitting of the Assembly, not to come say that they have not had time to consult with their constituents, come fully prepared, fully understand what the impacts will be on their communities, what the impacts of these resolutions will be. It is our hope that we will have these resolutions dealt with. Mr. Speaker on behalf of my colleague, co-chair member for Hopedale and Members of the Alcohol and Drug Committee this Assembly can expect in the upcoming months there will be more

resolutions brought forward from this committee as we start to implement the wishes of our constituents in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you...(no audio)...Honorable Minister of Finance and Human Resources and Information Technology.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I really don't have a formal report from the Standing Committee on Inuktitut, but certainly as Chair of the Committee in our strategic planning session, as Members are aware, we have pushed very hard to acquire funding for the LITP program. Torngasok is currently in the process of developing a curriculum for LITP, they will require funding for year two to develop the LITP curriculum, and monies to eventually put off a pilot program in one of the communities, Members who attended these strategic planning sessions are well aware that this issue is certainly at the forefront for the Nunatsiavut Government and I do have high hopes that the issue will come up in a future budget session. Certainly not a report from the committee itself, to certainly inform Members that we have lobbied very hard to get funding for Inuktitut learning initiatives for Nunatsiavut Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Are there any further reports from special and standing committees? If there are no further reports of special or standing committees we'll move on to Order of the Day, number ten, *Notices of Motions*. Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give notice of motion of a special resolution of the Nunatsiavut Assembly for an appointment of trustee to the Labrador Inuit Strategy Trust. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Are there any further notices of motions to be presented at this point in time? If there are no notices of motions, we will move on to...if there are no further notices of motion we will break fifteen minutes early and we will come back to deal with standing order of the day number eleven, *Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills*, before we break I've had a request from the AngajukKâk for Makkovik to have a moment of silence in Remembrance of Tom Watts as some of you may know Tom recently passed away and that he will be put to rest at a memorial service that is to take place this afternoon at two pm. so before we break I ask people to give a moment of silence in the memory of the late Tom Watts. On behalf of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, we would like to pass on our sincere condolences to the family of Tom and to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We will reconvene our Assembly in one half hour.

Mr. Pottle: Order Please. I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. On order of the Day, order number eleven, *Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills*. The First Minister of Nunatsiavut.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give notice that I will be tabling Bill #2009-08, a Bill for an Act respecting the Election of Ordinary Members of

the Nunatsiavut Assembly the Election of President of the Nunatsiavut Government, Constitutional Referenda, Plebiscites and Election Financing and Controverted Elections. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: President of Nunatsiavut.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give notice that I will be introducing a Bill to amend the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, IL2005-09, this Bill will ...create another position for Canada. Thank you very much.

Mr. Pottle: Are there any further notices of motion for introduction for Bills for first reading? If there are no other notices of motions for first reading of Bills we'll proceed with Order of the Day, number twelve, *Motions*. The Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that a special resolution of the Nunatsiavut Assembly for appointment of a Trustee to the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust is submitted to the Nunatsiavut Assembly for discussion and approval. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: The Minister of Education and Economic Development has moved that the Nunatsiavut Assembly deal with a nomination for an appointment to the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, the motion is in order, proceed Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust currently has three Trustees, the Trust can hold up to five Trustees, two government Trustees and three non-government Trustees, there is one government Trustee and two non-government Trustees on the Trust right now, the reasoning for this new appointment is that a non-government Trustee has resigned, so a special resolution will appoint a non-government representative, the nominee is Belinda Webb, you have the resume attached to your resolution in your binder. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Honorable Minister. As the Minister has outlined for criteria for appointments to the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, just like to summarize the process for the benefit of the Assembly Members, this is a third time that this Assembly has dealt with appointments to the Trust, in order for an individual who is nominated to be appointed to the Trust, that nominee must have support of seventy five percent of the Members voting on the nomination, I brought my trusty friend this time around, calculator, because you all know my math skills and I believe my calculator is telling me that in order for this appointment to be made, there has to be nine or more Members voting in favour of the nomination for appointment to the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust. There are twelve Members eligible to vote on this nomination and seventy five percent of twelve is nine. So again, we need nine or more Members to support the nomination of Belinda Webb as a member of the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust. You do have Ms. Webb's credentials in your binder by way of her resume, Members

have had this information for the past week or so, despite that, I will give Members a few minutes to review the resume and then I will put the issue to a vote. So if you take a few minutes to review the resume before we call for the vote. (Pause) Are Members at this point in time ready to vote on the nomination for the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust? The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I just like to ask for clarification purposes for the record, and I guess that I'll ask Minister of Economic Development and Education, my question being who was the member who did step down from the Trust and the reason for that? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to thank the Member from Upper Lake Melville for his question. The Trustee that stepped down from the Trust was Charles Martin. The reason for him stepping down is he received employment with the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation as Assistant General Manager and according to the Trust Deed he can not be an employee and Trustee at the same time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Chair of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation.

Mr. Winters: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question to the Minister, is this the only resume that you received? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, this was the only nomination and resume that was submitted to me by the Trustees of the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Are there any further questions on the process or any further clarification required for Members from the Minister of Education and Economic Development? The Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for Minister Shiwak. In the past the ICST that we had during the Transitional Government, they would follow up with a report to Executive Council when they were making decisions, they would come to us and give us our thoughts, it seems to me that this is not the case anymore, during our last big announcement, the closure of the pharmacy, they made a decision, correct me if I'm wrong, you can clarify me, did they come to the Executive Council and say to you, saying that 'we're making a decision that's going to affect Nunatsiavut and to me given that much power to ICST without consulting Executive Council to me in my view are wrong, it's a decision it's going to affect everybody in Nunatsiavut and outside of Nunatsiavut once they make a decision. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: At this point in time I just like to clarify that this process is not reporting to the Executive Council or to the Assembly on the activities of the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, that question, I believe, Honorable Member for Hopedale, is for another time on the agenda on the Orders of the Day. This process that we are putting forth today is to vote on the nomination of whether or not and for the decision and for the Assembly to make a decision of whether or not this individual will indeed be appointed to the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust. The Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just have a brief comment to this motion, after reading the credentials that Ms. Webb has presented to the Assembly. I certainly would not be hesitant to put my support to certainly appoint this individual as a Member of the ICST. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Are there any final comments or clarifications. The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I just like to say, all though I'm not disappointed, is maybe a too harsh a word, I guess saddened by the loss of Mr. Martin on the Trust, I have no doubt that he will give an excellent contribution to the LIDC and I am in the agreement with the Minister of Finance that Ms. Webb's credentials are impressive and no doubt that she will do a decent job as well. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Honorable Member. If there are no further comments or points of clarification to be made on the nomination of Belinda Webb to become a Trustee of the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, I'd now like to put and call for a vote on the issue, all those in favour of supporting the nomination of Belinda Webb to the appointment of Trust Deed to the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust raise your hand. Thank you, Honorable Members. With unanimous consent of the Assembly, I'm pleased at this point in time to sanction as a result of a unanimous vote the appointment of Belinda Webb to the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust. Does the Minister wish to make any concluding comments?

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased that the Assembly has appointed Ms. Webb to the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, it is so important that we have a full slate of Trustees on the Trust on such an important time of the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust but for LIDC as well both are going through major reviews trying to find direction on developing economic development for the future, a full slate of Trustees will surely help that, saying that, there is one more Trustee that needs to be filled that is a Government Trustee to represent Trustee on the Trust, I will be going back to the Trust to ensure that a name is submitted in the very near future to the Assembly for appointment to the Trust for government representative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Honorable Minister. That concludes Order of the Day, number twelve, we will now proceed to Order of the Day, number thirteen, *First Reading of Bills*. The President of Nunatsiavut.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville that Bill 2009-07, a Bill for an act to amend the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, IL-2005-09, be introduced and read for the first time.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. President. Given that there are two representatives for the Upper Lake Melville region, I'm wondering if you could give me the name of the individual who supported...interruption...'a motion.

President Lyall: I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. The Ordinary Member, Keith Russell. Thank you.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. President. The motion is in order. The mover of the motion may speak for up to ten minutes and explain why he or she is supporting the Bill. President of Nunatsiavut.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will briefly state that the Bill will provide an additional Member for the district of Canada, for that reason alone I think it is a very important move to amend the Assembly Act, in order for us to have another Member in our Assembly. Thank you very much.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, President. Are there any Member who wish to speak or participate in debate on first reading of Bill # 2009-07, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, Inuit Law 2005-09. The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I am also in support of this, I believe that the sheer numbers involved in the constituency of Canada want the extra representation and will be a welcome addition to the House, similar to Upper Lake Melville, which I represent, I have to represent a lot of beneficiaries to deal with, and as far as I'm concerned the more Members of this House that will have available to those constituents in order to bring their issues forward to help them, the better. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I certainly support this Bill. It's a constitutional requirement of the Nunatsiavut Government to do so, when the numbers certainly identify a need for an extra Member for Canada or indeed any constituency within our Government, we should be dealing with it in following through and implementing these requirements, I know that the Member for Canada, before he became the Speaker worked very diligently on this issue. Along with the First Minister, I will certainly impart my sentiments to these gentlemen and to put my support to this Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Honorable Minister. If no other Member wishes to speak to the motion, does the President of Nunatsiavut wish to conclude debate?

President Lyall: Yes I do.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, President of Nunatsiavut. That concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill #2009-07?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Accordingly with unanimous consent of the Assembly, Bill #2009-07 has had first reading. The First Minister of Nunatsiavut.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased Mr. Speaker to introduce Bill # 2009-08, a Bill for an Act, Respecting the Election of Ordinary Members of The Nunatsiavut Assembly The Election of The President of Nunatsiavut Government, Constitutional Referenda, Plebiscites, Election Financing and Controverted Elections. In introducing this Bill Mr. Speaker, I will very brief explanation perhaps the highlights, this Bill would repeal, replace parts one, two, three, four, six and seven of the Nunatsiavut Elections Act, IL-2006-01 in the manner recommended by the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer in his report following the last election for the President. The Bill retains all the main features and procedures found in the old Act, but removes the part dealing with the Inuit Community Government elections and reorganizes the various sections of the Act, so that they are more user friendly. And we can always, Mr. Speaker, appreciate that as that not too many of us around the table are Lawyers, and user friendly is something that we can all hope for as it was, Inuit Community Governments elections will be dealt with a separate Bill which will repeal and replace part five of the old Act. As mentioned by our leader, the President in his Bill to amend the Assembly Act, Mr. Speaker, this Bill also provides for an additional Member to be elected to the Assembly, to represent the Canadian Constituency as required by the Labrador Inuit Constitution. Establish arrangements to protect the privacy of information containing more or less and clarify the procedures to be followed for conceding an election for President and Canada receive an absolute majority, on the First ballot, these are the reasons Mr. Speaker, I introduce this Bill and perhaps, Mr. Speaker, the biggest highlight of this Bill is under the election of the second member for the Canadian Constituency and we certainly are as indicated by the President very pleased to see that happen and by our Members around the table. Mr. Speaker, I move, second by my very good friend and colleague the Minister of Economic Development and Education, for good he is, Mr. Speaker, he could be also called Santa's little helper, he's been such a help, Mr. Speaker, it is second by the, all those wonderful titles that I've stowed on him that he seconds the Bill, Bill 2009-08, a Bill for an Act respecting the election for ordinary I got the wrong I certainly do apologize for this Mr. Speaker. Just let me get my dummy notes in order, Mr. Speaker, if you will allow, I'd like to start over. Just in my last sentence, to begin from the beginning.

Mr. Pottle: Proceed First Minister.

Mr. Anderson: ...the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, the Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development that Bill 2009-08, a Bill for an Act Respecting the

Election of Ordinary Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, the Election of the President of the Nunatsiavut Government, Constitutional Referenda and Plebiscites, Election Financing, and Controverted Elections be introduced and read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Honorable First Minister. The motion is in order. Debate at First Reading allows each Member to speak to the motion for up to fifteen minutes if he or she so chooses. I too will start over. As my microphone was not turned on, thank you, Honorable First Minister. The motion is in order. Debate at First Reading allows for each Member to speak to the motion once for up to fifteen minutes. The speaking to the motion should focus on the principle of the Bill, and the policy objectives it hopes to achieve. Is there any Members wish to speak to the motion, Bill 2009-08? If there is no Member wishing to speak to Bill # 2009-08 does the First Minister wish to conclude debate?

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my wish to conclude debate.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Honorable First Minister. That concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2009-08?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Accordingly with unanimous consent of the Assembly, Bill 2009-08 has had first reading. That concludes Order of the Day, number thirteen, given we still have another forty minutes before our allocated lunch break, I believe that we should proceed with second reading of Bill #2009-07. The President of Nunatsiavut.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Keith Russell that the Assembly proceed directly to second reading of bill one eighteen and I seek unanimous consent to waive standing order 120 in order to proceed to second reading of Bill 2009-07 today.

Mr. Pottle: The President is seeking unanimous consent to proceed to second reading of Bill 2009-07, does the President have unanimous consent?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Proceed, Mr. President.

President Lyall: Mr. Speaker. I move seconded by the Member for Upper Lake Melville, Keith Russell that Bill 2009-07, a Bill for an Act to amend the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, IL-2005-09 be read for the second time.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Honorable President. The motion is in order. The procedure for second reading debate will be a clause by clause review of the details of the Bill; each Member may speak for up to fifteen minutes on each clause. Nunatsiavut Assembly, Bill

#2009-07, an Act to amend the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, Inuit Law 2005-09. Whereas section 4.2.3 of the Labrador Inuit Constitution, requires that where the number of Labrador Inuit in a constituency exceeds one thousand the constituency shall be represented by two Ordinary Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and whereas the number of Labrador Inuit residents in the Canadian Constituency exceeds one thousand, now therefore be it enacted the president and the Nunatsiavut Assembly as follows; prior going through the Bill clause by clause does any Members wish to speak to the details of the Bill? If no member wishes to speak to the Bill, Clause one, section three of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, Inuit Law 2005-09 is deleted and replaced with the following; 3) the Nunatsiavut Assembly shall consist of seventeen Members. All in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Section two, Section 8 of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, Inuit Law 2005-09 and the sub-heading proceeding that section are deleted and replaced with the following; additional representation of certain constituencies Section eight; the Nain constituency, the Upper Lake Melville Constituency and the Canadian Constituency shall be represented by two Ordinary Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. All in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Clause three, Section nine of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, Inuit Law 2005-09 is deleted and replaced with the following; section nine, the AngajukKâk of each Inuit Community Government and the Chair of each Community Corporation shall be Members of the Assembly, subject to provisions of Chapter four of the Constitution. All in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Clause four, this Act comes into effect on the first day of March 2010. All in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: That concludes the clause by clause review of the Bill. Does the Minister wish to conclude debate? The President, I'm sorry, wish to conclude debate?

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes I wish to conclude debate. Thank you.

Mr. Pottle: For the record I will start again. That concludes the clause by clause review of the Bill, does the President wish to conclude debate?

President Lyall: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I wish to conclude debate.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you. That concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2009-07?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Accordingly with unanimous consent of the Assembly Bill #2009-07, a Bill for an Act to amend the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, Inuit Law 2005-09 has had second reading. Given that the second reading and debate on Bill 2009-08 will most likely take a considerable amount of the Assemblies time, at this point in time, I will call for a break for lunch period, and I would recommend that the Assembly reconvene at one pm this afternoon. Thank you.

Mr. Pottle: Ullukut Illonasi, Good Afternoon everybody. I'd like to call this session of the Assembly back to order. Before we get into Motions of the Day, just a couple of quick announcements the charter is scheduled to be in Hopedale tomorrow morning at eight o'clock, it will head to Nain first and she'll come back to Hopedale and go points south to Goose Bay. If anybody is heading back on the charter, please let Hilda know so that she has an idea of which way people are heading and whether or not you're heading back home or do you want to be booked on the charter to points elsewhere and planning on leaving here and going to Goose Bay, please let Hilda know so that she knows how many people we'll be having and what the plans are and your travel for tomorrow. Getting back to our Orders of the Day, Order number fourteen, *Second Reading of Bills*. We will be dealing with Bill #2009-08, the process for second reading is each Member may speak for up to fifteen minutes on debating this Bill. Because this Bill is repealing and replacing various parts of the previous Elections Act, instead of doing a clause by clause review, we will go through each part, we will identify the divisions in each part and if anybody has any comments or questions on each part then we'll entertain your questions or comments at that point in time. It might be kind of difficult but we will certainly move through this as smoothly as we can. This is my first time as Speaker of the Assembly dealing with a Bill of this length and depth and given that this is a revision of the current Elections Act and that Members have had access to this Bill for the last week and a half, two weeks or so, we are hoping that we can get through this without a lot of struggle. So on that I open the floor for debate if any body would like to speak to the Bill before we actually get into the review of the parts of the Act, we certainly will do that. At this point in time before we proceed with that I would like to open the floor to the First Minister of Nunatsiavut.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, second by Minister of Education and Economic Development, that the Assembly proceed directly to second reading under standing order 118, I seek unanimous consent to waive standing order 120 in order to proceed for second reading of Bill 2009-08 today.

Mr. Pottle: The First Minister is seeking unanimous consent to proceed to second reading of Bill 2003 and wishes to waive standing orders 118 to 120, to proceed with second order today. Does the Minister have unanimous consent?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Proceed, Mr. First Minister.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I move seconded by the Minister of Education and Economic Development that Bill 2009-08 a Bill for an Act Respecting the election of Ordinary Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Election of the President of the Nunatsiavut Government, Constitutional Referenda and Plebiscites, Election Financing, and Controverted Elections be read for the second time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. First Minister. The motion is in order; the procedure for second reading debate will be a review of the Bill, part by part and each Member may speak to the Bill for up to fifteen minutes. Bill 2009-08, a Bill for an Act Respecting the election of Ordinary Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, the Election of the President of the Nunatsiavut Government, Constitutional Referenda and Plebiscites, Election Financing, and Controverted Elections. Part 1, **ELECTION ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS**. If no Members wishes to speak to part one, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Division 1.2 of part 1, **Election Organizations**. If no Member wishes to speak to Part 1, Division 1.2, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Part 1, Division 1.3, **Electors, Voters Roll and Voters Lists**. If no Member wishes to speak to Part 1, Division 1.3, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Part 1, Division 1.4, **Constituencies and Polling Stations**. If no Member wishes to speak to Division 1.4, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Part 1, Division 1.5, **Calling an Election**. If no Member wishes to speak to Part 1, Division 1.5, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Part 1, Division 1.6, **Candidates**. If no Member wishes to speak to Part 1, Division 1.6, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Part 1, Division 1.7, **Procedure Prior to Opening of Poll.** If no Member wishes to speak to Part 1, Division 1.7, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Part 1, Division 1.8, **Advance Polls.** If no Member wishes to speak to Part 1, Division 1.8, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Part 1, Division 1.9, **Counting Reporting and Security of the Votes.** If no Member wishes to speak to Part 1, Division 1.9, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Part 1, Division 1.10, **Preservation of Order at Elections.** If no Member wishes to speak to Part 1, Division 1.10, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Part 1, Division 1.11, **Miscellaneous.** If no Member wishes to speak to Part 1, Division 1.11, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Part 2, **ELECTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE NUNATSIAVUT GOVERNMENT.** If no Member wishes to speak to Part 2, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Part 3, **REFERENDA AND PLEBISCITES.** If no Member wishes to speak to Part 3, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Part 4, **CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS.** If no Member wishes to speak to Part 4, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Part 5, **ELECTION FINANCING.** If no Member wishes to speak to Part 5, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Part 6, **CORRUPT PRACTICES AND ELECTION OFFENCES**. If no Member wishes to speak to Part 6, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Part 7, **MISCELLANEOUS**. If no Member wishes to speak to Part 7, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: **SCHEDULE, OATH OF OFFICE OF NUNATSIAVUT ELECTORAL OFFICER**. If no Member wishes to speak to the Schedule, Oath of Office of Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, is the Assembly in favour?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: That concludes the review of the Bill, does the Minister wish to conclude debate?

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I wish to conclude debate.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Honorable First Minister. That concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2009-08?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Accordingly with unanimous consent of the Assembly Bill 2009-08 a Bill for an Act Respecting the Election of Ordinary Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Election of the President of the Nunatsiavut Government, Constitutional Referenda and Plebiscites, Election Financing, and Controverted Elections has had second reading. Order of the Day, number fifteen, *Assent to Bills*. Mr. President, the Assembly has given second reading to Bills 2009-07 and 2009-08 and wish to present them for assent.

President Lyall: Mr. Speaker and Members as President of Nunatsiavut I wish to assent to Bill 2009-07, a Bill for an Act to amend the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, IL-2005-09 and Bill 2009-08 a Bill for an Act Respecting the Election of Ordinary Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Election of the President of the Nunatsiavut Government, Constitutional Referenda and Plebiscites, Election Financing, and Controverted Elections and hereby sign them into law. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. President. At this point in time the Speaker would like to appoint the Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville to the Deputy Speaker's position for the winter sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. As per the President of Nunatsiavut Assembly, the tentative thinking for the first sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly for the winter sitting shall be the week of March 1st or the 2nd that will be confirmed shortly in the New Year. Before we adjourn our Assembly on behalf of the

members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, I would like to say Kuvvi Inovia, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of our elected officials, our public servants, and those we are elected to represent, the Inuit of Nunatsiavut, I wish you a Safe and Happy Holiday. With that I close the fall session of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and we look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.