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Transcriptions to Emergency Meeting of the Assembly

**Ches Andersen:** Torngat Fisheries will have a loan of a million dollars in which they will have to pay \$600 thousand dollars in six months. I'll explain that as I go through, we have discussed this with the organization as well as with the Royal Bank of Canada. I did go to St. John's. The province was outside of that at the time, the amounts were not discussed, that will be discussed during the year. What happened before that was the Province signed an Memorandum of Understanding, when they came back, their Memorandum of Understanding basically was unacceptable, I was given an mandate, we had an amount of one million dollars, and the Nunatsiavut Government would possibly be liable for 600 thousand dollars a year for that, which is the Provinces loan guarantee and that was the mandate that I had and I would not accept that. With this debate during the last month, we had to think about the fish plants operations in Makkovik and Nain. We have come to an agreement but that is still not finalized, and the assembly would have to pass this bill which would authorize the Minister for Economic Development to finalize our documentation on securities that would protect the Nunatsiavut Government. The Royal Bank of Canada is asking for an availability of security for the loan of six hundred thousand dollars, which would be guaranteed by the Nunatsiavut Government. That guarantee we expect that it will be paid back by the end of October. The amount to be paid back is six-hundred thousand dollars for a period of six months, the balance will be in place for six months, that is forwarded

to the Assembly, the loan will have to signed and guaranteed and it has to be approved by the Executive Council. If the document is not reviewed by the Council it will be approved. The Minister responsible will have to ensure the documentation is in place that is the Minister responsible for Economic Development. I will make sure that he has the document. During the past month has been a little bit difficult, unfortunately at the same time, the minister of the province Mr. Baker was on holidays, he has been good so far, he is familiar with the process. That is an update and if there are questions, I will answer them.

**Q:** When we sat in Hopedale that was discussed.

**Ches Andersen:** It had been passed before, and it was guaranteed, before we had this session.

**Todd Broomfield:** I ask that this emergency sitting of the assembly to order. The purpose of this sitting is agree to a loan guarantee, from the Nunatsiavut Government for Torngat Fish Producers Co-op, The Labrador Inuit Constitution , Chapter 8, states that the Nunatsiavut Government can provide a loan guarantee and it has to be authorized by the Nunatsiavut Assembly. The Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, Part 1, Section 9, states that when a decision is to be taken by the Assembly, it needs a consensus by vote, approved the assembly and the President, for a forum, the Assembly has not officially convened till the House opens on the 8<sup>th</sup>

of September, but the President has the discretion to call a sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly at any time. At the last Executive meeting, on July 24<sup>th</sup>, there was a cabinet shuffle, Ben Ponniuk the member for Upper Lake Melville is now the Minister Of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Darryl Shiwak the member for Rigolet, is now the Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development. These two gentlemen changed portfolios. I would like to congratulate the two Ministers. We have two pages, they are Shirley Jararuse and Donna Dicker. If you need anything just let them know. I would like to inform you to use your mike when you are speaking, just to make sure what you say is recorded. The good translation equipment is in Hopedale. At this time I would like to go to the Honourable Minister of Finance.

**D. Gear:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker I would like to go two outstanding orders through two readings of Bill IL-04-2007.

**T. Broomfield:** Thank you Minister. The Minister of Finance would like to proceed with the First Reading of IL-04-2007, does the Minister have unanimous consent of the Assembly?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**T. Broomfield:** Proceed Minister.

**D. Gear:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. We have to pass these because we will have a lot of people out of work, fisherman, plant-workers, especially in the Nain and Makkovik plants, by introducing this Bill today, we will be helping a lot of people in Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker, I move second by member for Rigolet, the

Honourable Minister, I move that Bill no. IL-04- 2007 for Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantee, that IL-04-2007 be approved.

**T. Broomfield:** Thank you Minister, the Motion is in Order. For the First Reading, each member has the option to speak for fifteen minutes, if they wish to do so. If no member wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to conclude the debate?

**D. Gear:** Yes Mr. Speaker.

**T. Broomfield:** Thank you Minister. That concludes the debate. Is the Assembly is in favor of approving IL-04-2007 which is now on the floor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**T. Broomfield:** It is now approved that IL-04-2007 is now gone through the First Reading. I now ask the Minister to go through the second reading of the Bill.

**D. Gear:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I ask for permission to go through the Second Reading of Bill IL-04-2007.

**T. Broomfield:** Thank you Minister. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent that Bill IL-04-2007, does the Minister have unanimous consent of the Assembly?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**T. Broomfield:** Proceed Minister.

**D. Gear:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by member for Rigolet, the Honourable Minister of

Education that IL-04-2007 Torngat Loan Guarantee be read for the second time.

**T. Broomfield:** Thank you Minister, the motion is in order. We will now review the Bill Clause by Clause.

**T. Broomfield:** Clause 1, Short Title. Are there any comments?

Clause 2: Definitions, any comments?

Clause 3: Conflict with Inuit Law, are there any comments?

Clause 4: Authority to pay off debts, Obligations of Torngat Co-op, are there any comments?

Speaker recognizes the President.

**W. Andersen III:** Mr. Speaker, the authority for a guarantee, just to make that clear.

**T. Broomfield:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I will reword the clause, the authority of Torngat Co-op to pay-off Co-op loan , are there any comments?

Clause 5, Maximum amount and purpose of loan guarantee, are there any comments? One thing to note in clause 5 is the amount is six hundred thousand dollars.

Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Postville.

**AngajukKâk for Postville:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, will we receive a copy of the loan guarantee which is six hundred thousand dollars?

**T. Broomfield:** Yes you will receive a copy, any other comments on clause 5?

Clause 6, Term of Guarantee, one thing to make on clause 6 is the Loan Guarantee under this Act shall be six months.

Clause 7: Security Required for Guarantees, are there any comments?

Clause 8: Access to Financial Records, any comments?

Clause 9: Additional Terms and Conditions, comments?

Clause 10: Payment of Guarantee, are there any comments?

Clause 11: Loaning to pay guarantee, any comments?

Clause 12: Guarantee to be charged on development funds, comments

Clause 13: Parts one to three Acquisition costs given by security, are there any comments?

Clause 14: Execution of Instruments, any comments?

The last clause, number 15: Coming into Effect, are there any comments?

This concludes the clause by clause review of IL-04-2007, does the minister wish to conclude debate?

**D. Gear:** Yes, Mr. Speaker,

**T. Broomfield;** Thank you Minister, that concludes the debate, is the Assembly in favor of approving IL-04-2007, the Loan Guarantee to Torngat Fisheries Producers Co-op, is the Assembly in approving this Bill?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**T. Broomfield:** Accordingly, with the unanimous assent of the Assembly, IL-Bill 2007-04, Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantee Act 2007, has passed second reading in the House.

**T. Broomfield:** Mr. President, the Assembly has given second reading to IL-2007-04 Bill and wish to present it for assent.

**W. Andersen III:** (speaking in Inuktitut) Thank you Mr. Speaker, in regards to Bill IL-2007-04, I give my Assent for it to become effective, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**T. Broomfield:** Thank you Mr. President, the purpose of this sitting was to pass this Bill through the House, we have done that and I thank you for that, at this time I like to close this sitting, and

the House will re-open on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September, time to be determine by the President. Thank you

The speaker recognizes the Minister of Health.

**Minister of Health:** Mr. Speaker, I was wondering why this sitting was not in Hopedale, can you explain why?

**T. Broomfield:** Speaker recognizes the President.

**W. Andersen III:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, most of the Ministers are here today, there is a lot of members of the Assembly and that is quite costly to bring them all into Hopedale just for a couple hours of meetings, the purpose of this emergency meeting was to help our workers at the fish-plants and fisherman, we are sorry for the inconvenience, thank you Mr. Speaker.