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In Attendance:

President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Johannes Lampe

Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canada, Honorable Edward-Blake Rudkowski

Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Honorable Gerald Asivak

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler

Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser

Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Honorable Kate Mitchell

Ordinary Member for Postville, Honorable Tyler Edmunds

Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Ms. Rachel Saunders

Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Jim Lyall

Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Anthony Andersen

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey

AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Julius Dicker

Chair for Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Maxene Winters

Staff:

Deputy Minister of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, Secretary to the Executive Council, Ms. Isabella Pain

Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Ms. Jim Goudie

Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Mr. Darryl Shiwak

Director of Legal Services, Ms. Loretta Michelin

Clerk of the Assembly, Ms. Mary Sillett

Absent:

AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Mrs. Marjorie Flowers

Chair Person for the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak

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MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Just a couple of procedural things that I'd like to make known to everybody before we start. The chairperson of NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation has been excused from this Assembly. She's dealing with a very trying personal circumstance and I think it's safe to say all of our prayers and thoughts are with her as, as Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak deals with her personal circumstance. Similarly, Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk for Hopedale has been excused from this Assembly sitting, as has the AngajukKâk from Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard. So we'll be proceeding without those three individuals-, all again, who have been properly excused from this Assembly sitting. Joining us today, we have Halle Lucy, from Hopedale, who's our page. Thank you for coming at the last minute,

Halle. Our interpreter is Gus Semigak who is flying solo today. So I'm going to ask everybody to do their best to keep things slow, to help Gus out. Gus is-, thank you Gus, for your efforts. And we have Robert Ford helping us with IT and as well, we have Johansi Tuglavina and Sarah Abel as our IT people. I'd like to call the order of the continuation of 2nd Session of the Fourth Nunatsiavut Assembly and I'll call upon Ms. Maxene Winters, Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation to say our opening prayer. Maxene?

MS. WINTERS: (Recites prayer.)

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Thank you Chairperson Winters. Now we're on to Item Two of the *Orders of the Day*. And I'll ask if the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe to do his opening address.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, Uhalitik. (Speaks in Inuttitut.)*

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, President Lampe. Just a quick housekeeping item before we proceed any further. When I made the introductions of our support staff, I overlooked our page from Postville. So Allyson Gear is also joining us, and thank you for joining us Allyson. I believe at this point, that we have an item that wants to be raised by the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to provide notice of a motion of a Matter of Privilege.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Thank you. AngajukKâk Andersen. A Point of Privilege is an item which is rarely dealt with in the Assembly, so I'm going to spend just a couple of

seconds outlining the procedure which is involved here. When a Point of Privilege is raised, the Speaker is obliged to rule on two different items. The first of those items is that the Point of Privilege has been raised at the earliest possible opportunity. The Point of Privilege being raised by AngajukKâk Andersen happened between the last Assembly sitting and this Assembly sitting. So I am satisfied that this Point of Privilege is being dealt with at the earliest possible opportunity. This is the first time we've met since the incident in question. The second requirement that the Speaker must rule upon is that, has there been a prima facie breach of privilege? Prima facie simply meaning, does the Point of Privilege have merit? Does it have integrity? On both of these items, the Speaker will rule that both of these requirements have been satisfied that the breach of privilege has been raised at the earliest possible opportunity, and that indeed, that there has been a prima facie breach of privilege. So with that in mind, I'll ask the AngajukKâk for Makkovik to please, proceed.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser. Whereas the Speaker has received two applications for determination as to whether the Ordinary Member for Hopedale has contravened the *Code of Conduct*, and whereas the Speaker appointed a Disciplinary Committee under Section 5.5 of the *Code of Conduct* to investigate and determine the applications. And whereas the disciplining committee found that the Ordinary Member for Hopedale had contravened Sections 2.2, 2.4 and 2.6 of the *Code of Conduct* and imposed a one-week suspension without pay, commencing December

3rd, 2018 and required the Ordinary Member to write letters of apology to the Hopedale House Committee, all the members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, her constituents, Assembly staffers who were present when she swore out loud and acted out in the Assembly building and whereas the Ordinary Member for Hopedale advised the Speaker that she does not agree with or accept the sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee, and whereas the Ordinary Member for Hopedale has not written the letters of apology as directed by the Disciplinary Committee-, now, therefore be it resolved that the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, by refusing to accept and follow the decision of the Disciplinary Committee, has failed to conduct herself in a manner that is respectful of the *Code of Conduct*, this Assembly, the Speaker and the Members of the Disciplinary Committee, has acted in a manner that is detrimental to the order and decorum of this Assembly. And that therefore, the Assembly hereby orders that the rights and privileges of the Ordinary Member for Hopedale are suspended with immediate effect. And be it resolved that the suspension shall continue until the start of the next sitting of the Assembly unless before that time, the Ordinary Member for Hopedale has complied with the sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee. And be it further resolved that if the Ordinary Member for Hopedale has not complied with the sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee, by commencement of the next sitting of the Assembly, the Assembly shall consider a motion under Section 17 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* to remove the Ordinary Member for Hopedale from office as a Member of

the Nunatsiavut Assembly for the serious breach of the *Code of Conduct* and contempt of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And be it further resolved that this Matter of Privilege be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Thank you, AngajukKâk Andersen. The motion is in order. AngajukKâk Andersen would you care to speak to the motion? I also will remind people that we are now in Committee of the Whole. The Committee of the Whole does provide a little looser form for discussion however, I will continue to chair the proceedings. Everyone who wishes will have an opportunity to have input unto this motion, and with that I'll turn things over to AngajukKâk Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There was a *Code of Conduct* complaint submitted. A Disciplinary Committee was struck, and found that breaches had occurred, and the consequences were one week without pay.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

AngajukKâk Andersen, pardon my interruption, if you can just try to keep things a bit slower because I think our interpreter is-, just want to keep a-, thank you.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Again, apology for the interruption.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Sorry-, just a part of my normal speech I guess, but, okay, I'll slow down. There was a *Code of Conduct* complaint submitted. A committee was struck and found that the breaches had occurred, and the consequences were one week without pay and a requirement to apologize to all offended

parties. The Ordinary Member refused to comply, although sufficient time was provided. The decisions of the discipline committee are final and binding. Non-compliance of the consequences led us to bring this before the Assembly as a Notice of Motion on a Matter of Privilege. As the Standing Orders, it needs to be dealt with before all Assembly business and as per the motion, it is to be discussed in the Committee of the Whole.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Andersen. Are there any others wishing to speak to this motion? The Speaker recognizes Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Just-, I know that we said we're in the Committee of the Whole, but I'm just a little confused, *Uhalitik*-, I know that, you know, the motion was on the table for a Point of Privilege, but I'm just wondering, do we actually need a motion for the Assembly to actually enter this the Committee of the Whole or is that-, *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

That point was considered, and it was discussed-, that exact point was raised before we came here and the decision was that we did not need to have a motion to go into Committee of the Whole, so we are in Committee of the Whole as of this point. Thank you. Are there any others wishing to have an input or discuss on this debate? The Speaker recognizes, AngajukKâk for Nain, the Honourable Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, *Uhalitik*. I did not expect this Committee of the Whole to take place. I understood from last fall's incidents that the matter was dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee, and I thought that the-, if there was any action going to be taken, it was going to be discussed first by this Assembly.

I guess we're doing that now, as Committee of the Whole, but I'm a bit confused, Mr. Speaker. I'm caught off guard. I haven't had time to think about this and I feel uncomfortable being asked if I, as a Member of the Assembly to make any statements regarding this motion. I'm not prepared to make any statements at this time because I have not, you know, had time to even think about it. That's my concern, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. I'll provide some background information and purely-, I'll provide this as purely an informational background without any colour or flavour to it. So this is just to inform you and others who may not be familiar with the process. The Speaker received a couple of complaints vis-à-vis the *Code of Conduct*. The Speaker, namely myself, ruled that it was-, the allegations were sufficient to warrant the striking of a Disciplinary Committee which was done. The Disciplinary Committee consisted of myself, Deputy Speaker Carlene Palliser, and AngajukKâk Barry Andersen. The-, that Disciplinary Committee held numerous interviews and met over a period of three days to come up with a response to the *Code of Conduct* violation allegations. The committee decided, based upon the interviews-, including with the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, that appropriate sanctions would include a one-week suspension without pay, which was done. Also, the sanctions were to include apologies to be authored by the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, to various parties who were involved in the *Code of Conduct* violations. The *Code of Conduct* does not allow for an appeal of those sanctions. So once those sanctions come down from-, from any Disciplinary Committee,

this one or ones previous, for that matter, there is no opportunity to debate those. The sanctions were arrived at after-, I can't remember the numbers-, maybe six or seven interviews-, something to that effect. And the sanctions provided-, demanded apologies be authored to various individuals and they also associated a deadline for those apologies to be written. My memory being tested, AngajukKâk Dicker, but as I recall, the apologies had to be done by the end of November-ish. I can't remember the exact date, and I apologize for that. I suspect November 30th, but I'm truly guessing at this point. In the intervening period between now and November 30th, six weeks has elapsed, which has provided additional time for the Ordinary Member to comply with the sanctions of the Disciplinary Committee. AngajukKâk Andersen's motion is a result of the fact that those sanctions were not abided by. A Committee of the Assembly directed a certain course of actions, and those courses of action were not followed through upon. Again-, and again, I'm presenting this to everybody, just as a factual representation of what transpired. The motion-, Notice of Motion was sent out, if I'm not mistaken, to everybody, I believe, last Wednesday, so that everybody that is in this chamber would have an opportunity to reflect upon the motion that was brought forward by AngajukKâk Andersen. So I'm not sure if that answers all of your questions but that just tells you a little bit about the process that was followed and how we ended up in the position that we are currently. You know, it was never the intent to spring something upon anybody, which didn't allow people an opportunity for reflection before arrival here at the

assembly. And so that's the process that we followed to get here. Now, the question I believe AngajukKâk Andersen is raising is, we've had a Disciplinary Committee formed. The Disciplinary Committee put forward a series of sanctions. The sanctions were not complied with. The fact that the sanctions were not complied with lead to a breach of privilege. And it's that breach of privilege which we're now discussing. I hope I've encapsulated everything that you wanted to-, AngajukKâk Andersen? Is there anything else that you're not quite clear on, AngajukKâk Dicker? And I'm going to try as much as I can, to bow out of this discussion. You know, if you have any questions of particulars, I prefer that you direct them to either Carlene Palliser-, Deputy Speaker Palliser or AngajukKâk Andersen. Both of those individuals were also involved in the Disciplinary Committee. And again, I speak purely as an informational background without providing any sort of colour or flavour to the discussions.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understood that last fall, when we were going to be-, when the incidents did happen, that when we sat-, we were supposed to sit in November, or early December, that the alleged Member was going to, or was instructed to read an apology at the sitting in November. That didn't happen, and, and I assumed that this reading of the apology and the explanation of the incidents by the Member would be explained by her at this, at the sitting we're having today or this week. That was my understanding, not that-, from what I understand now, because she has had not had the opportunity or given the reason why she may or may not comply with the request of the Disciplinary Committee. That has

not been looked at yet, as far as I'm concerned, anyway, that when did that procedure change that I read prior to the meeting that we were going to-, the sitting that we were going to have in-, last fall, you know? It's not on the *Order of the Day* and like I said, this was a surprise to me to the Disciplinary Committee that, you know, I was hoping to hear an opportunity or have an opportunity for Ordinary Member Saunders to, to do that, and maybe because she has refused or, I don't know. I still haven't heard from her, you know? There hasn't been that opportunity on her side to, to tell me as a-, or a AngajukKâk what's going on, you know? Like what the feelings are from her side of the picture. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I'll just address this quickly, and then we'll move on to someone-, anybody else who may have an issue. Just-, again, as a procedural issue, the Disciplinary Committee typically do not come through-, do not operate through the Assembly. They operate independently of the Assembly. The only reference to the Assembly was that the Disciplinary Committee-, one of the sanctions of the Disciplinary Committee was an apology to the Assembly. That could've occurred by an email, for example, just by possible suggestion. But there was a deadline for those sanctions to be abided by, and again, as I will repeat again, that the deadline was some time end of November-, and I apologize, I forget the exact date, but there was sufficient time to allow for those apologies to be made. Anyway, the Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk Barry Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, again, Mr. Speaker. And as to the Honourable AngajukKâk from Nain, I think that there might be some confusion as to the *Code of Conduct*. The *Code of Conduct* is quite clear for all of us elected officials, and if there's an ad hoc committee struck, Mr. Speaker, the decision of that ad hoc committee, whether it be negative or positive is binding. There is no appeal, okay? So the Member from Hopedale, there is no such thing as an appeal process in our system of government we have here. We were faced with a second breach of conduct, for all intents and purposes, when the refusal to apologize or to write a letter of apology to the Local Housing Committee here, so I think AngajukKâk, there might be some solace there that there's only three options we had. We could either just leave it be and not do anything-, but then that, Mr. Speaker could possibly through our Disciplinary Committee and *Code of Conduct* out the window. There'd be no such thing as a *Code of Conduct* in this Assembly, not to mention what might happen to the civil service. The other option was to go with another ad hoc committee *Code of Conduct* for that breach of not writing the letters and apologizing to all those affected. So basically, that's where it stands right now, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Andersen. Anybody else wish to make a statement? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Chair. I guess I'm just looking for a little bit of clarity around one of the Sections of the Motion here, and that is the statement that the rights and privileges of the Ordinary Member wood be suspended with immediate effect and I'm not sure if the mover of the motion Mr.

Barry Andersen, AngajukKâk maybe could expand a little more on what that means for the Assembly or-, either yourself or Ms. Palliser could expand on that part of the motion as well.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

AngajukKâk Andersen, I guess you could respond?

MR. ANDERSEN:

Yep. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Section of the motion would be put to a vote in this house, and after that vote, whether this house or this Assembly decides that her privileges will be suspended, will be-, I'll leave it up to the Speaker, but either a secret vote or a vote around the table. And after that happens, whichever way that goes, then we live in a democratic society-, I think from there, we will proceed to whether or not the suspension will take place. Was that sufficient, Mr. Speaker?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Just for point of clarity on one thing you mentioned, AngajukKâk Andersen-, the speaker has no role in determining suspension. That-, the only body that has the power to suspend is this Assembly. I may act as a chair of these proceedings, but I certainly-, I do not determine anybody's-, whether or not anybody gets suspended, and I will not participate in the vote as speaker, unless it comes to a tie. So just to make that clear. The speaker mentions, I believe, Honourable Minister Andersen wishes to speak.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Chair, and first of all, I'd like to remind Members that in a Committee of the Whole there is no Speaker and the Speaker acts as a chair and should be referred to as such.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Fair point.

MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Speaker-, Mr. Chairman-, sorry, there I went and done it right away-, the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, our colleague, is not yet suspended, and I want to clarify this, and she has every right to speak at this session, as we all do. Am I correct?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Absolutely.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: And when I call for people's input, Ordinary Member Saunders is as welcome as anybody else in this chamber to offer their opinions and thoughts. Are there any other-, the Chair recognizes, the Honourable Jim Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not quite sure what we're asked for. Are we asking a response to Tyler, I didn't quite understand that. Is she being suspended now until the next Assembly sitting or before? Is it full-, if we vote for suspension, is she gone now, or does she still have the time period for an apology or whatever is requested?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: AngajukKâk Andersen, I'll let you respond to that.

MR. ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker-, no, she's not suspended yet and this vote will suspend her from the House of Assembly and this will give her sufficient time-, to be fair to the people of Hopedale who are left in her-, to come up with the apology and follow the sanctions, as set down by the ad hoc committee, back in November. So if come the next sitting of the Assembly and if this vote in this Assembly here today goes forward and we move that we will suspend her, she will remain suspended until such time

as she apologizes to the Assembly and all those affected. And if not, then another motion would be brought forward to remove her from the House or remove her from office at the next sitting of the Assembly.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Are you a little clearer? So I'll reiterate just-, there seems to be a little confusion, so I'll just reiterate what the process here is. So what AngajukKâk Andersen has brought to the Assembly, is a motion to suspend Ordinary Member Saunders with immediate effect. That suspension would be driven by the fact that a Disciplinary Committee of this Assembly provided sanctions to Ms. Saunders which were-, and those sanctions were not abided by. So if this motion is successful in its vote, Ms. Saunders will be suspended, effective, immediately and indefinitely, until such time as the next Assembly session, whereby there would be an additional motion to remove her from office. But again, that would provide additional opportunity for Ms. Saunders to comply with the sanctions of the Disciplinary Committee. So just for-, does that make it a little clearer? Are there any others? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you, I'm apologizing for my-, the sound of my voice, but it's-, I, I really wonder, and I'm trying to say this without prejudice to anybody, but if we've struck a Disciplinary Committee and we vote against him, is that a vote of non-confidence in our *Code of Conduct* or what? Like what is that going to be seen as?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I don't have a crystal ball on that one, but I think AngajukKâk Andersen, I believe you alluded to something in that regard. Would you care to respond?

MR. ANDERSEN: Yep. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, AngajukKâk Wolfrey from Rigolet. The *Code of Conduct* is silent. The issue of refusal to follow any decisions made by ad hoc committee. So this is why we are here today with this motion. In other words, there is no provision within the *Code of Conduct* to deal with this situation outside of the Assembly. I'm not sure if that's any clearer to you, Charlotte, or?

MS. WOLFREY: No, but I wonder, should we fix it? Like you know what I mean? To me it seems like it'll be a vote of non-confidence in the people that we've given confidence to, to hear Rachel's side, to hear your witnesses' sides, to hear your interviewer's sides. And if we don't think that the people that we put on that Disciplinary Committee made the right decision, then I really think we're voting in a vote of non-confidence in you guys. And I'm not going to say anything else. It's-, I'll leave it at that, *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other comments from the floor? Any have anything else wishing to weigh into the discussion? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member Rachel Saunders.

MS. SAUNDERS: *Nakummek*. I'll make this a little bit easier. My-, I am still refusing to write those apology letters, and I will continue to refuse until you remove me from office. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other comments from the floor? I'll ask one final time-, are there any others wishing to contribute to this debate before we move onto a vote? If no other members wish to speak, does AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Andersen wish to make final comments and close debate?

MR. ANDERSEN: No, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: That concludes debate on the matter. As per precedence, we will vote on this motion by secret ballot and I'll ask that we have two impartial members, Ms. Loretta Michelin our long-standing legal counsel and Ms. Isabella Pain, the ever-present Isabella Pain, to collect and count ballots. I'm going to reiterate again, the basic crux of the motion so everybody is 100 percent clear on the motion involved, here. The motion is to remove-, is to-, I'm sorry-, is to suspend Rachel Saunders from her-, with all rights and privileges from this Assembly. That move to suspend is based upon Ms. Saunders' refusal to abide by the sanctions as imposed by a Disciplinary Committee of this Assembly. I hope that makes things as clear as can be and with that, I'll hand out the ballots. Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSON: I know what to vote, the way we're going to vote, yes or no, to suspend a member-, yes, would mean suspension, no would mean no suspension.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Excellent point. Again, so on your ballots, please either mark, yes or no. Yes, your writing yes on the ballot means that you are agreeing with the motion to suspend Ms. Saunders. No meaning that you do not agree with the motion to suspend Ms. Saunders. So yes, or no, on either ballot. And that's sitting there in case there there's a tie, otherwise it will remain there.

(Voting takes place.)

MR. RUDKOWSKI: We have the results of the vote-, total of 13 votes cast-, 12 votes for suspension-, immediate suspension of Ms. Saunders and one vote against.

Ms. Saunders, I'm going to ask you to vacate the chambers. Thank you. Anyway, it's a trying business, but we must be done. We're now back into regular Assembly, back in Assembly, and we'll move on to Item three on the *Orders of the Day*: "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery", and I see our Deputy Minister Jim Goudie, Isabella Pain, Loretta Michelin who's been there once or twice, and from a unique perspective (inaudible) Mr. Darryl Shiwak who is more accustomed to seeing this Chamber from eye level, but for the first time ever has a bird's eye view of our proceedings. And welcome back, Mr. Shiwak from your extremely short recess. On to Item Four. Actually, before we go on to Item four, one more piece of housekeeping. *Standing Order Five*, Section 1, outlines the times of day that we as an Assembly have to meet. That currently restricts us to concluding proceedings for the day, at 5:00 p.m. Given the fact that we had a bit of a late start today, I'm going to entertain a motion from the floor to extend today's proceedings past the 5:00 p.m. cut-off time as specified in *Standing Order 5*, Section 1. Looking for a mover of the motion. Seeing Mr. Edmunds needing something to do over there-, AngajukKâk Dicker?

MR. DICKER:

I'll make a motion.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Do I have a seconder? Seconded by the Honourable Tyler Edmunds. Moved by AngajukKâk Dicker. All in favour of extending past 5:00 p.m.? Any Nays? With a unanimous consent of this Assembly, we will extend past 5:00 p.m. Now onto Item Four, Minister Statements. Are there any

Ministers wishing to make statements today? The Speaker recognizes Minister of the HSD, the Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the opportunity to provide the following updates from my department. As my department is very large and oversees many program areas, I'm going to provide some highlights. The department of health and social development is in the process of developing a new five-year health plan. We have completed consultations in all communities with very good participation. The general consensus on priority areas are: Food Security, Outreach to vulnerable populations, focus on problematic alcohol use, address risk factors in child development and create health promotion messages to support priority areas. The final plan will be finalized by March 31st, 2019. The Inuit Child Welfare Review Team has completed two rounds of community consultation with great community participation-, sorry, with great participation both at the community meetings and individual sessions. Currently, a comprehensive file review is underway with over 250 files being reviewed. We look forward to a full report with recommendations by the end of March 2019. We now have a full complement of Family Connection staff-, two staff members each in Nain, Hopedale and Happy Valley, Goose Bay. We have employed a Supervised Access Worker in Nain to assist with the family visits and access for children in care. We are re-advertising the Foster Family Recruitment retention, Social Worker positions, as we had no applicants during the previous round. Mr. Speaker, Ms. Marie Ryan at Goss Gilroy was contracted by DHSD to facilitate consultations regarding access

to child specialist services up to the age of 18 years old. She connected with both service providers in Nunatsiavut, as well as those elsewhere in the province and region, where children and youth are accessing services. In order to better understand how services could be improved, in order to ensure everyone is accessing the services they need. DHSD staff attended steering committee meetings around the draft report by Goss Gilroy on behalf of John Howard Society. On the needs for justice services within Labrador, the John Howard Society report will support our work to increase supportive services to those involved with the justice services. We have a small amount of capacity building funds to support this work, for which the Sexual Violence Intervention Coordinator has agreed to take a lead role. Mr. Speaker, consultations on reducing the harms of parental substance abuse were held in each community except Rigolet, due to weather, whom they connected with by telephone. This project is in partnership with NG and McGill University. We have entered into an agreement on Family Support Services to be offered by Key Assets Family Therapy Clinicians under funding to support families of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women. This pilot work will focus in Nain with some support to Upper Lake Melville. Family therapists have begun work with several families and will be broadening their reach over the next few weeks. Several DHSD staff were in Ottawa for ITK's forum on Child Sexual Abuse, November 20th and 21st. Participants were Ms. Laura Moores, Ms. Kim Oliver, and Ms. Danielle Baikie were all invited to present along many other experts and knowledge holders. The Tripartite Tuberculosis

Committee continues to meet bi-weekly with representation from the Nunatsiavut Government, Federal and Provincial Governments and overseas the tuberculosis work in our region. A community meeting was held in Nain, late November and community-wide screening is now being undertaken. Work is ongoing related to the TB Action Plan which will be released in March. We are pleased to announce that we have recruited a TB nurse for Nain, Ms. Megan Hudson. Mr. Speaker, engagement sessions to inform the development of the Nunatsiavut Food Security Strategy rolled out from mid-June to early July 2018. All five Nunatsiavut communities were engaged in these sessions. The Regional Session is being held in Happy Valley, Goose Bay, this week. The Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, has partnered with the Innu NunatuKavut Community Council, Eastern Health, and Nunatsiavut Government to develop an Indigenous Cancer Framework. This will be a four-year project and we are in the process of recruiting a coordinator for the project. Ms. **Cassie** Jararuse started the Regional Youth Program Service Coordinator in late October. Plans for the next Youth Symposium is just getting underway. We've also hired Ms. Jessica Winters to assist with consultations related to a Youth Strategy. Mr. Speaker, the Federal Government made the announcement regarding the new *Federal Child Welfare Legislation*. Our department has been involved in this process and has been providing input regarding principals et cetera. I personally, participated in a conference call with senior officials within ITK and the Federal Government and spoke to the reality in our region in an interview

with CBC. In closing, Mr. Speaker, we have established a Tripartite Health Table which includes representatives from the Nunatsiavut Government, the Federal Government and the Provincial Government. The terms of reference have been developed and accepted. The next meeting will be in February. During some of the inquiries from Assembly Members regarding health issues, you will note that I've stated that the item can be discussed at this table. We are hoping that this table will help to improve services and communication amongst governments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement? The Speaker recognizes First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and all the Assembly Members a Happy New Year. I hope that it will be a productive one as we work together to better the lives of Labrador Inuit. I would like to thank Mr. Toby Andersen for many years of service with the Labrador Inuit Association as Deputy Minister for Nunatsiavut Affairs. Toby was instrumental as the negotiator for the Land Claims Agreement and then with Nunatsiavut Government as Deputy Minister. He will be missed. I would also like to thank Mr. Veryan Haysom as well, as he is retiring from his law practice and has been invaluable to both the Nunatsiavut Government and LIA. Housing-, Mr. Speaker, we continue to be very busy with housing and housing related issues. The six-unit prototype in Nain is complete, occupied and currently under evaluation. The seven-unit multiplex in Hopedale is complete and we have

tenants in that building. We have another seven-unit multiplex currently under construction in Nain. Nunatsiavut Housing Repair Program 2018 statistics are as follows: There were 73 applications received, 31 of those were incomplete. Thirteen applications exceeded the income cap, and there were seven miscellaneous rejections, resulting in Nain, one-, Hopedale, four-, Makkovik, four-, Postville, one-, and Rigolet, 10. Due to lateness of the receiving materials, the contractor decided not to begin the work in the fall, due to the difficulty of doing outside work in winter, particularly, roof work, siding and windows. It made no sense to do interior work without these items addressed. They will start as soon as the weather allows in the spring. The Affordable Warmth Nunatsiavut Home Repair Program 2019, previously Nunatsiavut Housing Repair Program-, we had our policy finalized in October of 2018. The application period ended November 30th. Ninety-seven applications were received as for the following: Nain, 22-, Hopedale 14-, Makkovik, 26-, Postville, 9 and Rigolet, 26. The Allocation Committee is currently processing applications for completeness and determining if they meet the criteria. Notifications on status of applications will be sent to applicants in early February. Mr. Speaker, we have received \$7.5 million as part of the Government of Canada's commitment to addressing the housing issue in Nunatsiavut for 2018, 2019. The committee, appointed by the Assembly to consult on the housing bill, we hope now is tentatively scheduled for February the 4th to the 8th. And I'm very happy to inform this Assembly that we have just allocated money to the Hopedale Inuit Community Government for them

to be able to develop a new subdivision on Airstrip Road. That's very good news for Hopedale. That'll give them some breathing space until we can look at something else for their community. And Mr. Speaker, in regard to membership and enrollment, the application form to be enrolled as a beneficiary of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement was recently updated. It is on the Nunatsiavut Government website and available in all of our offices. The yearly membership workshop our department held was in Nain in November 2018. We focused on eligibility and enrollment process. We continue to work closely with our membership committees and the Appeal Board to ensure they have a clear understanding of the enrollment process and criteria. Inez Shiwak from Rigolet was recently appointed the new Member for the Rigolet and Lake Melville Membership Committee and Chesley Andersen from Makkovik is the new Member for Makkovik and Hopedale Membership Committees. As of today's date, we need to appoint one new Member for the Inuit Membership Appeal Board and also one new Member for the Makkovik and Postville Membership Committee. Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank each and everyone who sit on these board and committees-, and Mr. Speaker, in regard to implementation, the Implantation Committee met in Happy Valley, Goose Bay November 27, 2018. There was some work on migratory bird hunting in Area 12E, which is ongoing. Amendment to Chapter 21, Dispute Resolution is ongoing. The goal is to create a less complex, more streamlined approach similar to Current Best Practices. Technical amendments to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement has now been

proclaimed. Work has also begun on an updated map atlas. Work is ongoing on the general renewal of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Implementation Plan. The Nunatsiavut Government submitted a proposal to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Government of Canada two years ago and have still not yet received a response from either party. The Nunatsiavut Government has a mandate to negotiate and is ready to begin. And Mr. Speaker, in regard to public property, during 2018, the Nunatsiavut Government had three new properties commissioned. The new six-plex apartment prototype in Nain, the seven-unit apartment building in Hopedale, the New Illusuak Cultural Building that was substantially completed early 2018, with anticipation for full completion this winter. The cultural centre is occupied by Parks Canada at the moment, with the Nunatsiavut Government expecting to have employees working out of there soon, as well. The property division is responsible in ensuring maintenance is in place once the buildings are turned over to the Nunatsiavut Government. The major infrastructure projects that are currently under construction, are a new seven-unit apartment complex under construction in Nain, to be finished this year, and a new office complex for DHSD in Hopedale, which is expected to be completed by the summer of 2020. And finally, Mr. Speaker, in regard to transportation. As the President referred to in his statement, Nain Airstrip continues to be a priority. We continue to work with the Provincial Government, the owner of the airstrip, to ensure that they make a commitment to maintain the strip and to make a commitment

to a new airstrip. The department is also very concerned with the announced new ferry system and how this could potentially have an impact on our communities. Much work needs to be done to our dock infrastructure and Laydown areas-, work that cannot wait until after the service has started. The ferry service has always been our highway. It connects our communities, connects us to the rest of the world and provides us affordable food and materials. Our window of operations is short, five to six months. We expect that any new ferry that services Nunatsiavut, will exceed the capacity of the past as our communities continue to grow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Mitchell. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Uhalitik. Mr. Speaker, my statement today is a brief one, but it is a very important one and I'll lean on your discretion and your understanding in presenting it. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I inform the Nunatsiavut Assembly of the sudden passing of Kim Best at 46 years of age. Kim was a valued member of our Human Resources Team, Mr. Speaker, serving 14 years with the Labrador Inuit Association and our Government. She was well known throughout the government for a vast knowledge of labour laws, policy interpretation, corporate history and a no-nonsense but fairness in her approach to human resource management. Mr. Speaker, it was not unusual to see people in her office, calling or emailing her, as Kim had an open door to all staff who needed

advice, guidance or simply a listening ear. Everyone has had a story to share of their time spent with Kim, the impact that she has had on them, and expressed disbelief in her sudden passing. Kim is dearly missed by her colleagues and her passing is a tremendous loss to our department, and indeed to our Government. Everyone who knew Kim, Mr. Speaker, knew how much she loved her children and how close she was with her family and to them. So on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government, we offer our sincere condolences. *Nakummek, Uhalitik.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. And thank you for those heart-felt words. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement, today? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I informed you earlier this afternoon, today I will make a statement as Acting Minister of Education and Economic Development. I'm going to provide, Mr. Speaker, updates, first of all, from the Education Division, I guess. From Inuit Pathways and Assets. Inuit Pathways currently has 28 clients, continuing long-term skill development, training interventions in various fields such as Heavy Equipment Technician, welding and the Aboriginal Bridging Program. Five clients, Mr. Speaker, have completed short-term certification training in the past few months. Inuit Pathways Assets continues to support 15 clients for ABE at the learning centres in Nain and Hopedale. We've also supported our beneficiaries to our other programming and services as well, with nine clients having been supported for work experience interventions. Work continues through ITK's Human Resource

Development Technical Committee. IHRDTC-, oh, my-, on development and guidance of the Inuit Labour Market Strategy for Transition from Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy to New Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program ISETP. That one's shorter. The new program will begin in April 2019. Mr. Speaker, from our PSSSP Division, the IBED Program finished up in December. We will have 10 students who will be convocating in May. Some of these students are already working in their field. We have another student working on completing her degree through distance. She had to delay her program due to family responsibilities. We are just confirming registration for the winter. So far, we have confirmed 117 full-time and 33 part-time students for the winter. Those numbers could change as some students have still not provided marks and confirmation they are going for the winter. The third addition of the Graduate Book was just completed and is currently being distributed to Graduates and Mr. Speaker, as well, I'll be providing a copy to Assembly Members probably tomorrow. We are seeing a growing number of students identify with Mental Health Issues and Learning Disabilities. It is becoming increasingly difficult for staff to deal with some of those issues. Meetings are planned for division heads to discuss the issues to find some solutions and recommendations for improving services to students. We're also looking into some training for our staff. We'll be having further discussions on the results of the needs-based study, recommendations from the report, and implanting changes outlined in the recommendations. And this is an update from our education manager.

The Inukbook, a Traditions and Transition Project-, in June 2016 at the Heritage Forum held in Makkovik, the Inukbook Project was launched through a partnership with DEED and T&T. My (*laughs*). I always get a tickle at those, all those things that come up. So I apologize.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Parliamentary language.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Money has been committed to fund the creation, development and publishing of 10 Inuttitut Children's books over the next five years. The first book was launched in March 2018, at the Youth Symposium in Makkovik. The second book is in the development stage and hopefully will be available this fall. Our people and our culture, Inuit Society and Culture: This year is the fourth year that the course is being offered in our schools. The last of the edits have been made on the textbook and the final design is almost back from the graphic designer, Deputy Ministers McNeill, Pain and Webb, will do a final review and give the Okay, and then we can go to print. K to 12 Inuttitut Evaluation-, request for proposals were put out this spring and the proposal that was selected came from Dr. Sylvia Moore from Memorial and Dr. Shelley Tulloch from the University of Winnipeg. The contract has been signed and work begun. Rebecca Brennen of Postville has been hired as a research assistant on this project to work with Dr. Moore and Dr. Tulloch. And for an update from our Economic Development Division-, Building our community development we've earmarked \$215,000 in funding for the Community Development Officer and Tourism positions, under the Inuit Community Government for this fiscal year. In support of business development, the department has

approved two new Inuit Businesses to be added to our Inuit Business Registry. Assistance was provided to 14 Business Support Plants from October to December 2018. Fourteen underground packages and four regular site operators were received from Vale with our division submission. Fifty-one business nominations and four QBE's nominated-, Quantified Business Entities, that one is. Focusing on traditional economies, we continue our annual subsidy program to Torngat Fish Producers Co-op and provided 13,000 pounds of char to the Community Freezer Program in Nunatsiavut in Upper Lake Melville. To address food security and unemployment, we have operated a local community freezer, a char fishery in Hopedale this season. It locally harvested 3,000 pounds of char and approximately 50 salmon for the community of Hopedale. We continue to support the Youth Entrepreneurship. Our Igloo Crafts Program ran in three communities with six youth making, selling Christmas ornaments in December. Using local instructors and teaching business skills to youth, the program generated hundreds of dollars in direct profits for our youth business owners. We'd like to congratulate our newest Nunatsiavut entrepreneurs. From Nain, Samantha Saksagiak and Amelia Angnatok. From Makkovik, Danika Mitchell and Lucas Lane. And from Rigolet, Ella Jacque and Shania Williams. To support business expansion, we are hosting a business summit focused on opportunities and diversification. The event will take place in February, from February 19th to the 21st, 2019, in Goose Bay, focusing on natural resource, tourism, research and more. We're inviting established businesses to meet with

government and industry leaders to explore how they can expand their operations. The agenda will be released this week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had asked that people in that department keep their updates short, and perhaps they were-, they did a very good job, so I hope that, you know, that people will ask questions because it was a very brief update. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister Andersen. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement today? The Speaker recognizes the Minister of CRT, the Honourable Jim Lyall.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also will be very brief. Near the end of 2018, a slight shift was made within the department. The Arts Program Coordinator position shifted from the Division of Culture to the Division of Tourism. Arts and Crafts projects fall under both Culture and Tourism, but because of the outreach and partnerships that our Tourism has been making with Craft Shops, we thought that the Arts Program Coordinator position fitted well within the Division of Tourism. We also see an increase in our capacity. At the end of 2018, the Executive Council approved for another full-time permanent position as a Tourism Development Officer. We are very excited to build upon our capacity and the creation of this position will help our Division towards the goals within our Nunatsiavut Tourism Strategy. In the area of Tourism, we'll be working towards developing market-ready experiences, partnering with the Inuit Art Foundation for Igloo Tag Community Consultations, developing an Art Strategy and hosting Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador Conference.

We are in the process of finalizing a plan to visit and meet with communities to work closely with them to develop new market-ready experiences. In developing new experiences, there's a lot of work that has to be done before it can be offered, and we are hopeful that there will be new experiences for the 2020 summer season. The Igloo Tag Consultations-, we partnered with the Inuit Art Foundation and supported their Community Consultations this fall regarding the Igloo Tag Program. Unfortunately, due to bad weather, the coordinator wasn't able to travel to Nain, Hopedale or Rigolet. We are working with them to ensure that these communities are visited before the end of March. Once the dates have been finalized, we'll be notifying the public, and hopefully have many artists and crafts people attend these meetings. Developing an Arts Strategy-, we are in the process of finalizing a request for proposals to have an Art Strategy developed. The Strategy will outline a major art and craft projects that our department will work towards, and we will be looking for input from all of our community stakeholders. Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador Conference-, this conference is the only conference that brings together people from across the province, working in Tourism. During the two-day conference and sector meetings, we hear from leaders in the Industry, as well as guest speakers. It provides the opportunity to learn about what is happening and connect with others in the Industry. Our staff will be attending Conference, and we are providing support for Economic Development, Tourism employees, working with the Inuit Community Governments to attend, as they are our first point of contact

for any tourism development that we are doing in the communities. Within archaeology, the staff have been busy with the following files, just to name a few. Nunaliut, Labrador Kayak Revival Program, the Hebron Family Archaeology Project and the Digital Outreach and Oral History Initiative. Nunaliut-, recently hired Cathy Ford of Makkovik as Project Manager. She was in Nain for orientation during the week of the 19th of November of 2018. Having Cathy in this role greatly increases the NG's capacity for helping Inuit find out what happened to their loved ones who were sent out for TB treatment between the 1940's and the 1960's. The Labrador Kayak Revival Program. We are now turning our attention towards Kayak construction again and hope to be able to make use of the artist studio in Nain as temporary construction space while we work on longer term workshop space, as the program has outgrown the Community Shed. We have begun to record stories from elders who grew up in Northern Labrador and the last areas in the region to actively use Kayak's. Recordings of these interviews are being transcribed, given to families, verified and stored in Nunatsiavut archives. This work is time-sensitive. We would like to include Hopedale and Postville as communities for Kayak training in Nain next summer, which would be an important step toward being able to offer that program in other communities in the future. This summer, we hope Paddle Canada courses will be offered through the program in Nain by several newly-qualified instructors. The Hebron Family Archaeology Project-, the Hebron Family Archaeology Project works to capture stories and memories of Hebron, with relocatees

before they are lost, as well as important site locations and place names. It is now entering the fourth year of research and working with other departments on the Hebron long-term planning committee. The principal investigator will conduct consultations this year to determine the most appropriate way to share the information from the project with communities and to create an opportunity for relocatees and their families to contribute to the project and to help design a potential traveling exhibit. The Digital Outreach and Oral History Initiative-, this website was a product of recommendations from previous annual Nunatsiavut Heritage Forums, from 2016, 2014 and 2013. The website had been developed and is close to being launched. Staff are considering conducting a workshop to train local people in each of the Inuit communities in Digital Story Collection. This would help NG to respond to regular requests to document and present in tangible and cultural heritage in the region. The website should be launched by the beginning of March of this year. In the area of culture, we will be working towards language summit, Inuttitut online planning, OKak commemoration event. Staff are in the very early stages of developing a plan for a language summit in 2019-2020. We will be looking to host a number of language experts, speakers, people involved with language, to come together to talk about where our language is and where we need to go from here, and what we need to do. It is our hope that by hosting a summit of this nature, that it will help provide sound policy advice to our department and to our government and enable decision makers to develop and institute a balanced language policy. We will learn

from other Inuit regions in regards to what they are doing successfully, in terms of language retention and revitalization. We are also planning to compile research to see how other cultures are keeping their languages, such as in Greenland, New Zealand and within Northern Canada. We have applied for funding through the Aboriginal Language Initiative, to look at holding webinars on Inuttitut teachings twice a week, for up to 45 minutes per session throughout the year, hopefully starting this spring. This program will be taught by an Inuttitut instructor, via modules, which was previously developed by the Nunatsiavut Government. The Okak Committee has been working diligently on getting a draft event developed to commemorate Okak and the Spanish flu for an event later this summer or early fall. They are looking at a three-day event in Okak with various activities. They will also be working with Parks Canada on the event, as they will be erecting a monument as well. If people would like to know more, they can connect with me or my Deputy Minister, Belinda Webb or any of my staff in Nain. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Lyall. Given that all of our Ministers have spoken, I assume our time to conclude the Ministers segment is over. At this point I'll call a 15-minute recess that we can reconvene at twenty to six. We are now in recess.

(Recess.)

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Welcome back from break. We'll move onto the next-, I'm hearing a lot of talk in the lunch room about wrap-up time, so we'll continue to move our proceedings as long as efficiently as possible, with a great big smile from

Mr. Asivak over there. On to Item Four in the *Orders of the Day*, "Members Statements". Are there any Members wishing to make a statement today? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to acknowledge Happy Valley, Goose Bay film-maker, Mr. Percy Ponniuk, who has been awarded an Arts Grant. Arts Newfoundland and Labrador awarded grant funds earlier in December, to 41 projects throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. One of the projects funded by the Organization's Professional Projects Grant Program, is a short film, by Percy Ponniuk of Happy Valley, Goose Bay. The film, titled, Papok is based on stories Ponniuk heard as a child. It's a ghost story, basically, he told the Labradorian newspaper. The ghost goes into a teddy bear and comes to life and terrorized a kid and a parent. He was provided with \$3,220 to complete the five-minute film, which will be a blend of live action and stop motion. He is also waiting to hear back on another grant to help with the filming of Papok. Ponniuk said he's been working on the film for a while and he's also in the midst of another short film he wrote, Life, which will start filming in March. He received funding from the Canada Council for the Arts to complete that film. Ponniuk said he plans to make more films, a dream he's been working towards since he attended the National Screen Institute as part of their new Indigenous Voices program in 2011. He also studied film at the College of the North Atlantic. There are so many stories here, that have never been told, he said. I have a lot of ideas about Labrador and some contemporary ideas. One of those

ideas is a film about Okak and the pandemic that nearly wiped out the community 100 years ago. Ponniuk had family who were impacted by that pandemic. He wants to focus on what happened to the survivors after they left. Ponniuk is also working on setting up his own corporation, tentatively titled Polar Pop Productions, which will give him potential access to more grants and funding, to complete his films. Congratulations, Percy, with well wishes for continued success. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Asivak. The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Carlene Palliser.

MS. PALLISER:

Thank you, Mr, Speaker. Since our last sitting in September, there has been a number of events happening in Rigolet. I will touch on a couple of them as I know time is short. The staff of Kirkina House hosted their annual Take Back The Night event on September 24th. This occasion empowers women and girls to feel that it is safe to walk alone at night. Thank you, to the dedicated ladies who showed their support to women in our communities and all over the world, by holding important events such as this one, as well as their most recent event, the 16 Days of Activism, a campaign that aims to end gender-based violence against women. On September 30th, the Ms. Fram had brought tourists to enjoy the beautiful day in our community. Once ashore, tour guides were underway with our guests who were invited to visit Rigolet's two museums, the craft shop and to stroll on the boardwalk. After lunch, guests were invited back to shore to relish in our cultural events at Northern Lights Academy Gym and to taste a bit of homestyle cooking of salmon cakes, Flummies, jams, and

tarts. We have a number of community members, youth and adults of all ages who enjoy socializing with the guests, and it's great that this tourism experience offers a chance for those interested, to make a few additional dollars due to selling of their crafts, bear guiding, cooking, tour guiding and performing. In a community where there is no industry for job creation, events such as this, is always well-received. In saying that, Mr. Speaker, I'm very grateful for the opportunity that is provided by Nunatsiavut Government to residents of our community. The people have options to further their education and to study and train to become whatever they choose to be. We have other residents who hold various jobs within departments of the Nunatsiavut Government, team leaders, directors, public health nurses, community health workers, home support workers, et cetera. The Economic Division provides assistance to individuals who are interested in starting their own business. We have those who because of the Labrador Aboriginal Training Partnership and the Land Claims Agreement, have the opportunity to work in mining business, and through another department of the NG, people have a chance to work in the Fishing Industry. We also have residents who work as partners and labourers for a Nunatsiavut group of companies and the Torngat Regional Housing Association, all of which are great. As much as I am grateful, I am also concerned. We have residents in our community and all Nunatsiavut communities who struggle every year with the reality that there is not enough employment breaks for all to get meaningful employment and an income to support themselves or their families. The Rigolet Inuit

Community Government provides few jobs through budgets for radio, DJ, garbage collector and a Youth Centre Coordinator, as well, the Provincially funded CEEP program provides funding to hire a few people but could be challenging to receive funding from. If your project does not score a high number on your rating system, it is thrown out. Our way of life is very different from those who live in St. John's, and those who make decisions on the type of job creations we need in our Nunatsiavut communities. For instance, our community is in bad need of a new slipway for boats. A few years ago, we applied for funding for that project, but it didn't score high on the rating, so it wasn't approved. To us, the slipway to haul up boats are a necessity. It has been something that has been done for generations. I have had people reach out to me, in other Nunatsiavut departments with the hope that we could help them find work for a number of hours that is needed to qualify for unemployment insurance or inquiring whether or not we know if there are jobs coming up that may help them to get their hours. This is nothing new to me and probably not to any of you. Sadly, we have beneficiaries that pay high prices. High costs of electricity, transportation, gasoline and food, struggling to make ends meet. All of which seems to make one feel powerless because once concerns are sent about any of the aforementioned, there is nothing we can do about it. We have no control over how much beneficiaries have pay for the commodities that are owned by companies who have no care about how much beneficiaries spend on your services. Mr. Speaker, constructive strategies for employment, even

if it's short term, can turn this negative for our communities into a positive, both economically, and mentally. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Palliser. The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker, Honourable Assembly Members. Once again, it's a privilege to speak on behalf of the Canadian Constituency. Thank you, Mr. President and the Executive Council for holding meetings in Labrador West and Upper Lake Melville. I trust they were well attended. There was an Okak Commemorative Committee established, and they are working on ways to remember the terrible event of 1918 and 1919 that changed forever, coastal Labrador. At first the Canadian Constituents and Upper Lake Melville, were left off the Commemorative Committee. But after several conversations, we were added, because both areas have a large number of descendants of survivors. The Honourable Members are from Hopedale, our own Mary Sillett. Nain has Fran Williams. Makkovik, Katie Haye-, Postville, Josephine Jacque-, Rigolet, Anita Rich-, Upper Lake Melville, Alex Saunders. Canadian Constituency, Ellen Ford. I am sure these fine people will accomplish much and have many great ideas. Sincere appreciation, Mr. President and Minister of Culture, Committee staff and Commemorative Committee for the work put into this event. I was fortunate enough to be in Upper Lake Melville when they had their Commemorative Celebration that was opened by Honourable Minister Gerald Asivak and hosted by Alex Saunders. There were over 50 people in attendance, and most of them, direct descendants of a survivor. The

Kudlik was lit. The prayer was said. Film, The Last Days of Okak was shown. People spoke of the connection and shared stories told to them by their relatives-, a very touching evening. And then Alex shared with the people, what had taken place on November 2nd, 2018. Three direct descendants travelled to Okak to install the Commemorative plaque at the site. There, in honour of the tragic event, the inscription on the plaque reads, "To Honour the Inuit of Okak and surrounding areas, that perished, and those that have survived the Spanish Influenza of 1918 and into 1919. Erected with Reverence by descendants, we live in hope of becoming a memory, therefore, to live in the hearts of those we leave behind, creates immortality. As well, the Traditions and Transitions will be sharing information of this committee as it becomes available. I had the pleasure of attending the Okak Commemorative Anniversary at Cochrane Street Centre in St. John's, along with descendants of survivors, and lots of members and guests. It was hosted by Ellen Ford and myself. Ellen did the Kudlik. She said a prayer, and then spoke with connection to Okak. I then spoke and gave my connection to Okak, so we were both direct descendants of survivors. My mother, Marjorie Gear, along with her sister, Rose Ford, her brother Alexander, two aunts, Eleanora and Kitora Pamak, two cousins, Sybilla and Richard Pamak. survived the devastating ordeal. We then showed the film, The Last Days of Okak. We had a brief discussion and we asked for the volunteers to speak. Several did, and one of them was Angus Andersen. We then had a special guest, as Anne Budgell, as she had just completed her book, We All Expected to Die. She relayed how she

and where she had completed her research on the book. After the stories we had a light lunch and desserts and more conversations. I had the honour of attending the Remembrance Day Celebration in St. John's as well, along with other Nunatsiavut beneficiaries and laying wreath with beneficiaries Emma Reelis and Ellen Ford. This was 100th year of the anniversary of the end of the First World War, but it was also the beginning of a devastating influenza that spread across the world, killing an estimated 50 million people. This event of laying a wreath on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government at the War Memorial in St. John's was started by the last Canadian Constituent Members, Mr. Dan Pottle and Ms. Patricia Ford. Thank you both for your years of service. I co-hosted my first Christmas party for beneficiaries and children in Edmonton, and we had a wonderful turnout of people, but they were Inuit from all across Northern Canada, so there was over 125 people and about 25-, 15 to 25 were from Labrador-, direct from Labrador. Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Constituents has different problems than the rest of Labrador, but the concerns all the same. One of the biggest is still the voting system. Several Members have broached the subject but the delay in getting a vote package, suggests that by the time they get the package it may be too late to get the vote package back in time. They have suggested that the government take a look at having the Canadian Constituency vote by any electronic means available. Another concern is the length of time it takes to get the payments or reimbursements. Many are on fixed income and any out of pocket expense makes it hard to adjust their income for the remainder of the

month. Last but not forgotten, Mr. Speaker are the passing of Nunatsiavut Members over the last year. They are, Ms. Trudy Barkman-, she was raised as Mesher in Happy Valley, but passed away in Steinbeck, Manitoba, Mr. Melvin Tooktoshina from Happy Valley but he lived in Canadian Constituency for quite a while, Mrs. Phoebe Pardy of Cartwright and of recently, as Mr. Edmunds just said, Ms. Kim Best, and also Mr. Donald Stevenson of Mount Pearl. While in Happy Valley, I had the opportunity to visit Long Term Care facility and this-, there was a work of art by Mr. Lester Burden on one of the doors of the private care units, and it's really a true work of art. Anyone that goes there should take a look at it thank you. It's wonderful. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Assembly Members.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Saunders. Are there any other Members Statements for today? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, I just want to-, on behalf of the people of Rigolet, offer our condolences to the Flowers, Shiwak and Palliser, Flowers, family, of Rigolet. We lost one of our beloved elders just before Christmas-, Bertha Flowers passed away and I just want to take the time to offer our condolences to their families. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Are there any other Members Statements for today? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk from Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Nakummek, *Uhalitik*. Happy New Year, Mr. Speaker and Happy New Year to all the other Assembly Members. Mr. Speaker, I would like to start by

giving the Assembly some statistics of our population of Nain at the end of December of 2018 and the beginning of this month, January 2019. Our total permanent population is 1, 137. The last time I gave a permanent population statistic was back in 2015 and we are down from that figure by 33. In 2018, there were an estimated 34 residents that moved to live outside of Nain. And there are an estimated 55 children who are living in foster care that are from the community of Nain. There were 22 newborns and 12 of our residents passed on. This year-, this month, there's going to be a Young men's Festival, Friday of this week and there are 13 Young men eligible to have their first stage this year. And in March, there are going to be eight young ladies who are going to be eligible. There are 27 widows and 18 widowers. The NICG's hopeful that the outward migration families out of our community to live elsewhere and the foster children placed under government care will be down in 2019. Mr. Speaker, with our ongoing projects, the Canada Employment Enhancement program is still continuing from last fall. This project has allowed eight participants to qualify for the UI benefits, while one more is expected to qualify by the middle of February. And we would like-, on behalf of NICG, we would like to thank the Provincial Government for funding this program. With regards to the new subdivision, as I stated, the project is near completion. We're just waiting now for the spring weather to come, do some clean ups on the roads and lots and they will be ready for building and occupancy this coming construction season. At the same time, we are looking at developing 11 new lots for the 2019 season. The NICG has been approved

funding to start Phase One of replacing the old water system this season when the shipping season starts. The first phase for this funding came from the joint management committee and I will update on this as it progresses. Right now, we are in the process of filing to the-, we have filed to the Provincial Government for cost sharing of 90/10 and we should know by the end of March if that's going to happen. With our new firehall we had a new furnace installed and the work on the plumbing and drywall will be complete this week, so the firehall will be open once again, now to the Members, nice and clean, dry, and also, there will be a space for rent for any events that the community might want to hold, that's within the centre of town. All this was taken care of by projects within our own source budget. With regards to trail markers, for the first time, Nain will be connected with the rest of the communities in Nunatsiavut and beyond with trail markers. Thanks to an agreement between NICG and the Department of Labrador Affairs, this project is going to happen this month. Markers will go up between Nain and Natuashish. The supplies are already in Nain and when I get back from this Session, we will be doing interviews to hire the people to do that for us. So now use of the system can travel more safely between communities this winter season and be connected from Goose Bay onward. With regards to the Husky Centre Arena, it's now open for the public, just this week and the NICG would like to thank the Nunatsiavut Government and the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* for their generous donations and funding that made this happen. And with regards to our Council Elections last fall, we now have a full slate of Councillors for our

community. We were missing a B Member who is a non-beneficiary within the community but that now has been filled. The Council recommended Stephan Moores to the First Minister for recommendation to be appointed, and that happened this week. And we have two new Councillors besides Mr. Moores that were elected into the Council. There's Tracy Denniston and Peggy Andersen. In closing, Mr. Speaker, I would like to state that retired NHL player, Jordin Tootoo is going to be arriving in Nain Thursday of this week to give workshops and inspirational talks to the youth and we're all looking forward to that. And I'm sure that he's going to be just as-, other communities are going to be just as excited as he lands in their communities on his way back south. Along with that, later on in the very near future, the Legends of Hockey Alumni will be arriving to Nain to participate in games with the community. And at that time, I would like-, I am going to take the opportunity to talk to their manager to see if he can guide me in direction to see where we can look for new type of arena buildings, so that we can make quotes and look for funding to erect a new arena that Nain needs. Mr. Speaker, the community of Nain is off to an excellent start this year and we all look toward a productive and prosperous new season. Thank you, *Uhalitik*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Maxene Winters.

MS. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I would first like to wish my fellow Assembly Members, a happy and safe New Year and I look forward to continuing our work in to 2019. I have a heavy heart and sending condolences on behalf

of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation to the family of the late Trudy Mesher-Barkman. Trudy is a former Nunatsiavut Government employee and a former Chair of Sivunivut. She loved serving the beneficiaries of Northwest River and Sheshatshiu, but unfortunately, she had to step down for health reasons. Trudy passed during the Christmas season and the family will be having a memorial service in Northwest River around mid-March. We want to send our sincerest condolences to Trudy's family, her husband Lowell, her daughters Karen and Monica, her step-children, Mike and Amber, as well as her siblings and her many friends. Sivunivut has been busy with weekly craft afternoons with our elders and monthly bingos and carves night. We have been trying to encourage more participation in our events and to get Sivunivut more visible in our community. We assisted with the annual DHSD's Elder's Christmas Supper and Old Christmas Day supper, and also hosted, our Ordinary Member Marlene Winters-Wheeler and Gerald Asivak for a Christmas Craft afternoon. We had plans to hire a summer student to assist with our Community Freezer and other programs, as needed. We are also in the process of hiring a program coordinator as our former coordinator, Wendy Hillier left Sivunivut for a position and is now the Manager for the town of Northwest River. We wish her all the best and will miss her wealth of knowledge. In closing, I would also like to say thank you to the Executive Council for holding their meeting in Northwest River in early December. The beneficiaries that attended were very grateful and appreciative of the

session and the discussion that followed. We look forward to hosting the NEC again in the future. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Chairperson Winters. The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Jim Lyall. No, now? Okay, my apologies. The Speaker recognizes the other Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to take a couple of minutes to recognize the contribution to my community, our community, by a couple of young people. First of all, Mr. Speaker, Brenda Jararuse took it upon herself to get together a group of volunteers to establish a food bank in Nain and hard work, mostly by her, I do believe, there is a food bank that was first used in mid-December and hats-off to Brenda and her people to this much needed service in Nain. I'd also like to acknowledge contribution by one of the Nain Inuit Community Government employees Mr. Edward Running Man Flowers who leads the hockey program and goes way beyond, I think though, the job description in fund raising for cold plates and to raise money for his minor hockey players to travel outside of Nain. And also the job he does for the equipment drives that provides equipment for families who simply can't afford that expense. Mr. Speaker, we overhear talks about a lot of money that our department puts into communities but it's people such as this who goes beyond their job description and, you know, makes contribution through very much effort, on their part that makes our communities a great place to live in. And I

just wanted to, you know, to acknowledge their contribution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Andersen. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement today? Seeing none, we'll move onto Item Six on the *Orders of the Day*: "Return to Oral Questions". At the September 2018 sitting, AngajukKâk Joe Dicker asked the Minister of Education and Economic Development a question about recruiting those beneficiaries closest to the resource and asked how many beneficiaries were actually employed at Voisey Bay. This was redirected to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Tony Andersen. The Honourable Minister Andersen provided a written response containing these figures. The detailed charts entitled Benefits Monitoring System-, Aboriginal Stats by Location and Component, were emailed to the Nunatsiavut Assembly Members and are currently to be found within your binders. Would the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources like to expand on the response?

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I have no wish to expand on it. I'm sure that my good friend, if the answer wasn't sufficient, I'm sure that they'll ask the question again. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Thank you. AngajukKâk Charlotte Wolfrey asked Minister of Education and Economic Development what was happening on the issue of communicating to the communities on underground mining training and jobs. The response was that LATP and Vale will be doing community sessions in Nain and Hopedale in September and in other communities in

October and November. AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers asked myself as speaker, who would the ICG's go to look for training of ICG elected officials on the *Code of Conduct*? I responded to her via email by saying that at the September sitting, it was pointed out that all elected officials are subject to the provisions and guidelines as outlined in the *Code of Conduct*. It was subsequently asked if there were any funds available to train board council members in *COC*. The Community Governments and Corporations should provide all of their elected officials with a copy of the *Code of Conduct*. I believe that the *Code of Conduct* is largely intuitive and largely self-explanatory, but I further offered that should any questions arise, then those questions may be directed to the clerk of the Assembly, to myself or to our in-house legal team. The Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders, asked the Minister of Culture and Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Jim Lyall, why and if the Master of Apprenticeship Program could not be available to beneficiaries in the Canadian Constituency? I'd like to recognize the Minister of Culture and Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Jim Lyall to read his response.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The response to this question is that this program is currently only offered to the communities within Nunatsiavut since the program began as a partnership with the Nunatsiavut Government and the University of Toronto. The goal was to deliver this program to Nunatsiavut communities. At this time, we are putting our focus only to the communities within our region. This is due to budget costs and current capacity of staff. As suggestion to Mr. Saunders, in moving forward, I

would suggest looking into funding supports available that would be an asset in program delivery within the Canadian Constituency. Some available supports are as follows: Federal Support Programs available are Canadian Heritage, Aboriginal Languages Initiative. Provincial Supports: Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation, and Indigenous Cultural Heritage Program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Lyall. Also at the September sittings, AngajukKâk Joe Dicker asked the Minister of Education and Economic Development, that since underground training for Voisey Bay is being offered in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville, is that training for employees or beneficiaries? I'd like to recognize the Acting Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Tony Andersen to provide his response.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Labrador Aboriginal Training Program Funding-, the training is open to all beneficiaries, but priorities for those who are not working. Of the current Vale employees, only 22 will be eligible for LAMP funding as that is close to the approximate number that will be displaced when they switch from open-pit to underground. In terms of other stats, there were 13 that are currently in trades training with LAMP. Seven of the 10 slated for underground training-, underground common core training, was slated for September the 24th in Sudbury. And they are beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Selections have not yet been completed yet for the next group for underground training for the November the 19th. In regards to the underground mining training, the College of the North Atlantic is currently

developing the six-week mining training that will be held in Goose Bay and hopes to have this training delivered before March 2019. Once the training program has been developed, they will then know if they can hold a training in Nunatsiavut. So at this time, we are still unsure it will be delivered in Nunatsiavut or outside. There are no specifics as of yet who will be doing that training. Once I have that information, I will send an email to all Community Governments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Acting Minister Andersen. Are there any more returns today? Seeing none, we'll continue on to Item Seven on the *Orders of the Day*: Oral Questions. Are there any oral questions? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the First Minister, Kate Mitchell. Honourable Kate Mitchell, regarding the Airstrip Study that was completed this fall by the Nunatsiavut Government, I, understand now through the briefing that I did have with administration at Nunatsiavut that the report has gone to the Provincial Government to look at. My question is to you, Honourable Minister, is how long will the Nunatsiavut Government allow the Provincial Government to study this report before they respond?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you AngajukKâk from Nain for your question. Okay, in regard to the report, the-, it was a visual assessment that was done by Octant and we met with Minister Crocker, Minister of

Transportation and we also-, and she presented the report and we also met with-, as the President mentioned earlier, we met with Minister Garneau and Minister Leblanc in Ottawa. The Province has come back, and we are working with them now to try to find out exactly when they will be starting-, but when they will be starting work in it, but they are, from our understanding, they are now looking at when they can do repairs. So they are looking at that assessment. And it's one thing that my department will be keeping a close eye on and we're looking to have meetings with them as soon as possible. So if there's any updates, we'll be more than happy to share them with you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister Mitchell. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do. Minister Mitchell, it is known that the repairs are needed immediately for the repairs to the airstrip in Nain. The report states that an airstrip, if it's going to be built, has to be away from this community-, of my community of Nain. And my worry is that even though they say that they're going to do the repairs to the Nain airstrip to bring it up to standard, how long is it going to take before they decide who takes the responsibility and starts the work that's needed to get a new airport in place? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you AngajukKâk from Nain for your supplementary question. The Province do accept that it is their

responsibility for the maintenance and the repairs on the Nain airstrip and we know that there are immediate repairs that need to be done and we're working with them on that. But we also know that is going to take a while, but we're hoping that we can get something decided, I guess, or determined by this winter because there still have to be studies and everything done and there is a possible site that they're looking at. But it is the Province's responsibility along with the Federal Government so we're working with both governments to try to get a determination, I guess of when the-, when they'll actually get the application in for the new strip. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister Mitchell. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a second and final supplementary question?

MR. DICKER:

Thank you for that response, Minister Mitchell. My final response, or question, I guess is still not-, I still don't have a timeframe that the Nunatsiavut Government is going to hold to both levels of government to get things started and I would like that. Do you see a timeframe from the Nunatsiavut Government as to when the two levels of government should respond? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you once again, AngajukKâk from Nain for your question. We are working together to try to-, but it is something that is going to take a while for the new airstrip or to get a commitment for the new airstrip because the application has to come from the

Province, but the Province do agree that, I think-, there is no-, like everybody agrees that Nain has to have new airstrip. So we're working together with them on that, and I cannot give you a timeframe. All I can say is that we are committed to work as closely as we can and make it a priority and hopefully we'll have a better update for you at the March sitting. But as of now, there's no way I can tell you or give you a timeframe on when they will have the application in for the new airstrip for Nain. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister Mitchell. Are there any other oral questions today? Are there any other oral questions for today? Hearing none, we'll move onto Item Eight on the *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions".

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

AngajukKâk Dicker-, The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, *Uhalitik*. I had to prioritize which one. I had a lot of questions. To Minister of Lands and Natural Resource, Honourable Tony Andersen. This past summer, sir, there was an experimental or a re-confirmation, I guess affirmation of the scallop stock within our area. That was successful. There was a newspaper interview with the President of the Torngat Co-op, about the wish to start a scallop fishery, but there were no boats available. My question to you, sir, is are you working with the Torngat Fisheries Corp. to see if a scallop fishery can be started again in Nain or the stocks saying that they are sufficient numbers there to do that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you AngajukKâk from Nain for selecting me for the-, out of the many questions that you have. Makes me feel so important, Mr. Speaker. My response-, yes, absolutely, Mr. Speaker, my department and our government will work with the Torngat Fish Producers Cooperative to establish a scallop fishery in Nain. There is still work to be done before-, more work of an experimental nature needs to be done before there's a full-fledged fishery for scallop. Some of the things, Mr. Speaker that we realize that Torngat realizes that in the past the wrong equipment was being used-, very heavy and did a lot of damage to the scallop beds. And so looking at a number of different gear types I guess, and different boats-, and we will work with and provide, you know, whatever it takes to work with the Torngat Fish Producers to ensure that there once again is an established Scallop Fishery in Nain-, not only Nain, but we have also done experimental work this past summer in Rigolet for scallop and had some limited success there. But you can't determine that on, you know, just a few weeks. So it is our intention to work with the co-op to do further work, as I said earlier. Again, I'm repeating myself, now. More work-, we will work with them to do more work-, more experimental work, to make sure that, you know, the scallop fishery is established. And now let me just say, Mr. Speaker that we will work with the Torngat producers, not only with respect to experimental scallop fishery, but with the current fisheries, with the crab and the turbot and the char and any

other fishery that they can think of, we'll work side-by-side and hand-in-hand with the good people from the Torngat Fish Producers Co-op. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Andersen. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the response, Minister Andersen. That's good news. We've always known that the scallops are there and there are people that are skilled to put that operation in place, the employees, they are there, ready to go to work. So I will ask you one more time, Mr. Andersen, will that experimental fishery continue this summer?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN: As I said, we will work with the Torngat Fish Producers. I have to say, at this time, we don't have concrete plans in place for this summer. So I can't stand here and say yes, guaranteed, 100 percent, there will be. But I am, and people in my department and in our government, remain very optimistic that, you know, we can move forward with this and work with the Torngat Fish Producers to once again have an experimental fishery. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Andersen. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a second and final, supplementary question?

MR. DICKER: No, Mr. Speaker, I don't. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Are there any other Oral Questions for today? Hearing none, we'll move on to Item Eight on the *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions". Are there any written questions today? Seeing none, we'll move onto Item Nine of the *Orders of the Day*, "Return to Written Questions". There are no returns to written questions today, so we'll move onto Item 10, "Petitions". Are there any petitions? Seeing none, we'll move onto Item 11 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Responses to Petitions" and there are no responses today. Onto Item 12, on the *Orders of the Day*, "Reports of Standing in Special Committees". There are-, we have not received any reports of standing in special committees. So we'll move onto Item 13 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Tabling of Documents". Item 13, there are no documents to be tabled today. We'll move onto Item 14. Item 14, "Notices of Motion". The Speaker would like to Recognize the Honourable First Minister, Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I give notice of on Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019, that I will move, seconded by the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Tony Andersen, the following motion: Be it resolved that the time for the Special Committee of the Assembly on the Nunatsiavut Housing Act, and Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, to deliver its report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly be extended, and that the said committee shall deliver its report on the bill, to the Assembly no later than March 6, 2019. And Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent by requesting the Assembly to waive Standing Order 37(1) to deal with this motion today under Item 16, Motions.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Thank you First Minister Mitchell. There are no more Notices of Motions today, so we'll move onto Item 15. Item 15, "Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills". I recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Mr. Speaker I give notice that on Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019 I will move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, the first reading of Bill 2019-01, a bill for an Act to amend the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act, CILL-1*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Andersen. That concludes the Notices of Motions for the First reading of bills today, so we'll now move onto Item 16 on the *Orders of the Day*, Item 16 being "Motions". I'd like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: Honourable Speaker, I'm seeking unanimous consent today to proceed with my motion that the time for the Special Committee of the Assembly on the *Nunatsiavut Housing Act* and Nunatsiavut Housing Commission to deliver its report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly the extended, and that the said committee shall deliver its report on the bill, to the Assembly no later than March 6, 2019.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: The Honourable Minister is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with her motion today. All in favour? Any Nays? Seeing none, First Minister, please proceed.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker and Members. I move, seconded by the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources the Honourable Tony Andersen, the following motion: Whereas the Special Committee of the Assembly on the *Nunatsiavut Housing Act and the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission* was previously established by resolution of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and whereas the said committee has been mandated by the Nunatsiavut Assembly to report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly no later than January 31st, 2019. And whereas it is the opinion of the said committee that it requires an extension of time to properly carry out its mandate and properly report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly, be it resolved that the time for the Special Committee of the Assembly on the *Nunatsiavut Housing Act and Nunatsiavut Housing Commission*, to deliver its report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly, be extended and that the said committee shall deliver its report on the bill to the Assembly no later than March 6, 2019.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister Mitchell. The Motion is in Order. First Minister, would you like to speak to the Motion?

MS. MITCHELL:

Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to just explain to the Assembly, the reason why we're bringing this motion is that we had plans to do the consultations earlier, but because of weather delays and other commitments, we did not get the consultations. We did not get into our communities. We had what- , we met with Torngat Regional Housing Association, but we did not get into any other of our communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Do any other Members wish to speak to the Motion? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I need some clarification on this Motion. When you say that, in your explanation, Minister Mitchell, that you did meet with-, consult with the Torngat Regional Housing, when you go to the communities, who are you going to be consulting with? That's my question. I need that clarity.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. Honourable First Minister?

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you AngajukKâk Dicker for your question. When we go into the communities, we plan on meeting with the Local Housing Committees, the Inuit Community Governments and the public. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Does anybody else wish to speak to the motion? If no other Members wishes to speak, does the First Minister wish to make final comments and close debate?

MS. MITCHELL: I wish to close debate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? Any Nays? The motion is carried. There are no more motions today, so we'll move onto Item 17 on the *Orders of the Day*, "The First Reading of Bills". There are no first reading of bills today. Move onto Item 18. Item 18, "Second Reading of Bills". There are no second reading of bills today. We'll move onto Item 19. Item 19 is "Assent to Bills". There is no assent to bills today. We'll move onto Item 20, which is "Adjournment". Thank you for everyone's cooperation today. It's been an unusual sitting of this Assembly. We've had to deal with some unfortunate business, and I hope we can move

forward in a productive fashion. We're now adjourned until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Morning everybody, and before we start into formal session, I'd just like to make a little note and that is one of our fellow Assembly Members is celebrating his birthday this morning, so I want to wish a very merry-, happy birthday to Mr. Julius Dicker, the esteemed AngajukKâk from Nain, so Happy Birthday.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause.]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: And Mary Sillett informed me it's her grandson's birthday and one final one, my mother turns 80 today and she has served me well over the many years, so Happy Birthday to my mother. Anyway.

MALE: Where's the cake?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: It's in the bakery. I'd like to call to the order, the continuation of the 2nd Session of the Fall Session of the Fourth Nunatsiavut Assembly. And I want to ask the Honourable Gerald Asivak to say the opening prayer.

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (Recites prayer.)

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Mr. Asivak. Onto Item Two of the *Orders of the Day*, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery". I see Mr. Goudie again, joining us this morning, our Legal Advisor Loretta Michelin, of course Isabella Pain and Darryl Shiwak on his second day on looking down upon us from up top. Any other Members wishing to recognize anybody in the gallery? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item Three on the *Orders of the Day*,

"Ministers Statements". Are there any Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to provide today a short update on the files from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. Renewable resource-, the commercial fishery is now finished for the 2018 season. Beneficiary fishers have made their last offloads of Northern Shrimp in Charlottetown on November 6th. The English River Counting Fence, near Postville closed down on October 11th and had another successful year counting the Atlantic Salmon, Arctic Char and Brook Trout. English River exceeded the 2000 conservation for Atlantic Salmon 200 percent, the conservation for Atlantic Salmon in 2018. In Wildlife, the 2018-2019 hunting season for moose in LISA opened on September the 17th and we have 20 licences to offer in the beneficiary draw. The community freezers have also received 10 moose licence for a total of 39 licences available. As of today, 13 moose have been harvested. The NG once again harvested 30 moose in Gros Morne National Park at the end of October, and after which it was distributed to the communities and Inuit Community Corporations. Mr. Speaker, the fall classification of the George River Caribou Herd was completed in November 2018 and the results from the classification indicate further declines. Mr. Speaker, I and my Deputy Minister as well as President Lampe have met multiple times with the Provincial Minister, Innu Nation and NunatuKavut Community Council in regards to the George River Caribou Herd. In the

end, we could not come to agreement on what conservation measures should be. My department has continued to work in UPCART Ungava Peninsula Caribou Aboriginal Round Table to promote our conservation effort. We've been successful on getting all Members of UPCART to agree to a voluntary ban on the harvest of George River Caribou Herd. In December, I, along with Deputy, as well as Provincial biologists held a consultation in Nain in regards to the George River Caribou Herd and the latest science. It was clear from our beneficiaries in attendance that no harvest at this time is a logical course of action. And from our Lands Division, Mr. Speaker, the total of 30 new land applications in Labrador Inuit Lands were registered by the Lands Division in 2018 and us at various stages of processing. We also finalized the three-year core release from the Nain Inuit Community Government which will help in the development of their new subdivision over the next couple of years. Mr. Speaker, we received two applications for outfitting camps-, one in Napaktok Bay, in the Labrador Inuit Settlement area and one in Anne Lake, Pangertok Inlet in the Labrador Inuit Lands. The Nunatsiavut Government has a Right of First Refusal after establishing outfitting camps in the Labrador Inuit Settlement areas. With respect to the proposed outfitting camp in Napaktok Bay, Mr. Speaker, we informed the Province that we are not exercising that right and oppose the application. Labrador Inuit extensively utilize the area for traditional harvesting purposes and this development would interfere with those activities. The applicant has since canceled their application for the proposed outfitting

camp. Mr. Speaker the Nunatsiavut Government has rejected the application for an outfitting camp at Anne Lake, Pangertok Inlet, Labrador Inuit Lands. In addition to potentially interfering with Inuit Harvesting, Mr. Speaker, the proposed camp lies within the George River Caribou Herd calving area and the Ungava Peninsula Aboriginal Round Table or UPCART identifies this area as critical habitat for the George River Herd. From the *Voisey Bay Impact and Benefits Agreement*, Mr. Speaker, the *Voisey Bay Impact and Benefits Agreement* continues to go fairly well. The Aboriginal Affairs Department is finally now fully staffed. Mr. Speaker, winter shipping information sessions were held in Nain and Hopedale on January the 7th and 9th, respectively. There was information on last year's shipping and the upcoming shipping season. At this time, Vale is planning three winter shipments instead of the four that they are allowed. Mr. Speaker, the Torngat National Parks Co-Management Board submitted a letter to Minister Catherine McKenna, Department of the Environment and Climate Change with their views on the proposed endangered species listing for the Torngat Mountains Caribou Herd. The Torngat National Park would prefer to have a management plan that involves Inuit. From our Non-Renewable Resources Division, Mr. Speaker, at the last Assembly Meeting, the Division has been-, since the last Assembly Meeting, the Division has been engaged in the following files and endeavours pertaining to mineral exploration and oil and gas-, Mr. Speaker, on exploration, from Buchan's Resource Limited, that relates to positive results from their gold project.

I think it's just south of Voisey Bay-, the results exceed the historical assays from the 1990's samples. Buchan's Resources has staked five new claims located eight kilometres southwest of the Voisey Bay Mine Site and are planning to complete some additional work on those properties in 2019. Mr. Speaker, Labrador Gold Ground Truth Exploration are still waiting on some results from their soil sampling program on their Ugjoktok property. On December 11, 2018, Labrador Gold conducted a community consultation in the Inuit Community of Hopedale. Next year, Labrador Gold anticipates they will continue to explore for gold by completing detailed mapping, rock sampling and drilling. Mr. Speaker, Maximum Metals plans to continue their drill program this summer as well, on their property north of Strange Lake, 145 clicks west of Nain. Work restrictions with time constraints are applied to the drill program to prevent any potential conflict with the George River Caribou Herd. Mr. Speaker, Maximus Metals also plan to explore their Adlatok River Property this summer/fall, adjacent to the Donner project about 95 kilometers west of Hopedale. The proposed work includes prospecting ground, geophysical, line-cutting and drilling. Mr. Speaker, Vale plans to continue their exploration program that will include prospecting, geo-chemistry survey, ground geophysics, drilling and trenching adjacent to the mine. On the oil and gas front, Mr. Speaker, ION GXT has concluded their seismic survey off shore in November for the 2018 season. Due to bad weather conditions, GXT did not complete their last three lines north of 52 degrees. GXT has made several attempts to employ a Nunatsiavut

Beneficiaries Liaison Officer without any luck. Finally, Mr. Speaker, the Non-Renewable Resources Division has made a few attempts to fill the mining analyst position, the Division in Human Resources has finally allocated a housing unit in Nain and are re-advertising the position.

Environmental Division-, Mr. Speaker, on September the 25th, Former Deputy Minister Carl McLean testified at Muskrat Falls Inquiry in Goose Bay. During his testimony, Mr. McLean discussed the cultural connection in the area and importance for Labrador Inuit to be able to harvest food in Lake Melville. Additionally, on October the 4th, Mr. McLean and our Director of Environment, Rodd Laing testified at the Inquiry in St. John's.

The Inquiry continues and there may be additional requests that the Lands and Natural Resources testify again in early 2019. Mr. Speaker, the Environment Division continues to make progress on the Imappivut Marine Planning Initiative. The data from the Community Engagement and Knowledge Sessions have been consolidated and are currently being used in discussions for potential areas of interest or protection of the marine environment. Additionally, on October the 16th, the Environment Division presented to the Executive Council on the progress of the Imappivut Marine Planning Initiative and saw the resolution to move forward with discussions on areas of interest for marine protection with the Federal Government. As a result, the Environment Division has been visiting all of the communities in Upper Lake Melville to report back on the knowledge study. Got a lot of stuff going on in my department, Mr. Speaker-, very good young people, good

directors. I'm so happy. It makes life so easy for me, Mr. Speaker, that every time I meet them in the hallway, I feel like grabbing them and giving them a hug, but as you can see, like some of that stuff that I reporting on to the Assembly-, a lot of it is a little bit complicated and I continue to ask them like to try to put their stuff forward in language that we can understand. But-, and, you know, they're doing such a good job. I just had to praise them up a little bit too, there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen. It's good to know we're in such good hands with the Department of Lands and Natural Resources and I appreciate your enthusiasm for your staff. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make statements this morning? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll try to summarize and briefly-, concise this statement today. I, like the Honourable Minister Andersen's department, a lot of work is happening with programs and services. Mr. Speaker, the department-, wrong one-, Postville Daycare: Mr. Speaker, more work is required for licensing of the Postville Daycare space. We are currently working on the Municipal and Government Approval Letter. A plan to address the approved waivers under the amended Sections 66 of the Childcare Regulations for Subsection 35.1, food preparation, and the employee washroom. We are currently closely-, sorry-, we are working closely with the NG Property Manager regarding building plans and service Newfoundland and Labrador inspections. Children's Oral Health

Initiative: A hygienist was in Hopedale, Nain and Postville. Workers were in Halifax for training, December 3rd to the 6th. In attendance were staff from Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik and Rigolet. Inuit Early Childhood Development working group meetings: Staff attended the meetings in Ottawa in early December. There was a significant increase in funding over the next 10 years. It was decided after the first year, the funding will be distributed equally among the regions based on existing funded sites. There's more planning required to determine the funding allocations for years 2 through 10, and DHSD will be identifying priority areas for the new funding. Community Sheds-, in Rigolet, a new structure is nearly complete for the Community Shed. Shed Coordinator Waylon took a lead in building a basic building to be used going forward, as no suitable spaces were available for rent. The Hopedale Community Shed is now open and operational. Further funds have been requested to supplement funding for the Rigolet and Hopedale Community Sheds. Current funds are only for one year. These additional monies may be available up to 2022, but confirmation of these dollar amounts have not been received to date. Residential Schools-, Mr. Speaker, Ms. Rutie Lampe, Resolution Health Support Worker has completed consultations with Residential School survivors and families in all seven communities, including home visits, and telephone calls as requested. Detailed notes of each meeting have been kept. Staff are now working to synthesize the feedback into a proposal for how the healing dollars will be spent. Ms.

Lampe will return to communities to discuss what was heard and what next steps will be in the new year.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Pardon me, Minister Asivak. I'm just going to ask you to just slow down a bit for our interpreters, please.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you. The plan will be submitted to NEC for approval. Tobacco Control Strategy-, Mr. Speaker, ITK and the Federal Government have reached agreement on the funding formula for Inuit. Discussions among Inuit regions and ITK are planned for the new year. There's no current indication on the amount of funding we will receive on a go-forward basis. Land-based-, Ms. Kaila de Boer, Director of Mental Wellness and Healing, is involved with a couple working groups with other NG Departments, relevant to land-based services, including youth programming, access to Hebron and payment for boat drivers. Work is slowly moving forward with the Land-based Policy Manual Updates, as travel and other scheduled events have frequently interrupted meeting schedules. Ms. De Boer attended the National Inuit Suicide Prevention Strategy working group in early December in Inuvik. Pre-budget submissions have been made to the Federal Government to fund this program for the next 10 years. Discussions centred on how we will determine priority areas for work, should there be funding. The agreement was made to further work on development of an Inuit Mental Wellness Continuum Framework. This work has been stalled since 2016. Tuberculosis-, just to add to yesterday-, the National Inuit TB elimination framework was released on December 10th, 2018. Performance indicators. The final report is being edited

before distribution. Doctor Maureen Baikie, Public Health Consultant for Nunatsiavut DHSD, and Regional Medical Officer of Health for Labrador-Grenfell Health TB file, presented on DHSD's TB Performance Indicator's work during a performance indicators workshop in Winnipeg in late November. Work is ongoing, with the TB Policy Manual with the plan for release of early 2019. Public Health Officer Position-, Nunatsiavut has been selected as a site for a Public Health Officer provided by the Public Health Agency of Canada Program. This position will provide TB Epidemiology to support in the region and assist with TB and the development, monitoring and evaluation section of the Nunatsiavut Regional TB Action Plan. The Public Health Officer started on December 10th, 2018. Media interviews were held with CBC Labrador Morning on November 14th and the OK Radio on November 16th. Roll out communication plans will continue until February 2019, utilizing a combination of materials and avenues such as posters, brochures and pamphlets. To guide the Community Screening Initiative, a TB Community Screening Manual has been developed and is nearing final completion. Nunatsiavut Food Security Strategy. Engagement sessions to inform the development of the Nunatsiavut Food Security Strategy, rolled out from mid-June to early July, 2018. The Postville session was delayed but were completed this month, so all five communities have now been engaged. A regional session is happening this week with approximately 75 participants. The Food Centre in Nain continues to operate with a monthly calendar of programming. The food worker and the Regional Food Security

Coordinator attended the Food Secure Canada Conference in Montreal in early November, allowing them to meet with funding agencies as well as others, who are leading Community Food Programs across Canada. The Lunch-to-go program in Nain will continue this year. Partial funding has been secured through Canadian Feed the Children. Other options for funding or for the program delivery are being explored as the feedback has been very positive, but the funding is not sufficient to operate a full lunch every day of the week. The Lunch-to-Go Program in Hopedale rolled out the week of November 5th. This program is being run by the school staff with support from the Regional Food Security Coordinator. Once the Hopedale Food Security Worker Position is filled, this position will then assume the support of its program. Human Resources, Mr. Speaker for Food Security-, Food Security Program has increased across all five Nunatsiavut communities, thus supporting the need to hire a program coordinator for the region. This position has been classified within Human Resources and is currently being advertised. Exploring Food Centre Concept for Hopedale-, the job posting for the Hopedale Food Security worker has been offered to an individual, and we look forward to programming soon. Food skills and assistance fit program: Plans are underway to plan a food skills and assistance program for spring 2019 at the Healing Lodge in Little Bay, just outside of Hopedale. Lawson Foundation proposal submission: In early December, we were notified that we were successful in our application to the Lawson Foundation. We have been awarded \$305,000 over the next three years, for the

development of an Environmental Health, Stewardship and Food Skills program. The Emergency Shelter and Supportive Living, Mr. Speaker-, Mr. Speaker, Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation is working on a submission to Cabinet for an extended agreement for the Emergency Shelter funding. The shelter has exceeded its capacity, most nights in December and January. There have been some discouraging comments on social media about fees for the shelter, however, clarification on Facebook and an interview with CBC and the Labradorian seemed to have cleared up some of the misunderstandings. Children, Senior and Social Development Collaboration for Inuit Children and Families: Mr. Speaker, since the new *Child Protection Act* was proclaimed. We have been engaged in a policy working group with the Province and the Innu. The Policy Working Group meeting was held late November. Several sub-committees have been struck re specific issues, Indigenous Representation, Cultural Connections Plans and Youth Services. We submitted a request in the budget submissions for a permanent position for the Indigenous Representative as well as a Director of Family Services. Calendars are produced for all children in care with pictures from their home communities, traditional activities, et cetera. In closing, Mr. Speaker, Theo Fleury visits-, Mr. Speaker, Theoren Fleury is coming to Nunatsiavut's Happy Valley, Goose Bay and Northwest River. He'll be visiting from February 3rd to the 8th, 2019 and presenting a message of resilience and determination. Theo Fleury is an NHL Stanley Cup Champion, Olympic Gold Medalist, World Cup Junior Champion and an expert in the field of relational trauma. From

winning the Stanley Cup to struggling with substance abuse, from leading the NHL in points, to coping with sexual abuse as a young hockey player, he brings a wealth of knowledge to the topics of pursuing excellence, personal growth, overcoming sexual abuse and trauma. He will be participating in workshops with youth, evening feasts and community workshops. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? Seeing none, we'll move on to-, my apologies. The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, *Uhalitik*. Mr. Speaker, the Finance Division is currently finalizing the budgets for the upcoming fiscal year, and preparing for negotiations on many items including our FFA, the on source revenue agreement and the implementation plan, as well as engaging in discussions on the *Tax Treatment Agreement*. Mr. Speaker, in October, the Executive Council approved subordinate legislation called the *Signing Authorities Order*. This order clearly sets out the authorities for requisitions of payments out of appropriations, the dollar limits for such requisitions and any non-monetary conditions or limits. Mr. Speaker, there were a number of policy amendments made for the civil service within the last week, that's been publicized on the internet, Atukatigevik and I'm sure there's been some happy reception to that among our Civil Service. Some of those highlights included a new leave entitlement, a Family Responsibility Leave, where up to 35 hours per fiscal year are given to members of our Civil Service. In addition there were 21 hours given to those who reside within

Nunatsiavut and who have to travel for medical reasons with their family members. Mr. Speaker, on another note, we're glad to have Frank Andersen back on our team as the Director of Information Technology. He was six-months on a leave of absence and we're grateful to have him back and we hope that he enjoyed that absence. We certainly missed him. That's all that I have from the department today. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item Four of the *Orders of the Day*, "Members Statements". Are there any Members Statements this morning? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

MS. PALLISER:

I'm just going to speak on a couple of concerns from our community. When I mentioned yesterday in my statement that we have no power to control what is happening with the transportation services, please know that I wasn't trying to be disrespectful to the Nunatsiavut Government, as I know that our transportation services are under the control of the Provincial Government. It is clear that they did not consult with Members of Nunatsiavut Government in regard to how the services to our coastal communities could be improved upon. They took one item, the roll-on, roll-off service that was probably on a list of many, for improvements, and seemed to have run with it. They cut us off from the services of freight from the south, that betters the lives of residents in our communities by way of ordering supplies-, cheaper lumber, food, and other supplies. We have no connection to other southern communities such as Cartwright,

that would make trips in vehicles to other parts of the province shorter. Instead, they seem to feel that travel to Happy Valley, Goose Bay via boat, and then by vehicle to other parts of the world would be more convenient. Our residents have genuine concerns of the freight services as well as the new boat-, sorry, as well as that new boat is supposed to be capable to do the job of two boats whose freight services were not consistent. Is the provincial contract Woodward's set in stone? We don't know what the quality of our service will be. We could be looking into five years of poor customer service. We know for one thing, the number of days and hours we're traveling on the boat is already deemed to be longer, which means residents will have to plan more unnecessary days away from holidays and vacations if they were planning on going for more than a week. That is another reason why residents in our communities are concerned with the fact that when the ferry does run the south run, which is planned for only once a month, Rigolet will be bypassed, further diminishing residents' opportunity to travel in and out of our community. In this day and age, when people are becoming more interested in travel to other parts of the world, you would think that the provincial government would be more considerate of what they're offering to coastal communities. It seems it should be more modes of travel instead of less, as we are the more isolated in the province and the cost of air travel and shipping is far more expensive. What will the schedule be like for next year and years ahead? How long will the ferry actually take to travel up and down the Labrador coast? How much freight will Happy Valley, Goose Bay be able to handle for the whole

coast? What will Woodward's customer service be like? Those questions and more is what we have in our community. I think we are worthy of an answer. As you all know, over two years ago one a number of community members from Rigolet met up with others to show support for "Make Muskrat Right" protests. We traveled to Happy Valley, Goose Bay to show our disapproval of the project and to demonstrate our right to fight against the reality that levels of methylmercury would rise and destroy marine life in Upper Lake Melville and surrounding areas, including water surrounding our community. Let's not forget the fact that the project poses a great danger once flooded. We stood by those who were brave enough to storm the gates and shut the project down for a few days to get the attention to the world on what was happening to the land, waters and people of Labrador in a time of reconciliation. To no avail, the project kept on moving ahead with the Provincial Government's approval, despite the fact that many lives, including Indigenous lives will be altered forever. A number of people from my community who went through the gate to fight for our rights to healthy food, our rights to clean and safe water, our culture and way of life for many of them and other beneficiaries, have been arrested and some jailed for having different views of those in power. For once, a stand was taken by our people after many years and generations of being oppressed by those who do not have our best interest in mind.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

My apologies, Ordinary Member Palliser, but again, we're asking that the-
, slow down just a tad just for the benefit of our interpreters.

MS. PALLISER:

Sorry, yes.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I apologize for interrupting your...

MS. PALLISER: Oh, that's fine.

MS. PALLISER: I know that our government has been working hard to encourage the Provincial Government to follow the recommendations of the independent expert advisory committee, but no community updates for information is being circulated to those who still have the same legitimate concerns with the project. We still have the same views and worries about the project, although we have been once again, quieted, to unwillingly accept, with worry and fear what we do not believe is right. Mr. Speaker, please know that the fire still burns in protest with the "Muskrat Falls Project", not as brightly, but it's still a flame. And any information pertaining to the project, no matter how insignificant it may seem, should be shared with communities. On a brighter note, I'd like to say, Happy Anniversary to John and Greta Michelin of Rigolet who celebrated 58 years of marriage on January 21st. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Palliser. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement today? The Speaker recognizes Ms. Marlene Winters, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

MS. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. As we start our first Assembly of 2019, I would like to say that I'm looking forward to working with my colleagues in the new year and into the rest of our term. Here's to a productive three-plus years. I would like to mention our friend and co-worker, HR manager Kim Best, who passed away unexpectedly on Christmas Eve. She worked in our

office for a number of years, after moving over from the DHSD building. She was always pleasant, fair, and so proud of her children, Michelle and Cameron. I would like to send my heart-felt condolences to her family. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. It has been a busy fall so far within Upper Lake Melville. We've been holding Meet-n-Greets with the three Upper Lake Melville communities and have had some great discussions with our beneficiaries. We plan on continuing these Meet-n-Greets to hear directly from them, and to discuss their concerns and issues. We have also visited beneficiaries at the Long-term Care Unit and the Labrador Correctional Centre. These visits have always been very welcoming and productive and we will continue them into our term. The Christmas season was also very busy with invitations to various Christmas meals and events and it was wonderful to interact with everyone and have a very special Santa visitor at the DHSD in Northwest River. I would also like to congratulate Riley Winters who successfully completed her International Aboriginal Youth Internship in Columbia in December. It certainly was the opportunity of a lifetime for her. I would also like to mention the recent achievements of beneficiaries, Josh Blake and Nolan Welsh of Happy Valley, Goose Bay who made the Provincial Judo Team for the upcoming Canada Games in Red Deer, Alberta. We wish them the best of luck, and know they will make us very proud. I would also like to congratulate a couple of Pee Wee Hockey players in Upper Lake Melville, Eric Webb and Jersey McNeill who made the Labrador AAA Hockey Team. I know they have a bright future ahead of them. I would

also like to send well wishes to our Assembly Member, Patricia Kemuksigak and her husband Rol, who is in St. John's for health reasons. Right now, Rol is waiting to be admitted to the Miller Centre so he can concentrate on his rehab and get back home. Patricia would also like to thank everyone who has sent support and well-wishes to her and her husband and she would express her gratitude to Muriel Edmunds, the staff at NIHB and the St. John's Native Friendship Centre. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Winters. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement this morning? Seeing none, we'll move on to the next Item on the *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Oral Questions". Are there any returns to oral questions, today? If not, we'll go on to-, The Speaker recognizes Marlene Winters-Wheeler.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Hi, sorry. I have a question. This question is for our President Lampe.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

We're under Returns to Oral Questions, but we'll-, if you have a question...

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Sure.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

...we'll get there in just a moment.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Sure. My apologies.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

No apology required. Onto Item Six on the *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions". Are there any oral questions? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Marlene Winters-Wheeler, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you. So this question is for President Lampe. President Lampe, as Chair of the NEC, has the NEC ever considered holding a meeting in the Community of Mud Lake? *Nakummek.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI: The Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, Uhalitik.* *Nakummek,* Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville for the question and we have our meetings scheduled for the year, however, we will look at whether we can change the NEC schedule to have the Open House in Mud Lake, rather than in Goose Bay this year. *Nakummek, Uhalitik.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek,* President Lampe. Ordinary Member Wheeler, do you have a supplementary question?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: No, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other Oral Questions, this morning? The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for Minister Asivak, Minister of Health. When you were outlining yesterday, your-, the five-year health plan and the priority areas, I never heard mental health in that priority area, and I'm just wondering-, but I heard you talk about Mental Health this morning. That makes me enthusiastic that we're still going to continue looking at mental health issues, because I think it's one of the most important issues in our community that is getting some attention, but it still needs to be on a big priority. And when you listed the priority areas, I

know you were trying to summarize, but it wasn't there, so I'm asking you is it there, and where is it in that priority? *Nakummek*

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and AngajukKâk Wolfrey, for the question. Yes, mental health was mentioned within the five-year health plan. The Community Health Plan is community engagement. So that involves all members within the community, and other health care providers, other organizations and agencies. This plan is made up by the community. We get the direction from the community. As noted yesterday, Mr. Speaker, the end of March of this year we'll have the plan released. Also with this plan, it's fluid, meaning, you know, if there are changes required within the plan, we are able to do that with community engagement and our staff. On the issue of mental health, we do have a Director of Mental Wellness and Healing, a stand-alone director, along with many support staff, including mental health workers. So if there are any particular issues with mental health and wellness, they can be directed to any of the team leaders, the mental health workers, the director, the Deputy Minister or myself. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister Asivak. Just a Point of Order here, in the Assembly. Standing Order 32, Section two, under Oral Questions, states that an oral Question shall be concisely and clearly put and shall refer only to a matter which may reasonably be assumed to be within the present knowledge of the President or the Minister to whom it is directed. I'm

going to draw attention to the first part of that Standing Order, which says, an Oral Question shall be concisely and clearly put. I think we've gone a little bit amok in that people are not getting to their question as quickly as I would prefer when they're making their statement. So if everyone could keep that in mind. AngajukKâk Wolfrey, do you have a supplementary question?

MS. WOLFREY: No, thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other Oral Questions, this morning? The Speaker recognizes Joe Dicker, AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. DICKER: *Nakummek Uhalitik.* I'll get right to the question. My question is to the Minister of Health and Social Development, Honourable Gerald Asivak. My question to you, sir, is has the Nunatsiavut Government Department of Health and Social Development, made any progress with the Labrador Grenfell Health officials regarding their policy of prioritizing beneficiaries who have medical appointments for vision care? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek,* AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and AngajukKâk Dicker. It's a very good question, so I'm going to have to get back to you on this one for the detailed answer that you're looking for because I cannot today, in the Assembly, give you the exact answer that you're looking for regarding the prioritizing of the policy on vision care. I'm aware that it is not as a high

priority as other medical needs and specialists and such, so my department will get back to you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other Oral Questions, this morning? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Nakummek, Uhalitik. My second question is to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Honourable Tony Andersen. You mentioned that last year, 30 moose were harvested from Gros Morne and that 39 licences were issued to the communities. Understanding that Gros Morne cull of moose will eventually be stopped, I ask your Minister what is Nunatsiavut Government's plan to replace this loss for food security in the future? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have to say that Mr. Speaker, that at this time, we do not have a plan in place. We believe that at this time that there will be likely some further culls of the moose population in Gros Morne and we are working currently with the-, we're supporting the Provincial Government and I guess the Torngat Wildlife Management Board, to do a survey in moose in Nunatsiavut. And the science from that study as well as further consultation with Parks Canada on moose in Gross Morne, in order for us to establish a plan, to address the issue that AngajukKâk from Nain asked. I have to say, Mr. Speaker, at this time, that we do not

have a plan that I could speak to that would address food security after the cull in Gros Morne National Park is over. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. DICKER:

Thank you for your response, Minister Andersen. When the ban for caribou was announced five years ago, there was a commitment made by the then-president, Sarah Leo to the Honourable House that this source of food security would be-, she ensured that it would be secured. My question to you, sir is when we meet in March again, would you have a plan to present to the Assembly at that time? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not quite sure if I understand that question correctly, so let me ask and I must say that I'm not sure that was a supplementary question to the first one, but I think that if I'm correct, Mr. Speaker, that the AngajukKâk from Nain asked, would I come back in Nain with a plan that was presented by the former president to address food security?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

If I could interrupt you, I'm going to give an opportunity for Mr. Dicker to concisely restate his question and so that it clears up any miscommunications. So-, and I will not consider this your second and final supplementary question. I'll allow you to rephrase, please, in a very

concise and clear manner for us so that it's more understandable for our Honourable Friend.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize for any confusion I might've created. Minister, I just stated that when the ban for the caribou hunt...

MR. RUDKOWSKI: AngajukKâk Dicker, just please re-phrase the question.

MR. DICKER: ...I'm going to re-phrase...

MR. RUDKOWSKI: But it's...

MR. DICKER: ...my question was...

MR. RUDKOWSKI: ...I'm calling for-, AngajukKâk Dicker, I'm calling for a question, so if you could ask your question, that would be appreciated.

MR. DICKER: My question to you, sir, was when we come back to the March sitting, in March, to this Assembly will you have a prepared plan for this food security ready for the Assembly? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN: I can't guarantee the Mr. Speaker and thank you-, I cannot guarantee at this time that I'll come back with a plan to address the food security because, you know, a ban on the George River Caribou hunt. I want to assure the Member, the AngajukKâk of Nain, Mr. Speaker, that I will try. And I will come back in March with at least an answer to his question, but again, Mr. Speaker, I can't guarantee to come back with a plan. I certainly will try. Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Anderson. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a second, and final supplementary question? Are there any other Oral Questions here this morning? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item Seven of the *Order of the Day* "Written Questions". Are there any written questions, today? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item Eight. Item Eight, on the *Orders of the Day*, is "Returns to Written Questions". There are no Returns to Written Questions. Move on to Item Nine. Item Nine, of the *Orders of the Day*, is "Petitions". Are there any petitions to be presented? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item 10. Item 10 is "Responses to Petitions". There'll be no responses today. Onto Item 11 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Reports of Standing in Special Committees". Are there any reports of special committees, of standing in committees? Seeing none, on to Item 12. Item 12, on the *Orders of the Day*, is "Tabling of Documents". Are there any Tabling of Documents today? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item 13, "Notices of Motion". There are no Notices of Motion, today. So we'll move on to Item 14. Item 14 is "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills". There are no Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills today. Move on to Item 15, on the *Orders of the Day*, which is "Motions". Item 15, no Motions today. We'll move on to Item 16, "First Reading of Bills". First Reading of Bills. The Assembly received a Notice of Motion for the First Reading of Bill 2019-01, yesterday. So I'd like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Tony Andersen, to proceed.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that Bill 2019-01, a bill for an Act to amend the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act, CILL-1*, be now introduced and read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Minister, would you like to introduce the Bill?

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would. Mr. Speaker, since 2006, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources has permitted non-beneficiaries to access Labrador Inuit Lands for purposes of harvesting under the *Non-Beneficiary Harvesting Access Regulations*. The Minister's authority to do this is not clear. The Department is updating the regulations. In the process, the Legal Services Division has recommended that the Minister's authority, the regulation and the administrative powers of the department be put on a proper footing. This bill, if enacted, will clarify that the Minister can allow non-beneficiaries to enter Labrador Inuit Lands for the purposes of harvesting, and the executive council can make regulations with respect to non-beneficiary access to Labrador Inuit Lands for the purposes of harvesting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: The motion is in order. Does anybody else wish to speak to the principle of the bill? If no other Members wish to speak, does the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources wish to conclude the debate?

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do wish to conclude debate.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Andersen. So that concludes debate on first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2019-01 on first

reading? All those in favour? Any Nays? The motion is carried, and accordingly, Bill 2019-01, a bill for an Act to Amend the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act, CILL-1*, has had first reading. Again, I'd like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Honourable Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 54(3), I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to have the Assembly proceed to second reading of Bill 2019-01, a Bill to amend the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act CILL-1*, today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds-, Mr. Andersen. I apologize. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54 Section 1(d) to proceed with second reading of Bill 2019-01, a bill for an Act to amend the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act CILL-1*. All those in favour? Any opposed? Seeing none opposed, Minister, you have unanimous consent, so the bill can proceed to second reading, then, under Item 17 under the *Orders of the Day*, and we'll now move on to Item 17. Item 17, of the *Orders of the Day*, is "Second reading of Bills".

MR. ANDERSEN:

Honourable Speaker, I would like to make a motion in accordance with Standing Order 42, to allow for consideration of Bill 2019-01, a bill for an act to amend the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act CILL-1*, in Committee of the Whole, therefore, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that Bill 2019-01 be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Thank you, Honourable Minister Andersen. The motion is in order. To the motion, all those in favour? Any opposed? So the motion is carried, and we're now in Committee of the Whole. Do you wish to include a witness or a support person in the discussions on Committee of the Whole, Mr. Andersen?

MR. ANDERSEN: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I'd like to recognize, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Tony Andersen for the second reading of the bill.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Are we in Committee of the Whole? I'm a little bit lost, Mr. Speaker because-, are we at this time in the Committee of the Whole?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Yes.

MR. ANDERSEN: Oh. I guess that means that I can call you Chair, and sit down, if I want to?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I'll just-, we have a slight technical problem with our translators. I'm going to call just to-, just bear with us. I'm just going to call a five-minute recess to deal with the technical problem. Five-minute recess, please.

[Recess.]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: We are now back from recess and we're going to resume. Item 17, on the *Orders of the Day*, which is the "Second Reading of Bills". Previously, before we went for break, the Honourable Minister declined to invite witnesses into this chamber. He has since changed his mind, as I understand it. So with the consent-, I'm seeking unanimous consent of this

Assembly to invite witnesses, Mr. Jim Goudie and Loretta Michelin to join us while we are in Committee of the Whole and as we go through the clause-by-clause reading of the bills. Do I have unanimous consent? Do I have any Nays to inviting witnesses into our chamber? Seeing none, I'll ask the pages to ask Loretta Michelin and Jim Goudie to join us. Thank you to Loretta and to Jim, for joining us. The procedure for reading the second debate-, for second reading will be a page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of Bill 2019-01. A copy of that bill should be in your packages, so if you want to follow along in your packages? If Members have comments or questions on any page of the bill, you each have up to 10 minutes at a time, to speak. If you still have questions or comments once other Members have spoken, you will be given another opportunity to speak at that time. As I mentioned, we do have witnesses here with us, so feel free to avail of their knowledge, should clarification be required on some point. So if everyone has the bill in front of them, we'll now go on to page 2, clause 1. Page 2, clause 1, says, "short title, this Inuit law may be cited as the *Labrador Inuit Lands Amendment Act of 2019*". Any questions? All in agreement? Any Nays? Onto page 2, clause 2. I'll give everyone a second to-, so again we're now reviewing amendments to *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*, Section 2. I'll give everyone a brief moment to review it. Page 2, clause 2-, any questions arising from that? Seeing none, all in agreement? Any Nays? Seeing none, on to page 2, clause 3, titled Section 2.11 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*, is amended by adding the following sub-section-

, again, I will provide a brief moment to review that. Any questions arising from that? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS. WOLFREY: I'm going to ask first-, I'm allowed to ask a question on that Number 3, what does it mean? Is it? I'm allowed to ask that?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Absolutely, you are.

MS. WOLFREY: Okay. So is the Minister going to be the only person that can grant that authority, or can the Minister delegate that authority to the-, I don't know, the Deputy Minister, the Conservation Officers-, that kind of stuff?

MS. MICHELIN: One of the things that will happen if this Act is passed, it will give the NEC the authority to make regulations. The regulations have already been drafted. They're called the "Regulations Respecting Access to Labrador Inuit Lands by Non-Beneficiaries for Purposes of Harvesting". So these regulations will outline who has the authority to issue permits to non-beneficiaries for purposes of harvesting and it will be for the most part, the Conservation Officers, the Director and anybody else who has been given that authority by the Minister.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other questions arising from page 2, clause 3? Any Nays with that amendment? We'll move on to page 2, clause 4. Page 2, clause 4 is titled "Section 2.18 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* is amended by deleting clause 2.18, Section (a) and replacing it with the following-, I'll give you a brief moment to review that. Any questions arising from that clause? All in favour of that clause? Any Nays? We'll now move on to page 3, clause

4, continued, which we just covered off. Page 3, clause 5. Page 3, clause 5 is titled "Section 2.19 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* is amended by renumbering it as Subsection 1 and adding the following Subsection. Any questions arising from that clause? Seeing none, all in agreement? Any Nays? Onto page 3, clause 6. Clause 6 is titled, "Subsection 2.28, Section 2 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*, is deleted and replaced with the following subsection. Any questions arising from that clause? All in agreement? Any Nays? Onto page 3, clause 7. Page 3, clause 7, "The chapeau of Section 2.29 is amended by inserting the words, "or an instrument permitting entry on to Labrador Inuit lands for the purposes of harvesting", immediately before the colon. Questions arising? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MR. WOLFREY:

Thank you. A chapeau to me, is a hat in French, so tell me what chapeau is, please.

MS. MICHELIN:

Chapeau just means heading and in the original Section 2.29, the heading-, let's call it the heading would be "decisions on applications". It's now going to read, "or a-, decisions on applications or an instrument permitting entry on Labrador Inuit Lands for purposes of harvesting". These are all very technical amendments. So basically, it just means that the heading-, there's something that's going to be added to the heading of the Section.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

AngajukKâk Dicker? You had a question, I believe? Or that took care of yours as well? And I might add, it cleared up my own mystery as well, so

thank you for that response. All in agreement with page 3, clause 7? Any questions? All in agreement? Any Nays? Onto page 3, clause 8. Clause 8 is simply titled, Section 3.2 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* is repealed and left blank. Any questions? All in favour? Any Nays? Seeing none, page 3, clause 9. Clause 9 is titled "Section 3.3 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* is deleted and replaced with the following". I'll give you, if you want a brief moment to look at that. And you wish to speak to that, Ms. Michelin?

MS. MICHELIN:

Yes, just a short explanation. What's being deleted, are the references to the traditional tenures, and that's because after three years, those were taken care of, so they have now been deleted from the *Lands Act*. It's still an ongoing process but this outline, how they would be dealt with within the three years of the enactment of the *Lands Act*, okay?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Are there any other questions on section 9? All in agreement? Any opposed? Onto clause 10. Clause 10 is titled, "Section 4.2 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*, is amended by renumbering it as Subsection 1 and adding the following Subsection." I'll give everyone just a quick moment to look at that. Are there any questions regarding section 10, clause 10? AngajukKâk Wolfrey, it looks like you have something on your mind?

MS. WOLFREY:

I do, but I don't know if it refers to that. But I'm just thinking, what's this going to do to the-, right now we have people who lived in our communities for a long, long, time who are non-beneficiaries and have a right to harvest. What's this going to do to them? Is it still going to stay the same?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Is your question-, if I can respond-, is your question in reference to this particular clause?

MS. WOLFREY: No, not really. It's in question to the whole thing.

MS. MICHELIN: The rights of long-term residents, as defined in the *Land Claims Agreement*, won't be changed by this.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any other questions on this clause?

MS. WOLFREY: No, that's good. Thank you. Thank you for allowing me to ask, even though it wasn't in the clause.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other questions on clause 10? All in agreement with this clause? Any opposed? Onto clause 11. And clause 11 extends between page 3 and page 4. So I will read the heading and then give everyone a brief-, a moment to review that. Clause 11 states, "Part 4 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*, is amended by adding the following new sections" and again, I'll allow people a moment to review that. Just for clarity, so that clause encompasses a piece-, the bottom portion of page 3 in your binder, all of page 4, all of page 5. So again, I will grant a few minutes to look at that. Are there any questions arising from clause 11? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS. WOLFREY: I'm just wondering why there's the word aircraft in there because all I can think about is specific areas around Rigolet and that's just say where there's a fall staging area for geese and we don't even want people going in there in boats, but if you can put aircraft in there, someone can land in Goose brook up in what we call the gardens, in a chopper, like why is that

in there? Is it-, I want to understand that we're not going to do any damage to places like that, or even for bake apples where they can go right in, you know? I'm just wondering, do you have to have to have the word aircraft in there?

MR. GOUDIE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you AngajukKâk Wolfrey. Excellent question. It's in there, specifically so that we can deal with the issue we've had with fish camps. So it gives the Minister greater clarity and greater ability-, flexibility to deal with when he issues permits to fish camps. Right now, we don't have that ability. The permit to access has been-, our current one is-, ad hoc is probably the wrong term, but very loose. It doesn't give us any definitions-, no real authority. So this particular clause, this particular wording is in this particular wording is in this bill, just so that the Minister has the ability to deal with fish camps because they have to fly in. And we're not saying that, you know-, we're not going to limit them from actually getting to their camp. So that's why that's in there. But it's not meant for non-beneficiaries to fly into any other parts of Labrador Inuit Lands by aircraft. It's particular to fish camps.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Are there any other questions? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MS. MICHELIN:

We just picked up a typo also that-, okay, 4.30 should be non-beneficiaries, right at the beginning there-, non-beneficiaries harvesting, so that-, okay.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Yeah, (g) breaks of into (h), yeah and then (g) is repeated, as well after that. So there should be another sub-clause, I guess. There's 2 (g) sub-clauses

under 4.3? So it looks like sub-clause (h) is actually supposed to be all part of (g) and then sub-clause, the other (g) should be (h).

MS. MICHELIN:

It came out, it was a mistake, so what it should read is that (g) should be the non-beneficiary is there, so it should just be one, and the last (g) should be (h).

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

So for absolute clarity, because obviously, the Members of this Assembly have to pass this clause, can you state it explicitly, for the record how that clause should read so we have it answered, and we have it for the benefit of all our Members of our Assembly?

MS. WOLFREY:

You're ahead of us. We're only at 4.25, number 3. How did we get ahead?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Sorry?

MS. WOLFREY:

You're ahead of us, I'm trying to say.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

What I'm saying is that there's a mistake in the clause and I want a witness to clarify what that statement should read before we proceed to a vote. We're not going to proceed to a vote until I'm satisfied that all questions that are potentially here on the floor have been asked.

MS. MICHELIN:

Okay, so we're still on Section 11 of the amendments. So Section 11 states that "Part 4 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* is amended by adding the following new sections. So under 4.30, if you go down to (g), there's a break in the second line-, the non-beneficiaries-, that should be brought up. Am I explaining myself-, and-, so that it's one clause. Right now it's split into two clauses and it shouldn't be. It should be just one clause (g),

the second line should read non-beneficiaries harvesting and then the (g) after that, should actually be (h).

MR. GOUDIE: For (h) we start at "non-beneficiaries harvesting", yeah, because you have two (g)'s there.

MS. MICHELIN: Yeah.

MR. SAUNDERS: No I understand that.

MR. ANDERSEN: Read (g).

MS. MICHELIN: Okay, I'll read to you okay? So (g) should read "differentiating amongst different classes or categories of persons holding instruments issued under Section 4.25 including, without limitation, non-beneficiaries harvesting for or on behalf of dependent beneficiaries, non-beneficiaries harvesting at or from a commercial wildlife operation or other recreational lodge, camp, or facility, and non-beneficiaries who hold leases, life estates or primates, under Section 4.12 of this act, and" and then the next clause should be (h) "defining words and phrases".

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Is everybody clear on the typo and the proper presentation of 4.3 (g) and (h)? Is everybody clear? Are there any other questions arising from clause 11? It's-, The Speaker recognizes Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS: Under 4.29, I don't see any date as to how long that instrument "may refuse to issue an instrument" will hold or last? Is there a time limit?

MR. GOUDIE: There's no current time-limit associated with how long, I guess, a permit can be revoked, or whatnot. I believe that's the question? But there is an

appeal process under the Regulations for a non-beneficiary to appeal his permit being revoked, yeah.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you, I just for a minute there-, for a while there, we were going by (inaudible) sorry-, we were going like from 11, 4.25 and then we jumped over to 11, 4.30 without doing 4.26, 4.27-, that's what I was trying to say. And so where are we going? Are we going to go back now to 4.26, because we missed that out all together and went to 4.30. *Nakummek.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Just for clarity, what we're considering, AngajukKâk Wolfrey, is clause 11 in its entirety. So we don't necessarily have to go through point-, subsection by subsection of clause 11, which is why I allowed a substantial period of time for people to have a look at clause 11. If there's any questions at all relating to any section of clause 11, when we say we do a review, we do a clause by clause review. And clause 11 encompasses everything from Section 4.25 to 4.30 and all subsections in between. So don't-, we're not required to go through every little subsection item, but we are required is to go through things on a clause-by-clause basis, which we're in the midst of doing. So if you have any questions, or if you or anybody else, for that matter in this Assembly has any questions related to any part of clause 11, then I invite you now, to have a look and thanks to the sharp eyes of the Ordinary Member from Postville, there, we do note a discrepancy. But-, so again, we're considering clause 11-, any aspect of clause 11, without necessarily going through it chronologically, within the clause itself.

MS. WOLFREY: (Inaudible) I didn't understand at first, but I do, now.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: In the preamble, we did say that when we went to the Committee of the Whole, we would go through it on a clause-by-clause basis and we are dealing with clause 11 in its entirety and in a proper chronological order. Are there any other questions related to any aspects? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Clause 11 talks about the rules and regulations that an enforcement for non-compliance to regulations there, and some enforcement being made, but there's no reference there to-, I understand sir, that within communities from Hopedale to Rigolet, or Upper Lake Melville, even, they have not large areas to guard, I guess, or look after, but Nain, north of Nain, we've got one Conservation officer that's got to monitor whatever thousands of square kilometers of land. Is there anywhere in this Act that can be put that, you know, the-, in order to enforce these regulations, especially if airplanes are coming in without notice, from the other province, Quebec, or anywhere else, without being noticed by our enforcement people, that's there, so that we had the personnel in place to monitor these regulations.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Mr. Goudie? Would you care to respond and provide some flavour to that?

MR. GOUDIE: Thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker for your question. I would say that's an HR issue, more so than actually pertains to this piece of legislation or bill. It is certainly one of the highlight issues, the area that our Conservation Officer

in Nain has to patrol. It's on the top of my list, and that's all I can speak to that issue right now, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Would you care for a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Dicker?

MR. DICKER:

Yes, sir. Thank you. This has always been a concern, right from even the LIA days, Deputy Minister that in how the area north of Nain is too vast for one officer, and we've been trying to find solutions. Myself, as a part of the Association, at the time, and now as a Member of the Assembly and a part of the Nunatsiavut Government, to try and ensure that, you know, our land is protected, we're amending this *Lands Act*, to do that-, to create protection for the beneficiaries and the land itself. And I believe that, you know, putting in there somewhere in the future or while you're amending this, to have more enforcement officers in place would be-, go along way, and the funding that can be pursued by the Executive Council to do this. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. Mr. Andersen?

MR. ANDERSEN:

I thank you Chairman the AngajukKâat question has nothing to do with this bill. I hear what he has to say and I respectfully fully agree with him, and as the Deputy Minister has mentioned, it is a very high priority for my department to ensure that we have more conservation workers for that Nain and north of Nain. And I want to assure that we're working as my predecessors have in securing funds to have another enforcement officer working out of the Nain office for that area north of Nain, so that we can have two conservation areas, for the-, as you said, very large area. But this

is not the place to include increasing numbers of conversation-, in this particular bill. This only has to do with access to Labrador Inuit Lands by non-beneficiaries.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen. Your point is well-taken. The purpose of this discussion is to look at this piece of legislation and this piece of legislation alone, at this point in time. Any questions that should arise, should be centred around the wording of this legislation and we are going to use this opportunity to make sure that any questions arising from this legislation are addressed and we will confine our discussions to this legislation at this time. Are there any other questions regarding clause 11 of the proposed legislation? Any other questions from clause 11? Seeing none, we'll go on to page 6, clause 12. The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Postville.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Chair. Just for clarification, did we ask for approval of clause 11? Did we vote on clause 11?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

That's an excellent point and my oversight. So just for clarity, I ask for a vote on clause 11, but what we're voting on is the amended clause 11 as pronounced by our Legal Advisor, Ms. Loretta Michelin. She read into the record how that clause will read in the final draft, so I'll be asking for everyone's vote based upon the amended, not as presented within the package, but as verbalized by Ms. Michelin. All in favour of clause 11 as amended? Any dissenters? Any Nays? Seeing none, we'll move on to clause 12. And again, I'll read out just a headline face. Clause 12 of the proposed legislation, Section 11.3 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*, is

deleted and replaced with the following. I'll give everyone a moment to read that. Any questions arising from clause 12? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess with the explanation of all these regulations and enforcement rules been there and the 11.3 kind of states clearly that the (inaudible) regulations under this act are being complied with. Will this amended act have appendixes with regards to penalties and explanation of non-compliance issues?

MS. MICHELIN:

There are regulations that have been drafted, but in order to enact these regulations, this bill before the house has to be enacted first. So when the Assembly enacts or approves this amending bill, these regulations that have been drafted, comes into effect, and the regulations deal with the compliance of the permits for non-beneficiary access too.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Are there any other questions regarding Section 12 of the proposed legislation? Seeing none, all in favour? Any opposed? Onto page 6, clause 13 and again, I'll read the title. Clause (b) of subsection, Section 11.5(1) of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* is deleted and replaced with the following-, Are there any questions arising from clause 13? Seeing none, all in favour of clause 13? Any opposed? Seeing none, on to the final piece which is titled, "Coming into Force". Clause 14 reads, this act comes into force upon this registration under the *Nunatsiavut Laws and Registration Act*. Any questions regarding clause 14? Seeing none, all those in favour of clause 14? Any opposed? That concludes the page-by-page, and clause-by-clause

review of the bill. Does the Minister wish to conclude the debate? We'll get through this section, then I'll excuse our witnesses.

MR. ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you, to that. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, I wish to conclude debate.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Thank you. That concludes debate. All those in favour of the second reading of Bill 2019-01 as amended? Any opposed? The motion is carried and I thank our witnesses for coming and joining us. The Speaker recognizes Mr. Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN: I just a point Mr. Speaker. I was wondering if we can pass this bill in Committee of the Whole or have to return to Assembly.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I'm returning to Assembly now. I excused our witnesses because we're about to return to Assembly.

MR. ANDERSEN: In fact we did already vote on the bill.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Huh?

MR. ANDERSEN: We have already voted and I raised my hand in favour of...

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I've been told by my crack clerk that we can indeed pass it while we're in Committee of the Whole so we'll do that. Accordingly, Bill 2019-01, a bill for an act to amend the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act CILL-1*, has had second reading. I'd like to thank the Minister and we are now back in Assembly. On to Item 18 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Assent to Bills". Honourable President, the Assembly has given second reading to Bill 2019-01, a bill for an act to amend the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act CILL-1* and wish to present it for assent.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, Uhalitik. Honourable Speaker and Members, as President of Nunatsiavut, I wish to assent to Bill 2019-01, a bill for an act to amend the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act CILL-1*, and hereby sign it into law.

Nakummek, Uhalitik.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Onto Item 19 of the *Orders of the Day*, and again, it's been a very unique Session of this Assembly, and I thank everyone for their patience and guidance and as we move through a difficult chapter in our government's history. Thank you all for your attention. Thank you all for the work you do on behalf of your beneficiaries and with that, I adjourn this session of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.