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**kAVAMALIGIJET**

**KAUJITITSIUTINGA**

**PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

**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 Nain, Mr. Julius Dicker**

**Chair for Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Maxene Winters**

**Absent:**

**AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey**

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

**Staff**

**Legal Counsel, Mr. Mark Gillette**

**Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ms. Mary Sillett**

**The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings were recorded in Inuktitut and English.**

**March 5,6, 2019**

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Morning everybody on this snowy morning here, in Hopedale. Before we start off, I'd like to thank our Assembly staff and our pages who came in on a day when they normally wouldn't, and I thank them for their efforts to get here this morning. I'd like to call to order the continuation of the 2nd Session of the Fourth Nunatsiavut Assembly, and to ask the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Julius Dicker, to say the opening prayer.

**MR. DICKER:** **[Recites prayer]**

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek* AngajukKâk Dicker. Before we proceed on Item Two, I'd like to draw everyone's attention to Standing Order 11, Section 4. Section 4 states that members should dress in a manner appropriate to the dignity of the Assembly and to Inuit culture and on this circumstance, I did make the journey to Hopedale on this occasion, however, my finer and more appropriate clothes did not. So I will ask that forgiveness of the Assembly over the next two days because my own dress falls short of the standard which I would've expected everybody else, and it was an oversight on my part and I do ask everyone's forgiveness. On to Item Two of the opening address. We're now in the Item Two, *Orders of the Day*, and I'll ask that the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe do his opening address.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek Uhalatik.* **[Speaks in Inuttitut]** Mr. Speaker, we need to be clear of our roles and responsibilities to ensure the decisions we make

are informed, for the good of our people and our communities. Without such clarity, Mr. Speaker, we run the risk of losing sight of why we are here, and serious problems can arise. Mr. Speaker, we all know we have a housing crisis in Nunatsiavut, particularly in Nain and here in Agvituk, Hopedale. While we have made tremendous progress in recent years, we are still only scratching the surface. We need to do things differently. If not, we run the risk of losing the gains we have made. During this sitting, we will be asked to decide whether or not we want to keep going down the same road with respect to housing, or if we want to take another path, one that will provide a renewed focus and new opportunities.

**[Speaks in Inuttitut]**

Mr. Speaker, as a government, we envision a Nunatsiavut where we have adequate, safe warm and affordable housing that reflects our diverse needs. The unique environmental characteristics of our homeland, and a social economic and cultural experiences of our people today and for the future. Through effective partnerships, we will strive to foster thriving, sustainable Nunatsiavut communities, providing supportive, including housing for our most vulnerable, while encouraging self reliance, optimism, and growth. As a consensus government, it is imperative that we not lose site of the challenges at hand, and the goals and objectives we want to achieve. Mr. Speaker, it will take careful planning and hard work to create a future we need, want and deserve. As elected officials, we must strive to work together to reaffirm our commitment to each

other, to Nunatsiavut and to all beneficiaries, as we build a better tomorrow.

**[Speaks in Inuttitut]**

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, President Lampe. On to Item Three on the *Orders of the Day*, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery". I'd like to welcome everyone who is here with us, today. Are there any members who wish to recognize people here, in the Gallery?

**MS, SAUNDERS:**

I'd like to welcome Darlene Winters to the Assembly sitting today. Good morning.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Welcome, Ms. Winters. And of course, we have Mr. Darryl Shiwak, and we have the ever-present Isabella Pain, and our legal counsel, Mark Gillette. As we look around us, as we can see, there's a few Members, a couple of our compatriots who are missing, that being the Chair of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak, and the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey. As I understand it, Ms. Wolfrey began her treatments for her condition yesterday and our thoughts are certainly, with her. And our thoughts are certainly with the husband of Patricia Kemuksigak, as well as with the husband of our own AngajukKâk Flowers, and we wish you all the best with all your challenges. Pages for today are Denver Edmunds, and Chad Nochasak, and we have Priscilla Nochasak acting as our page coordinator. Thank you, Priscilla. This session was the term for the pages from Makkovik, however we didn't-, they weren't able to come, so on our upcoming June

session, the pages will be from the community of Makkovik. Our lone interpreter today is Mr. William Barber, and I would ask that we double our efforts to slow down and make sure, because Mr. Barber is flying solo today. Thank you, William. Jess Edmunds is, of course, our IT person. Johansi Tuglavina, from OK Society and Christine Lampe. Thank you, Christine. Thank you Johansi. If anybody has any questions, they can ask obviously, myself, the clerk of the Assembly or the Assistant Clerk of the Assembly. Before we move on to Item Four, I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Honourable Speaker, I would like to provide Notice on a motion, on a Matter of Privilege.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, AngajukKâk Andersen. For this motion, I'd like to ask the Assembly for their support in discussing this motion in the Committee of the Whole. All those in favour of moving to Committee of the Whole? Are there any Nays? There are none, so we will proceed to Committee of the Whole. Under Standing Order 17, Section 5, a matter of privilege shall be considered immediately. Standing Order 17.7 requires the Speaker to rule on the matter of privilege. And I'm ruling that the point of privilege is timely and that there is a Prima facie case. Just for background, now this-, the Point of Privilege is a reasonably rare occurrence in this Assembly, so I will spend just a quick moment in the last session, to explain the procedure for the benefit of all sitting here. Before we can proceed with a Matter of Privilege, there's two things must be-, two requirements must be met. The first requirement is that

the motion was presented in a timely fashion at the first available opportunity. This, of course, is the first opportunity we've had to get together since we met last in January. The second requirement for the motion to proceed-, or for the Point of Privilege to Proceed is that it's a Prima facie case. In plain speaking, Prima facie simply means that the speaker has to rule that it is a valid consideration. On both points, I am ruling that the motion is in order, so please proceed with your motion, AngajukKâk Andersen. And we're now in Committee of the Whole, so in accordance with the Item that our Honourable Member Andersen pointed out, from this point forward, I am now the Chair, as opposed to The Speaker.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move, seconded by Ms. Carlene Palliser, Ordinary Member for Rigolet that the Nunatsiavut Assembly adopt the following resolution as a revision approved by not less than 60 percent of the Members of the Assembly, whereas Ms. Rachel Saunders, the Ordinary Member for Nunatsiavut Assembly for the Inuit community of Hopedale was found to have contravened Section 2.2, Section 2.4 and Section 2.6 of the *Code of Conduct*, by a Disciplinary Committee acting under Section 5.5 of the *Code of Conduct*. And whereas the Disciplinary Committee required the Ordinary Member for Hopedale to write letters of apology to the Hopedale Housing Committee, all members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, her constituents, the Assembly staffers who were present when she swore out loud and acted out in the Assembly building and whereas the Ordinary Member for Hopedale refused to comply with

the sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee and whereas on the 16th of January, 2019, the Assembly ordered that: 1) the rights and privileges of the Ordinary Member for Hopedale be suspended, 2) the suspension continue until the start of the next sitting of the Assembly, unless before that time, the Ordinary Member for Hopedale complied with the sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee and 3) if the Ordinary Member for Hopedale did not comply with the sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee by commencement of the next sitting of the Assembly, the Assembly would 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 a serious breach of the *Code of Conduct* and contempt of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And whereas the Ordinary Member for Hopedale has not complied with the order of this Assembly, and whereas Section 4.3.7 of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* and Section 17 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, state that a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly be removed from office by resolution of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, adapted with the supporting vote of at least 60 percent of the Members, only on the grounds of a) a serious violation of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* or Inuit law, b) becoming unable to perform the functions of office, or c) unethical or immoral behaviour, including a serious breach of any *Code of Conduct*, including a *Code of Ethics*, and conflict of interest guidelines that may be established by the Assembly or its Members. And whereas Ms. Saunders' conduct, a) is contrary to her



oath of office to obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, and all Inuit laws, b) is inconsistent with the principals set out in Section 1.13(n) and 1.13(y) of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* and c) is a breach of Sections 2.2, 2.4 and 2.6 of the *Code of Conduct*, as determined by the Disciplinary Committee and d) demonstrate contempt for the Nunatsiavut Assembly and as a breach of Section 55(c) of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*. And therefore, be it resolved that Ms. Rachel Saunders, Ordinary Member for the Nunatsiavut Assembly for the Inuit community of Hopedale, hereby be removed from office.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Andersen. The Motion is in order. The AngajukKâk from Makkovik, Mr. Andersen, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

No, Mr. Speaker, I think the resolution speaks for itself, and is self explanatory. It's to be discussed in the Committee of the Whole.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Andersen. Are there any other Members who wish to speak to the motion? The Chair recognizes AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek*, *Uhalatik*. I do not believe that the total Resolution was read, the last section there: "be it further resolved" was not addressed to the Assembly.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

AngajukKâk Dicker, you are entirely correct, and I would ask that as an addendum, AngajukKâk for Makkovik added the final line. You're

absolutely correct and we . AngajukKâk Andersen, would you care to read the final piece of the-, just...

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Add it, yeah.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** AngajukKâk Andersen, just if you might shut of your mic just for one second. For the purposes of clarity, there was one additional Line Item on the motion. The final piece that AngajukKâk Andersen is about to read, is part of the original motion and will form the entire record. With that, AngajukKâk Andersen, would you care to miss the omitted piece.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Yeah. Sorry about that, Assembly Members, this-, the last section wasn't on my paper here, but I do have it here, now. And be it further resolved, that-, sorry, I'll start from the-, and whereas Ms. Rachel Saunders conduct is contrary to her oath of office, to obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* and all Inuit Laws b) is inconsistent with the principles set out in Sections 1.13(n) and 1.13(y) of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*. C) is a breach of Section 2.2, 2.4, and 2.6 of the *Code of Conduct*, as determined by the Disciplinary Committee and d) demonstrates contempt for the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and is a breach of Section 55 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*. Now, therefore it be resolved that Ms. Rachel Saunders, Ordinary Member for the Nunatsiavut Assembly for the Inuit community of Hopedale, is hereby removed from office. And be it further resolved that Ms. Rachel Saunders, be entitled to payment of the appropriate severance, calculated to the date of this resolution, not including any periods of unpaid leave. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Andersen. AngajukKâk Dicker, did you have-, did you wish something else to add to the original point?

**MR. DICKER:** No, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Are there any other members who wish to speak to the motion? The Chairperson recognizes AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is, this vote is for 60 percent of the Assembly. We have two Assembly Members missing, so we're not getting 60 percent of the whole Assembly, and also I-, please ignore my ignorance, but I'm very uncomfortable voting on a motion when a Member has been elected by the people. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** To address by way of background-, to address your first point. In order for the motion to succeed-, in order for the motion to pass, as presented by AngajukKâk Andersen, you are correct in saying that 60 percent of the Assembly has to be in favour of the motion. With the number of the Assembly being 18, the number of votes required to attain the 60 percent threshold would be 11. So the motion would only pass if there are 11 people voting in favour of this motion. So the people who are absent, as we mentioned at the beginning of the proceedings which are the AngajukKâk for Rigolet and the Chairperson at NunaKatiget, they count in the 18. Obviously, they're not here to vote, but the motion would succeed or fail based upon 11 people-, 11 Members of this Assembly supporting the motion. If 11 Members do not vote in favour of the motion, then the 60 percent threshold will not be satisfied and the

motion will fail. To the second point, it is a right of Assembly Members to bring forward motions, and it's up to all of the individual Assembly Members to make the judgements that you alluded to, you know, that being-, everyone here has been elected by their constituency, but that is up to the (inaudible)-, and the process for removal has-, which mostly speaks to, has been its path which has been followed in the past and it's-, the path is constitutionally, sound and in order. Are there any other Members wishing to speak to the motion? Are there any other Members wishing to speak to the motion? The only reason I'm hesitating, AngajukKâk Flowers, is I wanted to give everybody else an opportunity to speak before I give you a second opportunity to speak. Are there any other Members wishing to speak to the Motion? Seeing none, the The Chair recognizes AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers. I believe you had a secondary question?

**MS. FLOWERS:**

And has the-, my question is, has Ms. Saunders not made an apology and will not make an apology-, is this what we're voting on? To remove her because the apology hasn't been made?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

The motion before us is before us because there was an ad hoc Disciplinary Committee of this Assembly constructed. That committee met on numerous occasions, and based upon those meetings, and I'm speaking purely instructively at this point. I'm not trying to interject any of my own personal flavour or bias, so I'll speak as a person who chaired that committee, at this point. That committee met on several occasions and decided what an appropriate sanction would be, given the behaviors

which were demonstrated. The committee then required that the Ordinary Member for Hopedale perform-, make a number of apologies. The reason we are here this morning, and the reason this motion was brought forward, is not tied directly to the behaviours. It is tied to the fact that the sanctions, as imposed by the ad hoc committee were not honoured, and they were not abided by. That is the reason why this motion was brought forward. It was telegraphed back in the January sitting, that this would be the path that was laid for us, and we are here because the sanctions imposed by the ad hoc committee have not been followed through on. That is the reason we are in this position.

AngajukKâk Dicker, did you have an additional comment? I saw you move your head there. That's why I'm asking.

**MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek Uhalitik*, I too believe that the democratic process voted the Member to be representative of the community. I-, when the ad hoc committee met, did they meet with the-, did they have a public meeting with the community to see what their thoughts were, because from what I understand, there is still a lot of support for the individual Member that we're talking about here, now. And, you know, they're the ones that elected this person into office. I was wondering if they were consulted with, with regards to the charges or alleged incidence that did happen, and how they felt. Was that, I guess, considered? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I will respond to that because I was the Chairperson of that ad hoc committee, so I will-, again, and this is purely instructional on my behalf,

so I did mention this in the January sitting. But I will repeat it for the benefit of everybody, given that AngajukKâk Dicker did bring it up. So the process was as follows: The ad hoc committee was struck and the ad hoc committee conducted a number of interviews, and I believe the number was six. I believe it was six individuals which were interviewed-, a total of six and the individuals who were interviewed were witnesses to the behaviour which was alleged to have happened. When there is a *Code of Conduct* complaint, there is no process by which we canvas the constituency of each individual Member. The *Code of Conduct* complaint simply examines what an individual is alleged to have done, and compares that alleged behaviours against what the *Code of Conduct* says we can and cannot do. So we simply looked at the behaviours which were alleged to have happened, compared that to what the *Code of Conduct* says is okay, and if there is a difference between those two, then there was a finding. And that is, indeed, the case that happened here. What was done with the interviews was, we were trying to ascertain if the alleged behaviours were, indeed, substantiated. Was there more than one person who saw them? Was the version of events from different potential witnesses-, were they consistent? And the ad hoc committee moved forward with that framework. Every effort was made to ensure that everybody involved was treated equitably. Every effort was made to ensure that everyone, including what we felt Ms. Saunders, was treated with an equitable eye. Ms. Saunders was, of course, one of the six people who were interviewed for that process. But there is no

process to canvas the constituency whenever a *Code of Conduct* complaint comes up. And again, this-, the reason we are at the stage we are in, is now one step removed from the *Code of Conduct*, we are here because a Committee of this Assembly was struck. The Committee of this Assembly put forth a list of sanctions to make the situation right. And the opportunity to make the situation right was not taken. And that path has led us to where we are today. So that's-, I'm not sure if that provides you with some clarity, but that's the process that was followed in this circumstance, and indeed, would be the same process which we've followed in previous examples and any other examples which are to come. The Speaker recognizes-, sorry, my apologies, The Chairperson recognizes AngajukKâk For Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess for some clarity to AngajukKâk Dicker and AngajukKâk Flowers, we as elected officials, are held to a higher standard than probably any other elected official in this country. From looking at our Code of Conduct and the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*. And if we, as elected body, cannot adhere to those standards, then we have a process to deal with elected officials. And right now, we have done that. In my opinion, if we just let things go without any actions taken, we are setting a very, very dangerous precedent for, not only the rest of us as elected officials, but also our civil service. And I think we should keep that in mind today, as well. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek* AngajukKâk Andersen. Are there any other Members wishing to make a comment? The Chair recognizes Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Ms. Rachel Saunders.

**MS. SAUNDERS:**

Thank you. I am an honest person. I don't lie. I'm firm in my beliefs and I hold very high integrity and my morals and my values are that of my ancestors, the Inuit people. To me, this process was not fair and I stand proud in saying that I will fight for what I believe is right to me. I was hoping that we had tabled a letter that came to you guys last evening, because I did retain a lawyer, because I feel that my rights have been violated and right now, and all along, I have said that I will not apologize for something I didn't do. There are certain things that I did do, under the *Code of Conduct*, yes, and I owned up to that, but to me, this process was not fair. And I look forward to hearing your response to the letter that my lawyer has drafted and sent to you. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement? The Chairperson recognizes AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I just want to be clear, I guess, on the-, and back up a little bit in the discussion here. When-, do I understand it correctly, that 60 percent of the vote is including the Members that's not sitting around the table? If it is, well, I do have a little bit of concern. Is it stated somewhere in the rules and procedures that I've missed somewhere, or the Standing Orders of the Assembly or something I've missed here? But usually, in any meeting, like I'm AngajukKâk and I've



been involved in committees, but if there's someone not in attendance in a meeting, and you have a quorum, the two that is not present, is usually ruled out, but in this case, it seems like that the two that's absent will be included in the vote as a total of 18.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you for your question, AngajukKâk Sheppard. The rule states that 60 percent of Members. It does not state 60 percent of Members present. So that is where we came up with that benchmark of 11, required to pass the motion. It does not specify that 60 percent of the Members present at that Assembly. It simply states 60 percent of the Members. So we took that to mean the official-, the two individuals who are not with us will be included in the total number. Are there any other additional questions? AngajukKâk Dicker, I'm just gonna make sure that no one else has questions, because you've had a couple opportunities already. So I'll just canvas the room, the Assembly for one before I come back to you, if that's okay? Are there any other additional comments or questions? Hearing none, The Chairperson recognizes, AngajukKâk Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

To me-, thank you, Mr. Chairperson-, that don't sound good. I think that we need to call our legal counsel down, invite them to the table so that they can interpret the Motion as it was read. I would support a Motion saying that Members present, but if two Members are missing, then they have not been-, as far as I know, Mr. Chairperson, approached or have not been a part of this sitting, to see what their vote would be. So to me,

this is not proper. That's my opinion, Mr. Chairperson. So I ask that legal counsel come down and sit with us to interpret that better? Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. Is the Assembly in agreement with having Mark Gillette join us? And just for your background, there was discussion-, considering no nays, I would ask that Mark Gillette come join us. Now, AngajukKâk Dicker, the approach by including everybody in the calculation, is a more conservative approach and indeed provides more of a benefit of the doubt to the person in question, but we'll pause for just one second and we'll invite Mr. Gillette to give us his interpretation. But, again, these decisions are not taken lightly. They're certainly not taken in a vacuum of discussion. So-, but again, we'll hear Mr. Gillette when he comes down, and joins us momentarily. The Chairperson recognizes Honourable Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, chairman. To be clear, the two members that are not present, when the votes is counted, those two not present would be seen as not supporting the motion. Is that correct?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

What is required for the Motion to pass-, it's not a number of questions, no. It's number of questions in favour. So for the motion to pass, it's, it's, it's-, we don't count the no's. We count the yes'. For the motion to pass, we need so many votes, which support the Motion. The motion requires a certain percentage of support. And if those members are not here to support it, then of course, their number would not be included in the vote to support.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Yes. And that's what I asked. The two not present, they're not included in the number that supports the motion.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Given that they're not here to take a ballot, that would be the assumption, yes.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Then, it could be said any-which-way, but it can still be seen as not supporting the motion?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Yes, yes. Thank you, Mr. Gillette for joining us. For the sake of clarity, AngajukKâk Dicker, would you care to repeat your question for the record?

**MR. DICKER:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. My concern or question was that the way that the motion was read, Mr. Gillette, was that at least 60 percent of Members-, only of Members, it didn't say of Members present, and I'm uncomfortable with the fact that two Members are not here. I believe this still and I wasn't clear whether or not this is proper. That's what I need clarification on. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Go ahead, Mr. Gillette.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To make things simple, AngajukKâk, the rules stated by the speaker is correct. The provision states that the motion of this type requires 60 percent support of Members of the Assembly, not Members of the Assembly in attendance at the meeting, so the threshold is 60 percent of 18, not 60 percent of 16. So that's what the rule is, and that's the rule that the Assembly must follow. Just to elaborate a little bit, if we were-, and in deference, to respect of the Member here, who's

concerning this motion, 60 percent of 18 is actually a higher number of votes, than would be 60 percent of 16. So in order for the motion to pass, if we include the two members that are not here, who are rightfully excused. They're not-, they're still members of the Assembly and I appreciate their vote will not be cast today-, if you include those two members, it's actually, a higher number of votes that has to be met in order for resolution to pass. So it's in favour of the Member who is in jeopardy, here. And if I may-, not specifically in regards to this question-, regards to the question from the Ordinary Member from Nain, Mr. Andersen, I think it would be more properly characterized as, not that those two votes-, those two individuals are not here to vote, so we don't know whether it would be yes or no. The Speaker has correctly stated that we're concerned-, not we're concerned-, the House should be concerned about the number of votes in support, because that's the threshold for the passing of the resolution. I don't think it's quite necessarily correct to say that those two individuals may vote against, or I would say it would be more along the lines of an abstention. They're not here to cast a vote. If they were here, they may have choose to cast a vote or not. But nonetheless, so just to reiterate, the rule is 60 percent of all members. That's the rule that must be used in this circumstance. And to use 60 percent of all Members actually increases the number of votes in favour that will be required to pass the resolution.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

So just in summation, the fact that two Members are missing-, the fact that two Members are not with us, and as Mark said, they're properly

excused-, the fact that we're down two Members in no way prejudices or hurts the plight-, that's not the correct word, but the circumstances of Ms. Saunders. So it's-, if anything, I'll leave it at that. Now, since we have Mr. Gillette here amongst us, are there any others wishing to ask a question of Mr. Gillette? The Chairperson recognizes the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. My question is with the voting, will that include the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Ms. Rachel Saunders?

**MR. GILLETTE:**

She's currently a Member of the Assembly. She has every right to vote.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any other questions for Mr. Gillette? The Speaker-, sorry-, my apologies-, The Chairperson recognizes the Honourable Gerald Asivak.

**MR. ASIVAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ms. Saunders didn't get a voting piece of paper, and she wasn't aware if she can vote or not.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

As Mr. Gillette alluded, she certainly is entitled. Her suspension from this Assembly ceased when we called this Assembly to order at 9:05 and she's certainly welcome to be amongst us at this moment, and she has every-, she enjoys the full rights and privileges as to the rest of us as of this current juncture, which includes the right and privilege to vote on this motion. Are there any other questions for Mr. Gillette? The Chairperson recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, Itsivautak.* I guess just-, to flog a dead horse here, but obviously, there are provisions under Standing Orders which speak to a quorum and voting to the Members that we have around the table. If

you look at Standing Order One, Subsection 8, it states that “a bill, question or other decision before the Assembly is decided on a vote of the Members. The bill, question or decision, shall be made by majority of the votes cast, unless the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, Inuit Law or a Standing Order expressly requires that the bill question or decision must be made by majority”. So I guess within this case, just to go off further on what Legal said, this is, I guess, a special case where the quorum that we have at the table, or the Members that we have at the table is not what we're looking to for this particular vote, when in a lot of other matters, that would be the case, but the constitution and the *Assembly Act*, says that that's not applicable in this case-, if that's correct understanding of that, but...

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are you directing a question to our Legal Counsel?

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

No, no, just to add onto, I guess what was expressed, and, you know, matters of voting and quorum and whatever else, so...

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Edmunds. Are there any other questions, since we have the privilege of having Mr. Gillette with us at the moment? Last call. Any other questions for Mr. Gillette? Seeing none, Mr. Gillette, I thank you for your accommodation.

**MR. GILLETTE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? I will ask a final time, does anybody else wish to speak to the motion? If no other Member

wishes to speak, does the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Andersen, wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MR. ANDERSON:**

I have no further comments, and I wish to close debate, Mr. Chair.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

That concludes debate. As per precedence, the voting will be on this motion. Again, we are voting on this motion. The voting will be conducted by secret ballot, and I guess I shouldn't have excused Mr. Gillette, because Mr. Gillette will be asked, in concert with Isabella Pain, Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, to collect and count the ballots. Has everyone been distributed a ballot? The Nunatsiavut secretary is-, thank you. For the sake of clarity, you will be distributed a ballot. You will mark, yes, on your ballot, if you are in favour of the motion as presented by AngajukKâk Andersen. You will mark, no, on your ballot, if you are not in favour of this motion to-, as presented by AngajukKâk Andersen. Does everybody have a ballot? Everybody has a ballot? Ms. Pain and Mr. Gillette, may you collect the ballots, please? Has everybody cast their ballot-, everybody who wishes to vote, cast their ballot? Anybody who has not cast their ballot? Thank you. And we'll just pause for a brief moment.

**(Pauses.)**

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Ms. Pain, and thank you, Mr. Gillette. We have the results of the vote. The votes in favour of the motion are 11. The votes against the motion are 4. The threshold of 60 percent of 18 has been met. The

motion is carried and Ms. Saunders, you are removed from your position. I'll call a 15-minute recess of this Assembly.

**[Recess]**

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Welcome, back. Now, we're back in regular Assembly, no long in Committee of the Whole and we'll move on to Item Four of the *Orders of the Day*, which is Member's Statements-, Minister's Statements. I apologize. Are there any Ministers wishing to make a statement, this morning? And I see, the Honourable Gerald Asivak looking to speak. The Speaker recognizes Honourable Gerald Asivak.

**MR. ASIVAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am please to report that NHL Hockey Player, Theo Fleury visited North West River, Happy Valley Goose Bay, the Labrador Correctional Centre, Rigolet, Makkovik, Postville and Hopedale, to tell his story of sexual and addictions and resilience, with extremely positive reviews. His stop in Nain was canceled due to poor weather. We are having initial discussions on a follow-up visit. Many expressed, they would've appreciated more time to interact with him on issues brought forward. Nearly all mental wellness and healing staff, along with the Family Connections staff attended the first week of an onsite 10-day certificate program on counselling skills with Crisis and Trauma Resource Institute. The second half of the training will be offered early April. Jessica Winters has started as Youth Strategy Facilitator and is in the midst of conducting engagement sessions with youth in communities along the coast. She'll take a lead at drafting the Youth Strategy. Mr. Speaker, further funding has been approved to keep the Rigolet and



Hopedale Shed open until March 2020, with the request to keep funded until 2022. The Nain shed has funding until 2022 already. The Regional Youth Symposium will be held in Little Bay, Hopedale, this month. Recruitment of youth, agenda and planning is well underway. It's actually slated for this Thursday, starting until Monday. Mr. Speaker, I will be attending part of that Youth Symposium. We have recently received preliminary approval for the salary for three years for a Regional Justice Service Coordinator through Federal and Provincial joint funding. This individual will play a lead role in strengthening and developing justice services. Discussions have also considered other needs such as Indigenous Court Workers and Gladue Writers. But such funding will not be achieved this fiscal. Mr. Speaker, DHSD and the Department of Education and Economic Development have been engaged with College of the North Atlantic regarding the facilitating of an Early Child Education Certificate Program in Nain. Jacqui Dibbon Brockerville has been hired as a Program Consultant with the College. Her role will be coordination, this training in Nain. Finally, Mr. Speaker, DHSD has started an NG DHSD Facebook page. Facebook dot com, backslash Nunatsiavut DHSD will be further developed through the coming months. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

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

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a brief update in regard to housing. Mr. Speaker, we continue to be very busy with housing and housing related

issues. The Nunatsiavut Executive Council has approved \$3.3 million for the new subdivision in Hopedale on Hopedale Road-, sorry, on Airstrip Road. Land development, Mr. Speaker, continues to be a major hurdle to addressing the housing needs in all of our communities. We are confident that this new subdivision will help the community of Hopedale address its housing issues. Nunatsiavut Affordable Warmth Program-, the application process for the 2019 Affordable Warm Nunatsiavut Home Repair Program has concluded and is now moving into the home assessment stage. Our letters are in process of being sent out to the applicants. In total, we received 96 applications. The complete applications accepted for home assessment was 39. Applications exceeded household income cap, 26, incomplete applications, 23; applications rejected for the 2019 program were eight. This is either an application from a non-beneficiary, non-resident of the community or a recipient of our program in previous years. The 2019 Nunatsiavut Housing Needs Assessment is currently happening in our communities. This information is vital to addressing the housing needs in our communities, as it gives critical information regarding the housing situation in Nunatsiavut. Please encourage people to do the survey in your communities. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to transportation, there are two very important challenges with the Nain airstrip. The sustainability of the current strip-, it has been identified that the current airstrip needs to be upgraded, and there are a number of ways to ensure safety and functionality of the runway, and this needs to be done as soon as possible. I have reached out to the Minister of Transportation and

Works to ensure he understand the need to do the work this summer. Officials from our department and the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, met with officials from the province to stress the importance for them to act now. A new airstrip, slash, airport, for Nain-, even though the immediate priority is to remediate the current airstrip, the long-term goal is to have a new airstrip built that meets the community's needs for now, and into the future. The important next step is a feasibility study for the new airstrip. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, First Minister Mitchell. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Jim Lyall, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

**MR. LYALL:**

*Nakummek*, *Uhatik*. A very brief report on some of the activities in my department. The Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism is gearing up for a very exciting and busy year. We are in the final stages of developing a request for proposals, to have a consultant develop a five-year art strategy for Nunatsiavut. The consultant will be going to each of our communities to talk about the various forms of art, and what the needs are in the communities. In the area of arts, we are working with the Inuit Art Foundation and Canada Council on Information Sessions in our communities regarding the Igloo Tag. We are gearing up for our Hebron Ambassador and Restoration Program for the 2019 season. There are four cruise ships this season and they will be stopping in three of our communities: Nain, Hopedale and Rigolet. Our staff met with the Hopedale Inuit Community government and Agvituk Society this month

to discuss the cruise stops into Hopedale, and discuss ways that our staff can help assist with the shore planning. We are planning on meeting with the communities of Rigolet and Nain in the near future. There will be a lot of emphasis on language this coming year, and staff have been doing some great preparation work. A terminology workshop is being planned for March 12th to 14th in Nain with various fluent Inuttitut speakers who will determine a standardised list of Inuttitut terms to use within the region on various topic areas. Our Master Apprentice Inuttitut program that started on September 17th of 2018, for five of the Inuit communities in Nunatsiavut will conclude on the 31st of March of this year. Planning is beginning for a language summit in 2020. During the summit, people will gather to discuss the language within Nunatsiavut and strategies to revitalize the language. Following the summit, a language strategy will be developed. It will provide a five-year plan to strengthen and revitalize the Inuttitut language within Nunatsiavut. Work continues on Illusuak with RRP's gone out for the Café and Gift shop. Work is occurring in regards to discussion with a possible operator. Due to delays in installation of fire suppression system to protect artifacts within the exhibit, we are hoping for a grand opening of Illusuak this fall. Our department is currently in discussions with an operator for the Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station and are eagerly looking forward to the 2019 season. Through the Digital Outreach and Oral History Initiative, a website has been developed and is very close to being launched. Staff are currently considering conducting a workshop to train local people in each of the Inuit

communities, in digital story collection. The website should be launched by the end of this month. Staff and beneficiaries are attending an apology from the Prime Minister of Canada to Inuit, for the Government of Canada's management of the Tuberculosis epidemic of the past. This will take place in Iqaluit, this week. Our department recently hired Cathy Ford of Makkovik of Makkovik as project manager. She was in Nain for orientation and during the week of November the 19th. Having Cathy in this role greatly increases the NG's capacity for helping Inuit find out what happened to loved ones who were sent out for TB treatment between the 1940's and the 1960's. Our department is very busy preparing for the upcoming fiscal year and we are energized and excited about the work ahead. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Lyall. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, Minister of Finance and Human Resources Information Technology.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, Uhati.* Mr. Speaker, I just would like to recognize and welcome Melissa Webb back to our government. She's working out of the Goose Bay office as HR Manager. We're already seeing much needed work being done with Ms. Webb and trust that she'll continue to advance the HR files of our government in an effective an efficient manner. I also want to recognize the Comptroller of our government, Ms. Rexanne Crawford, my Deputy, for her work over the last few months. While working to develop and balance the budget for our upcoming fiscal year, she of

course, was looking to the HR needs of our government, so I wanted to thank her for her dedication and her efforts over this time. Just quickly, Mr. Speaker, we're in the middle of Income Tax time for the 2018 year, and I'd like to remind all residents of Nunatsiavut that they need to tick the box on their income returns to indicate that they reside in one of our land claims communities of Nain, Hopedale, Postville, Makkovik or Rigolet. Additionally, I wanted to recognize the continued diligence of our Finance Department in ensuring that our government has issued their T4 documentation in a timely manner well in advance of the legislated deadline for employers. *Nakummek UKatti.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Edmunds. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item Five on the *Orders of the Day*, "Members Statements." Are there any Members wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek, Uhalitik.* My report is brief. Just a few incidents have been happening since last sitting. Our Husky Centre is up and running to full capacity now. We've had two hockey tournaments so far, the Grace Memorial and Bernard and Jeffery Webb memorial. Regular games are on the go. Scheduled, rental and family skating is taking place. I would like, at this time, to acknowledge the Nunatsiavut Government, and especially the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* for funding the Nain Inuit Community Government, so that we could bring the Husky Arena up to standard, so that could be open for our public. So thank you, Nunatsiavut Government and

*Tasiujatsoak Trust*. And we will be completing the upgrade this summer with siding, but that won't happen until after the construction season starts. So the Husky Centre should be running for-, we hope for the next 10 years after this, until we find money for a new arena. Mr. Speaker, the Community Enhancement Employment Program is finished. Our last participant to qualify for hours just finished this past Friday. In total, we helped 10 beneficiaries from the community qualify for EI hours. The Trail Marker system is well underway in Nain. We've gone as far south as Kikkertavak Uncle Elias cabin there and the next-, when the weather permits, the crew is planning on going to or Cape Little overnight for two or three days to connect Kikkertavak to Natuashish and then we're connected to Goose Bay and further south, after that. So I'd like to acknowledge the Newfoundland and Labrador-, Department of Labrador Affairs for funding this much needed project. So, Mr. Speaker, that's it for my part. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. It's been a while since I last sat in this Assembly and I want to thank Nunatsiavut Government who has been so very supportive to my husband and myself as we deal with his serious medical condition. We're so fortunate to be able to have access to non-insured health benefits, as if we had to pay for all the costs incurred, the dollar amount would be very high. The staff we dealt with were very compassionate and professional, so we thank each and every one for

caring. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge and send deepest condolences to the families of Augusta Erving, Tom Jararuse and also to the family of Helena Abel. Both Augusta and Tom were relocatees from Hebron. Augusta was an interpreter and translator for many years with LIA, LIC, DHSD and Nunatsiavut Government. She has done an exceptional work in helping to preserve our language and our culture. Tom worked with Torngat Housing for almost 30 years. His carpenter skills and helping hand will be missed. Helena was a very respected elder and spent her last years at the nursing home in Goose Bay. As I said before, when our elders pass, they take many stories and history with them. I think we should do more to preserve that story telling. I would also like to extend condolences to the family of Kim Best, an employee of DHSD for many years, and her sudden death, I think, has left a huge void in that department. I also would like to send well wishes to Charlotte Wolfrey and also to Patricia Kemuksigak's husband Roland. Many medical issues have occurred in our communities, and one hurts, we all hurt. HICG has lost our Town Clerk who had left us for other employment, therefore we are very short-staffed. We have no Town Manager and no Town Clerk. Thank you to Donna Flowers, our office assistant who has stepped up to the plate and taken on acting role as Town Clerk duties. So really, in our office, it's only Donna and myself who are overseeing-, running our town. We also have hired on another clerk, Agnes Millie for a short term to help us out. Our audits are still ongoing, but the end is in sight-, hopefully, by late May 2018 will be completed. So that'll be a wonderful day for me, Mr. Speaker. Belinda



Denniston has been hired as our new CYN worker. We welcome to our team and we're pleased with her enthusiasm in her new position. I'd also like to thank NGC for the donation of cash funds which will be used for our Community Pantry and our wooding project. Our Trail Markers were hired in January. We hired four workers-, two for south, from Hopedale to Iggiak and two for north from Hopedale to Natuashish and I'm pleased to say that they have finished their Trail marking both north and south. We did have a CEEP project, but only two workers were employed and due to a number of administrative issues, the project was closed. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very quickly, I'd like to recognize from my community and congratulate Ms. Joanna Dicker on her recent retirement from the OKâlaKatiget Aid Society. Long-time worker, interpreter, translator, very skilled interviewer, and recognized as an elder and one who has done so much to promote and preserve Inuttitut language. Certainly, I hope that Joanna will enjoy her retirement, and I'm sure it's not only the people from my community, but from Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville, as well, who recognize this tremendous contribution and wish Joanna all the best. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Tony Andersen. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker Recognizes AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Andersen-, Glen Sheppard, sorry. So many Andersens, I get confused, sorry.

**MR. SHEPPARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yeah, a lot happened over the past few months, but not my surname. Anyway, it's good to see you Assembly Members. I did not attend the last sitting, and that was for all good reasons. I've got health issues and concerns which needed attention. However, it's good to see you all around the table. Some of the-, briefly, some of the issues and concerns, and I guess, projects that the Community of Postville, Inuit Community Government has been working on over the past few months, the community, the ICG-, the Inuit Community Government of Postville, has been lobbying for police services, as I guess most of you around the table are well aware. And we are continuing to lobby for better police enhanced services in the community. Land Development, modified housing lots-, six new housing lots will be modified the summer of 2019. Our consultant, Harris and Associates has recommended the acceptance of tender submitted by Bera Limited, at \$905,970. Fire brigade, we had approved funding from the *T Trust* for \$22,000 for fire fighting equipment and training, which is very beneficial, and I'd like to thank the *T Trust* for putting every effort into considering the request. We also had from the *T Trust* at our *Tasiujatsoak Trust* fund, funding for a wooding project that's, I guess, in conjunction with the Ordinary Member and Minister of Finance for Postville-, we sort of combined a proposal last fall and here we have been accepted, which is working out really well, even in the community of Postville, where wood is next door, it's working out really well. Last week alone, were a couple of fine weather days, I think we hauled in-, we had 21 loads of wood hauled in, which was delivered to the seniors and the

single parents. So very beneficial. Tourism; we are applying to the Department of Economic Development for funding, for development and tourism job, Community Development Officer position. Trail marking, as I hear this morning around the table, almost-, I think every AngajukKâk and maybe a Member or two have mentioned about Trail marking, and it's so important, you know. I-, just an example, I travelled from Goose Bay on Friday past, and down to Postville and there's a great need on that trail, if you don't have an idea where you're going. We have a large amount of snow this year and there's marks on the trail. If you're not paying attention, they're about that high off the snow, as opposed to a couple of years ago, the boys had to reach up to nail them on. So if you have people traveling into Goose Bay direction, North West direction, it's-, that's a bit of advice, I guess. We are having a difficult time getting trail markers, however, we're doing our best and there is a section between Hopedale and Postville for those who know their routing of Iggiak area, there's a section, when I came down yesterday, on skidoo, probably five kilometres, with no marking. Other than that, you'll be with the marks in Hopedale. You'll, yes, you'll end up in Postville because the marks that's missing is on a place called Iggiak pond which is a long narrow pond. So-, and then, just an update, I've got on Groomer, so I know a lot of people traveling these days, as opposed to one time, love to use the groom trail. Our groomer returned home yesterday after I arrived in Hopedale. It was all groomed until this morning, I guess, it's dumped on again now and now we got to wait for the weather to be over. But, uh, it's an enjoyment to go down the

groomed trail. Labrador Winter Games; the team is getting prepared and will soon be heading for the Labrador Winter Games as the rest of our communities will be. We have a project-, we have a job ad out now. It's very interesting because, I think, I'm not sure if I heard AngajukKâk Flowers or Dicker mention how we should put more effort into our old stories from our elders which is-, I love to enjoy, I love to listen to. We have a project; we're advertising for an individual now. We have funding approved from New Horizons for seniors and the project is called Flat Building Not Forgotten. And in the project, I'm sure, there will be senior as an instructor and he'll be telling stories about the flat. So I'd like to say to the Ordinary Member from Nain and also the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, that if you're lucky this summer, Mr, Minister, you will get a Flat built. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

**MS. PALLISER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to start by sending best wishes to AngajukKâk from Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey as she began her treatment in St. John's yesterday. Throughout the years, Charlotte, along with her husband, David, has shown tremendous support to families in our community when needed. I hope they know-, both know, that our community sends them love and support in their trying time. I know that Charlotte is a very strong lady and with her positive attitude, she will come out on top as usual. We hope to see them both at home very soon. I would

like to extend special birthday greetings to Uncle Bert Allen of Rigolet, who has celebrated his 89th birthday on February 26th. Personally, I was very fortunate to celebrate his special day with him by attending a supper, as he is my godfather. I wish him many more years to celebrate his special day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Palliser. Are there any other Members? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Yeah, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, it was some of the things that my fellow AngajukKâat were talking about-, the trail, the groomed trail system in Makkovik. Our groomer's broken down since we had it, basically. Spend 390 hours on it and the engine quit, and we haven't seen anything since-, any movement with the groomer since. Getting quite a few comments around town with regard to the road system and the groomed trail system not being groomed. But that's all we can do. We have the engine has left Navetta, believe it or not, on its way up now, so hopefully we'll have that next week some time. Since last March, Mr. Speaker, on a more serious note, we've lost-, in our small community, we have lost seven members of our community, that have passed away since November; David Winters, Alfred Winters, better known as Bunge in our circles, and then his sister Kate Winters later on in January. So on behalf of our community, we pass condolences to the Winters family as it's quite a hard roll or them, and a hard time of the year. Also we have no CAO, Community Administrative Officer, I think is the acronym. We've advertised four times with no success whatsoever-, no applications to even consider. So we do have our

acting Town Clerk acting in the CAO position and we do have an assistant that's keeping our community running pretty well. And I do have a short, prepared statement here. Since I was elected in September of 2018, I've been brought to speed on many issues and challenges facing our community of Makkovik. Over the last number of years, our community has been successful in securing funds for some major infrastructure. At Makkovik, we have a new arena, a new firehall, a new recreation centre, a new craft centre, upgrades to the old community hall, Town Garage and two new lift stations. All these projects were the result of serious lobbying by the ICG, as things our community needed, as required infrastructure and things for our youth in our community to keep them occupied, or for the well-being of all citizens. However, core funding has been steady over the last number of years. All this infrastructure is very challenging to operate with the increased union employee wages, maintenance, insurance and utility costs. The ICG's are also new to more complex matters, both within provincial and Nunatsiavut Government bureaucracy, legal advice will become more frequent and will add to the ICG operating costs. It is my request that I propose a study be done to see if these increasing costs are true and if so, lobby for extra funds so we can continue to legitimately keep our infrastructure functioning in our communities into the future for the benefits it was intended. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, uh, AngajukKâk. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement this morning? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item Six on the *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Oral Questions". AngajukKâk for

Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker asked the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Tony Andersen the following question, "There were 30 moose harvested last year. There will be an increase in licenses to 39. The Gros Morne will be cutting down eventually. What is NG's plan to reduce this lost food security in the future?"

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have provided a very detailed response-, very long and it-, the response is included in the briefing books that people have. And I ask Mr. Speaker that it also be included in the answer, but I don't want to read this over again. I think that the AngajukKâk for Nain, he certainly understands my excellent response, Mr. Speaker and that if there are supplementary questions to this response, then I'll be happy to provide even more excellent responses. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Andersen-, Minister. Andersen, my mistake. The AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker, asked the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gerald Asivak the following question, "Has the NG Department of Health and Social Development made any progress with the LGH officials, regarding their policy of prioritizing beneficiaries who have medical appointments for vision care?" I would like to recognize the Honourable Minister Asivak.

**MR. ASIVAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and AngajukKâk Dicker. The response was replied-, provided to the Clerk of the Assembly as tabled within the seven-day timeline, and if you have any supplementary questions, feel free to reach out. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Asivak. There are no more Returns to Oral Questions today, so we will continue with Item seven on our *Orders of the Day*. Item Seven is "Oral Questions". Are there any oral questions? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek, Uhalitik*. My question, sir, is to the Minister of Health, the Honourable Gerald Asivak. Just recently, we had a combined councils meeting and Labrador Grenfell Health made a presentation and I posed that same question to Madame Heather Brown who is the CEO of Labrador Grenfell Health. And she responded to me last Friday with the-, saying that she met with NG and the Federal non-insured health benefit people. My question to Minister Asivak is, who did she meet with and what did you-, was there anything that came out of it in a positive note for Vision Care policy?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes Minister Gerald Asivak.

**MR. ASIVAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and AngajukKâk Dicker. My Deputy Minister Michelle Kinney, it's at the Tripartite Table along with the Provincial Government and the Federal Government, so in this case, she would've met with Ms. Heather Brown, CEO who sits at the same table, an Atlantic Representative from Halifax. With your question, and I think you asked if there was any update? These meetings are regularly scheduled, and as you noted, your current response was only on the 1st, so at this point in time, we cannot give an updated-, as there are ongoing regular meetings. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



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

**MR. DICKER:** No, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Are there any other questions, this morning? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you all heard, I guess in my Members statement that the Inuit Community Government for Postville-, this is just a note of history-, is, lobbying for the police services. My question is to the Honourable President of Nunatsiavut Government, Johannes Lampe, and the question is on January the 29th, I personally, wrote a letter on behalf of the Inuit Community Government requesting support, even in a letter of support for the Inuit Community Government of Postville, in seeking-, for better services for policing. I want-, my question is, to the Honourable President, did you receive the letter that's dated January the 29th, '19, requesting support? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard. The Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek, Uhatik, Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Kippukamik. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I did receive the letter coming from the Postville Intercommunity Government requesting support for police services and we are still finding ways of how we can work out this issue that is important-, not just to Postville but to other communities which require the services of the RCMP, not just in Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker, I don't know where this responsibility

is in part with the First Minister. I don't know if the First Minister would like to respond to the questions, also. *Nakummek, UKâtitik.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek,* President Lampe. AngajukKâk Andersen, do you have a second-, do you have a supplementary question? Or AngajukKâk Sheppard. My goodness.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** No, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Are there any other oral questions, this morning? I'll just canvas the room one more time, AngajukKâk Sheppard, before I give you a second chance. Are there any other oral questions, this morning? The Speaker recognizes Mr. Glen Sheppard, AngajukKâk for Postville.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I guess due to the type of winter we had with storm after storm after storm, my question is going to the Minister responsible for Lands and Resources, Mr.-, the Honourable Tony Andersen. I understand that our moose harvesting season will end, from what I understood from the conservation officer in Postville, I think it was the end of March. My question is, would you consider extending the moose hunting season based on the adverse weather we had this past winter? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For a minute, I thought he was going to say that I was responsible for the weather, but just said-, yeah, Mr. Speaker, certainly I recognize that it has been a horrible winter for weather, and I'm

sure that, that impacts on the hunt. I would only ask that the Community Governments, should they believe that the weather has had impact on the moose harvest, that they make requests to my department and we'll bring it to the President and Executive council for, you know, under advisement and consider such requests form communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Any other oral questions for this morning? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item Eight of the *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions". Are there any written questions? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item Nine of the *Orders of the Day*, Item Nine, "Returns to Written Questions". There are no returns to written questions today, so we'll move on to Item 10. Item 10, on the *Orders of the Day*, is "Petitions". I'd like to recognize AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:** *Nakummek, Uhalitik*. Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I would like to present a petition signed by beneficiaries who are concerned about the second reading of the *Housing Act*. And they are requesting that second reading for the Bill for an Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut and to establish a Nunatsiavut Housing Commission be delayed until NG has consulted with the Torngat Regional Housing Association.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Just-, beg your interruption, AngajukKâk Dicker. Minister Mitchell, you have something to say?

**MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to make a Point of Order. I recognize Standing Order 35.4 states that no debate is allowed on the presentation of a petition. However, *Standing Order* 35(5) states that a Member presenting a petition shall be answerable for any impertinent or any improper material that it contains. The petition is based on the notion that Torngat Regional Housing Association was not consulted on the bill for an act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut and to establish...

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** First Minister, may I interrupt you just one moment? Your, your Point of Order is in regards to something...

**MS. MITCHELL:** Okay.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** ...which is yet to be stated. So I prefer to let the AngajukKâk state the petition, then you respond based upon the petition he pleads for because at this point, you're making an assertion about something which is yet to be presented.

**MS. MITCHELL:** Okay, but he said, "has been consulted", with TRHA. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** I'll allow AngajukKâk Dicker to say, and then we'll return to your Point of Order. AngajukKâk Dicker, proceed.

**MR. DICKER:** *Nakummek, Uhalitik.* Where did I leave? Okay, 274 individuals, and the originators, Roxanne Andersen from Nain-, Mr. Speaker, in order to meet the deadlines of this Assembly and its meetings. I presented this petition to the clerk of the Assembly so that it could be tabled at this Assembly. The meeting that-, the meeting was going to take place with Torngat Regional Housing Association and the committee from Nunatsiavut

Government on Housing-, Special Committee, but in order for this petition to be tabled, I needed to present it before that meeting took place. And I followed procedure and if there's an order-, Point of Order that needs to be addressed, then I'll accept that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. First Minister Mitchell, please return to your Point of Order.

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Point of Order was, the petition is based on the notion that Torngat Regional Housing Association was not consulted on the bill for an act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut and to establish a Nunatsiavut Housing Commission. I wish to point out to the Member and the Assembly that the report of the Special Committee of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, which has been circulated to all Members and tabled today, clearly states that Torngat Regional Housing Association has been consulted by the Special Committee, twice, on the bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek* First Minister Mitchell. I believe the Point of Order with First Minister Mitchell brought forward, is in order. The petition, as I understand it-, and certainly correct me if I'm mistaken, AngajukKâk Dicker-, the petition called for a delay in second reading of the *Housing Act*, until such time as the second consultation with TRHA had happened. My understanding is that consultation has already happened, so to First Minister Mitchell's point, her Point of Order is valid and that petition will not be tabled today. On to Item 11 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Responses to Petitions". There'll be no responses today. We'll move on to Item 12,

"Reports of Standing in special committees". There are no reports of standing in special committees today, so we'll move on to Item 13 "The Tabling of Documents". I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

**MS. PALISSER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table the Assembly budget recommended for 2019 - 2020. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Ms. Palliser. This document will be numbered as Tabled Document 01-4 Section 2.2. I would now like to recognize the treasurer of the Nunatsiavut Government, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek, Uhalitik*. Honourable Speaker, as required by the Labrador Inuit Constitution, I'm pleased to table the Nunatsiavut Government financial plan for 2019, 2020. *Nakummek, Uhati*.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. The Tabled document will be numbered as 02-4, Section 2.2. I'd like to recognize the First Minister of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I would like to table the final report of the Special Committee on the *Housing Act*, and Nunatsiavut Housing Commission with an attached Appendix.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. This document will be numbered as Tabled Document 03-4, Section 2.2. I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

**MS. PALLISER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Chair of the Standing Committee on alcohol and drugs, I would like to table the report of the Standing Committee on alcohol and drugs, 2019.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Ms. Palliser. This document will be numbered as Tabled Document 04-4, Section 2.2. And there are no more documents to table today, so we'll move on to item 14 of the *Orders of the Day*. Item 14 of the day is "Notices of Motion." I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

**MR. SAUNDERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll give notice that on Wednesday March 6, 2019, that I will move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Wheeler, the following motion. That tabled document 01-4, 2.2-, the Assembly budget recommendations for 2019, 2020, be referred to Committee of the whole for consideration with Ms. Rexanne Crawford, the comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government, as a witness. And Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent for requesting the assembly to waive Standing Order 37(1) to deal with this motion today under Item 16, "Motions".

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** The Speaker would like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, March the 6th, 2019, that I will move, seconded by the following motion: I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Nain, the honourable Tony Andersen, that the Assembly convene as Committee of the whole to

receive the presentation from the Special Committee on the *Housing Act*, and the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission with witnesses, Mr. Mark Gillette, legal counsel, and Ms. Isabella Pain, Deputy Minister of Secretariat.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, First Minister Mitchell. I'd like to recognize the Treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, I will move, seconded by the First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell, that Tabled Document 02-4(2.2) of the Financial Plan 2019, 2020, be moved into the Committee of the whole for discussion, in conjunction with Budget Bill 2019 - 02, and that Ms. Rexanne Crawford, the Comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government be called as a witness.  
*Nakummek, Uhati.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. Thank you. There are no more Notices of Motion today. We'll move on to Item 15 on the *Orders of the Day*, Item 15 is "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills". I'd like to recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut treasurer, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. *Uhalitik.* I give notice that on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, I'll move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, the first reading of Bill 2019-02, the Budget Bill, 2019.  
*Nakummek.*



**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. That concludes the notices of motion for the first reading of bills, today. We'll now move on to Item 16 on the *Orders of the Day*, Item 16 being "Motions". I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

**MR. SAUNDERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today, that Tabled Document 01-4(2.2), The Assembly Budget Recommendation for 2019 and 2020, be referred to Committee of the whole for consideration with Ms. Rexanne Crawford, comptroller for the Nunatsiavut Government as a witness.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** The Ordinary Member for Canada is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. All those in favour? Are there any nays? Seeing none, please proceed.

**MR. SAUNDERS:** Thank you Honourable Speaker and Members. Whereas the Members Services Committee as required by Section 81 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, has tabled Consolidated Budget recommendations for the approval of the Assembly. And whereas the Assembly should consider the recommendations to allow Members Services Committee to finalize consolidated the estimates of the Assembly budget for transmittal to the treasury for inclusion in the consolidated financial plan for 2019, 2020. Now, therefore, I move and seconded by the Upper Lake Melville representative, Ms. Marlene Wheeler, a tabled document, 01-4(2.2), the Assembly Budget recommendations of 2019 and 2020, be referred to the Committee of the whole for consideration with Ms. Rexanne Crawford, the comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government as a witness.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders. The Motion is in order. Mr. Saunders, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. SAUNDERS:** I have no comments at this time, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Are there any other Members who wish to speak to the motion? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek, Uhati.* I'll just remind, I guess, some of the newer Members about the process for the development of the Assembly Budget. The Assembly Budget is developed by members of the Members Services Committee and that looks at the, of course, needs and plans of the Nunatsiavut Assembly for the upcoming year. And it takes the input from our comptroller, Ms. Rexanne Crawford, so there's been a bit of consultation within this budget and, you know, if this is passed today, then that will be brought into our overall budget bill that we're going to be presenting tomorrow. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Edmunds. Are there any other Members wishing to speak to the motion? If no other Member wishes to speak, does the Ordinary Member for Canada wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MR. SAUNDERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are no further comments, and I would like to close the debate.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** That concludes debate. All those in favour? Are there any nays? The motion is carried. We're now in Committee of the whole and I would invite Ms. Rexanne Crawford. Maybe one of the pages can get Ms. Crawford for

us? We invite Ms. Crawford, the comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government to open discussions on the Assembly Budget recommendations for 2019, 2020. I will call just a 10-minute recess before we start that process. Just for everyone's reminder, with the weather being what it will, we will have lunch here at the Assembly building to save everyone from trekking back and forth. So we'll reconvene in 10 minutes in Committee of the Whole.

**[Recess]**

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Before break, we concluded by moving into Committee of the Whole which is where we now reside, and joining is in Committee, is Ms. Rexanne Crawford, Comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government, to open discussions on the Assembly Budget recommendations for the fiscal year, 2019, 2020. Ms. Crawford please proceed with your report.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

So this report is a very short report. This one is on the budget for the operations of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. So the Members Services Committee is responsible for the preparation of the annual budget, detailing the estimated cost and expenses for the Nunatsiavut Assembly for the coming year. So as per Section 81 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, the MSC must table their annual budget recommendations for approval by the Nunatsiavut Assembly. So the Members Services Committee is composed of the Speaker, Edward Blake Rudkowski, Carlene Palliser, Deputy Speaker, Roland Saunders, Ordinary Member for Canada, and Marlene Wheeler, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. So the document on page two, outlines the summary table that will be-, as one of

the tables in the financial plan, and under the *Budget Act 2019*. Page three, takes you through a variance analysis, and I think I'll start there. So salaries and benefits have increased about \$24,000. And the reason for the increase is based on a method for calculating the salaries for elected officials of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. So in 2017, 2018, the salary for an elected official was set at \$75,000 with an increase approved based on CPI, for each year. So we would look at what was CPI on December 31st of the proceeding year, and build that number in to get the incremental increase of the salaries. So for the 2019, 2020 fiscal year, the salary for an elected official has been increased by 1.6 percent to 77,267. So that's the salary for an elected official. That doesn't include the indemnities that have been approved for the Speaker, Deputy Speaker or the Ministers. And as everyone can recall, the constitution speaks to setting salaries for elected officials, and it occurs every five years, so the 2017, 2018 method that was approved by the Assembly is in place for a five-year period and will be reviewed again at that time. The other change that affected salaries and benefits was, due to the fact that in an election year, because we don't know who will actually be representing each of the constituencies or who will be the AngajukKâk, then we use a conservative estimate of a number of dependents. So the salaries for the upcoming fiscal year actually reflect who, you know, your actual dependents, or if you have dependents or not dependents, et cetera. So those are the two drivers for the change of salaries and benefits. Are there any questions on that item? So the changes in travel and the change in the Nunatsiavut Assembly

Committees, is based on travel cost, and those are all based-, as we all know, air travel's expensive and costs have increased, so these budgets are reflecting the increase in cost for just traveling that we have to do. There's been no change in constituency allowance or professional fees. Election costs have a significant decrease because we are not in a general election year or a year of a presidential election. What we do see in this budget are two components for election costs; one, there is a presidential election that will be happening in May 2020, and as per previous reports that have been brought to the Assembly, the elector office now opens-, I think it's the first week in February. It's a number of weeks before the writ is even dropped, so that they have time to get their office set up, get phones set up, printers, order supplies, et cetera, and be fully functioning in order to fulfil their duties. And the operating costs-, again, it's just a small change, reflecting some actual expenditures for supplies, but nothing major. It's just an insignificant amount. So just wondering, you know, if there are any questions and any of the items in the budget.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Go ahead AngajukKâk Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:** Under your-, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** At this point, Mr. Chair.

**MR. DICKER:** Under operating costs, as mentioned earlier, there, we're having a terrible winter. The clean-up of snow around the building, is that part of your operation costs?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

Yes, there are costs budgeted for positions in the Assembly as well as costs for labour for snow clearing. There are also-, we get into kind of-, there's some costs that are budgeted under public property because they have the responsibility for public buildings. We also have some costs budgeted under the Assembly to look at some of the maintenance and costs reflected there. So if, in the event there wasn't enough money in this particular budget, we do have Public Property as well, and we'll look at that budget tomorrow.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any more questions on these line items? AngajukKâk Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd like to ask the comptroller if she could elaborate a bit on consumer price index, please.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

So as you mentioned, CPI is the consumer price index, and it's a statistic that's compiled by Statistics Canada. They break it down by regions, by provinces, and it looks at the rates of inflation on consumer products. You can get one that covers all items or you can look very specifically at-, you know, if you wanted to look at-, I'm trying to think, or what some of the items of there, like clothing, for an example. What we use, the overall CPI and it's-, we have a reference that we use, so we're consistent each year, and we have the December 31st timeframe so we're constantly using the same statistic each year.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any other questions on these line items for Ms. Crawford? Please proceed, Ms. Crawford?

**MS. CRAWFORD:** Well, that takes us to the end of the budget. So we've gone through all the items. The overall budget for the Nunatsiavut Assembly, for the 2019, 2020 year, is \$3, 189,000 and as I mentioned at the beginning, this Table that you see on page two, is a schedule under the *Budget Act 2019*.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Go ahead, AngajukKâk Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:** With regards to travel, comptroller, we meet four times a year here in Hopedale. The proposed budget that's there for travel, is that based on one week stay or is it based on usually we come here on Monday, we're gone on Wednesday. Is that based on three days? Could you elaborate on that, please?

**MS. CRAWFORD:** So the travel costs are based out of-, you have three components; air travel, which we rent out and we actually budget for five sittings that are scheduled, plus one sitting-, as we know, and a sitting can be called by the President at any time outside of the normal schedule, based on an emergency. So we base our budget for travel on six sittings. And we have quotes for airfare. We have quotes for the hotel rooms and we base it on a full week sitting. So I think it's four nights maybe. I think we actually base it on the full four nights, as if we arrived on a Monday and leave on Friday. And that's not, you know, based on history, we're not always here till Friday, but as we all know, weather can happen and we need to be always conservative in our approach to expenses.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** AngajukKâk Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. My question is, if you don't use all the money in the specific categories, what happens to it?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

So under the *Budget Act* or the *Financial Administration Act*, and under the Constitution, it speaks to the fact. So our *Budget Act*, will say that this budget is only in place until March 31st, 2020. And at that time, what funds are not used-, you know, you look at it from the revenue side, it goes back into the general fund. And you'll note on the *Budget Act, 2019*, in the sources of revenue, we have a surplus. So funds that have been not expended, we have revenues available, we budget in the upcoming year, to meet the operations of the Government and the Assembly. So we have-, and those are all outlined, and if you acquire the appropriate references, I can most definitely send them along if you like that, but it does-, you'll see-, I think it's one of the last classes in-, or one of the classes in the *Budget Act*, it does reference that these-, this budget is only in place till March 31st, 2020.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other questions for Ms. Crawford? Final call for questions? Seeing none, is the Assembly in favour of accepting the Assembly Budget 2019, 2020 for inclusion in the overall Nunatsiavut Government Budget for 2019, 2020? All those in favour? Any nays? Motion is carried. Thank you for your time and for your assistance, Ms. Crawford. In recognition of our time, we did have a short break to allow for the preparation of our lunch and to make arrangements for lunch. Given that I believe the next Item on the *Orders of the Day*, could take some time, that we will suspend the



sitting until after such time that we conclude lunch. We'll resume after lunch. We're now adjourned until-, why don't we just say-, let's say 1:50.

[Recess]

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Welcome back. I trust everybody had an enjoyable lunch. When we left off, we were on Item number 15, "Motions". I'd like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you, 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:** Do we have unanimous consent?

**MS. MITCHELL:** Yeah.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Are there any nays? You have your unanimous consent.

**MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member For Nain, Mr. Tony Andersen, the following: Whereas the Assembly established a Special Committee on the *Housing Act*, a Nunatsiavut Housing Commission on September the 18th, 2018, and whereas the January 2019 Assembly granted an extension to the Special Committee to allow it to conduct proper consultations with stakeholders, and whereas the Assembly should consider the Tabled Document 03-4(2.2) in Committee of the Whole with witnesses, now therefore, I move seconded by the Ordinary Member for Nain, the Honourable Tony Andersen, that the Assembly convene as Committee of the Whole to receive the presentation from the Special Committee on the *Housing Act*, and Nunatsiavut Housing

Commission, with witnesses, Mr. Mark Gillette, Legal Counsel, and Ms. Isabella Pain, Deputy Minister of the Secretariat.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, First Minister Mitchell. The motion is in order. Honourable First Minister, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MS. MITCHELL:** No, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Are there any other Members who wish to speak to the motion? If no other Members wish to speak, does the Minister wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MS. MITCHELL:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I wish to conclude debate.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? Any opposed? The motion is carried. These documents will now be considered in Committee of the Whole with our witnesses, and we'll allow just a minute for our witnesses to come down and join us in Chambers. Thank you for joining us, Ms. Pain and Mr. Gillette. We're now in Committee of the Whole and invite Ms. Pain and Mr. Gillette to give the presentation, or First Minister, will you be doing the presentation? Please proceed with your presentation. For today's format, we'll allow the First Minister to proceed with her presentation, and then, at the conclusion of the presentation, we'll invite questions for the First Minister or for our guests to help-, to alleviate any questions there may be. Please, proceed.

**MS. MITCHELL:** This is the presentation that we took to each of our communities and to Torngat Regional Housing Association. Okay, and it was entitled, "Your Input Matters", and it is a bill for an Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut

and to establish a Nunatsiavut housing Commission. Okay, as everybody here is aware, on September the 12th, 2018, we received first reading in this Assembly on the Bill for an Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut and to establish the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission. There was a Special Committee appointed of the Assembly which was established to consult with Inuit communities and Torngat Regional Housing Association. And the people appointed to that committee was myself as First Minister, responsible for housing, our Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Tony Andersen, Isabella Pain, Secretary to the Executive Council and our AngajukKâk from Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey, and our AngajukKâk from Postville, Glen Sheppard. Okay, the report will soon be Tabled at the March sitting of the Assembly before a special reading. Okay, and the principals of this bill, would be for Inuit who are members of vulnerable groups. They must be given priority in relation to housing programs and allocation of housing. The programs would be developed, they must seek to ensure housing for all Nunatsiavut. Programs must seek to improve and maximum the adequacy of existing housing, provide information about market housing and financing and offer assistance to Inuit who wish to enter the housing market or to obtain financing to do so. Feel free to stop me anyway along the way, if you have any questions. I'm just running through this very quickly. So the principals of the housing bill was to develop the Housing Development must. Account for local shortages of housing and take steps to increase the supply of service residential land. And we all know that is one of the challenges with housing in our

communities, and the principals were to be designed to provide as wide a choice of housing and ten-year options as reasonably possible. It was to create higher density in respect of housing and pretty well all that means would be, you know, if we were going to put up one or two-bedroom units for like single males or seniors or whatever, then we would look at putting them up in, you know, in a multi=plex or a quad-plex-, whichever made more sense. And that was due to the cost of developing the land, because we're all ware that to develop one plot of land within our communities can cost up to \$250,000. So to us it just made sense to make a, you know, the-, get the-, more housing that we could on land that just made it more affordable; to promote and seek to maximize local employment and Economic Development. Local employment and economic development is important to all our communities and is one thing that we really tried to encourage. And the housing development would promote and express Inuit cultural identity and the Inuit concepts of family. And what-, some of the things that we looked at there is, you know, is the Inuit way that if you're a grandparent or something, you know, we wouldn't want you just put into a one-bedroom apartment because like as part of the customs of our people is that your grandkids or your, you know, siblings or whatever, would come and live with you or stay with you.

**MR. DICKER:**

Can I ask a question?

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Sure.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I'll allow some discretion on this one, First Minister Mitchell and just for one second, I'm just wondering about the flow of the presentation. Do you

think it would flow better for yourself if we invited questions at the conclusion of the presentation?

**MS. MITCHELL:** Yep, probably yes.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Okay, so that's what the-, as I suggested to AngajukKâk Dicker, if you can just hold your questions until such time as the First Minister concludes, and then we'll allow the presentation to proceed uninterrupted. Thank you.

**MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you. Okay, these were our priority areas that if passed, it would become law and we think is very important. So the individuals and families who are members of vulnerable groups-, and vulnerable groups are defined as any group of Inuit who has historically faced or are currently facing barriers. Difficulties, deprivation, unfair discrimination or other disadvantage in relation to housing or housing programs, and who are able to maintain a home and live independently, including those with disabilities, chronic health conditions or chronic mental health conditions; those receiving social security, social allowances, disability pensions, income support or similar grants or income, those who are elderly, youth-, and we put a lot of emphasis on getting youth educated, and we send them off and then we hope they'll come back and be members of our society. They be places to live. So if this bill comes into effect, it will take into account that, and that will be a priority-, as well as students and apprentices, low income earners, victims of family violence, those who are single parents or are impacted by addictions in the family, children who face abuse, unfair discrimination or marginalization at home, who are at

risk of being removed from family care or live outside family care or are otherwise in need of social protection, and those who are homeless. So all these will be covered under our housing bill, as a priority. Okay, and some other information there. The Minister and the Commissioner must give priority to programs to maintain and upgrade the existing housing staff. And that's one thing we'll always-, there will always be a program to repair the homes so there would be a repair program. And that's just sort of in there to ensure that, that'll always happen. In cooperation with the Inuit Community Governments, the Nunatsiavut Executive Council must address the issue of Service Residential Land. And we've already started in that direction with Hopedale. And we'll now be using some of our housing dollars to make sure that there's residential land in our communities to build houses on. Okay? And just a bit about the commission. The commission would establish high level policy to govern all housing developments and programs. It would be semi-independent of the Government. It would set out a mandate and powers and provide for involvement at the community level. It would provide opportunity for Torngat Regional Housing Association and the Nunatsiavut Executive Council to address the impact of the Commission and the Act on the role of Torngat Regional Housing Association. Okay, and the Commission itself, would be managed by a board made up of the Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, the director of housing, and if this bill passes, one of the first things that we would do would be to hire a Director of Housing and Nunatsiavut Executive Council of trustees. The majority on the

Commission would be appointed by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council from the list submitted by the Joint Management Committees. And it would be made up of beneficiaries and residents of Nunatsiavut and they would report to the Minister and be accountable to the Assembly. Okay, the Commission would receive funds appropriated by the Assembly and they would take actions necessary for establishment and administration of housing programs/developments for Inuit and they would be responsible for ensuring consistency and uniformity in implementation of housing programs and services. They would also have the ability to borrow and lend, but that would be controlled by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council and subject to our constitutional restraints. The Director of Housing would be hired by the Board and would become the Chief Executive Officer responsible for implementing the mandate, would liaise and cooperate with the Inuit Community Government in relation to housing programs and developments, and would monitor the work of the housing committees to be established in each Inuit community. The housing committees would consist of three to five members as determined by the relevant Inuit Community Government. Any two members of the Inuit Community Government, other than the AngajukKâk, at least one of those would have A voters role, would be appointed, and they would provide advice and recommendations. And initially, the committees would not be making allocation decisions, but may be authorized to do so by Commission or the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. And we put that clause in there because right now it is really difficult to get a full slate of people on the local housing

committees for obvious reasons. There's none of housing dollars. We're in a housing crisis. So, you know, it affects all our people. People get really upset and they tend to take their frustrations out on the local housing committees. So by doing this, you know, we hope to-, until we're in a better position, that would take some of the stress and pressure off of our housing committees. So-, and that's the quick rundown of what is in our Housing Bill and now I would be happy to answer any questions that you have. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

So we have-, again, we have with us Isabella Pain and Mark Gillette as well as the First Minister, so there's ample opportunity to answer any questions you may have, to clarify any things you may have. AngajukKâk Dicker, I believe you had something to ask?

**MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek*, Itsivautak Mr. Chairman. I have a-, I made not of a couple of things so I'll maybe come back to for some more clarity on other issues as part of the presentation. The first one, though, Mr. Chair is, can I sit down and talk here, eh? Do I have to stand up?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

You're fine to sit.

**MR. DICKER:**

Under the Housing Development, the first part of your presentation, Minister, you stated that you'd find funds to increased serviced land to build houses. My question is, I guess, where will the money go for this? Is it going to go for the service land, I'm talking about, that's water and sewer service lots? Is the money going to the Joint Management Committee? To the ICG so that they can know-, is that extra funds, I guess my question is,



that's going to go to, to do this, because right now, as you know under Joint Management, we only have so much funds to develop land and the majority of that money is targeted for water and sewer, not Development of Lands. So my question is, will that money be in additional fund to Joint Management Committee? That's my first question. I'd like to get the elaboration on that. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker.* Someone want to field? I'm just wondering who wants to take the question, that's all. Go ahead Isabella-, Ms. Pain.

**MS. PAIN:**

So the answer is, basically, in the bill, so page 12 of the bill, what it sets out is that the Executive Council must address the need for service residential land, and they must do so by working with the Inuit Community Governments. It's clause 1.8. There would be additional dollars flowing. We know that right now there is an issue in terms of the dollars that are currently being transferred through FFA and that's why this is in here. We know it's-, it's having a service lots is a problem in relation to building housing. We don't have service land so therefore we can't build houses-, well, some sort of housing. And so that's why this is here, that we have to, in terms of this Housing Bill, that it also addresses the need for Service Land as well, in each of the Inuit communities.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*AngajukKâk Dicker.*

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you. I guess I asked that question because, as you know, our-, as ICG's, we've been negotiating amongst each other, I guess to see how

much dollars goes where the housing needs are. And we've been fortunate that Nain has received a lot of the funds because the land is available. But in order for-, to build houses, more land needs to be available. So I guess I just wanted to find out for sure where that money is going to go. Is it going to be-, is it going to be administered by the Joint Management under fiscal financial arrangement like you said, or is it additional funds that now the ICG's are going to be looking for? I'm not sure where that money's going and how it's going to be distributed to developed land, because as you know, it costs at least 260,000 per lot right now on average. And that's a lot of money.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. Someone want to field it? First Minister Mitchell, you want to field that question?

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Yes, we're well aware of that, and as you know, previously, we didn't have any housing dollars. We fought along with other Inuit regions for, you know, for housing dollars to come directly to the claim areas, but what this Commission, or whatever, like it states that it is Executive Council, so what we'll be doing is just making sure that, you know, the land-, there's money available and you'll be going through, you know, as your community, as your plan or whatever-, your community plan. We'll just be making sure that the funding is there, and that you can get it done, but it will always be Inuit Community Government land. We'll just be providing the funds, and under our agreement now, where we had housing dollars, like land is included as part of that, because you can't build homes without land. So

it is coming out of our housing dollars that we get from the Federal Government.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, First Minister. Do any others want to respond to the same query? Are there any other questions for our guests, our witnesses? Any other questions?

**MS. PAIN:** I'm not sure when we'll get to this, but I could do a quick overview of what we heard, so the point was to talk about what the report that we tabled with the Assembly, so I think Minister Mitchell did an overview of what we presented to the communities in all of our sessions. So everybody has in their binders, I think, a copy of the report, called, "What we heard." And if people like, I can do a quick run-through of what that is, next. So I'm not sure if that's what you're coming up to, but I'm hopeful that we'll get there.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** I will-, what I will do, I'll canvas for questions one more time, again, in regards to the presentation we just saw. Hearing none, I will ask you to proceed with the-, my apologies, AngajukKâk Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:** I asked this question before, but I'm going to ask it again. With the new-, if the new bill is passed, there's a lot of concern in the communities that people will be losing their jobs, and in small towns, jobs are really hard to come by. So how will this new bill impact the present situation with our membership and losing their jobs?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. Isabelle Pain?

**MS. PAIN:** We've heard that question in a number of our communities. That has been raised with us. I think the point of the bill is not-, is it talks about a priority

being local employment continuing on. So the Nunatsiavut Government or the Housing Commission would tender for the construction of homes, as is currently the case with Torngat or with NG right now under our repair program. Part of that would be, we would look for Inuit Employment number, so the bill contemplates that NG wouldn't be providing Torngat Regional Housing any more dollars after March 31st, 2020. What we see would happen is that whoever is doing the work, we're still going to need people in our communities to do work. We don't anticipate that this would create a fly-in, fly-out workforce. That's not in the best interest, and when I go through the report of what we heard, we'll get into a little bit of that because that has been expressed, but we don't think that this bill creates a situation where you would end up with new people doing this work. We already have skilled people in our communities. We already have people who can do this work and are doing this work. We see that would continue, that we would have people working in our communities and doing the same work that they're doing.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

First Minister?

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Yes, and another thing that I would like to point out too, and I think that, it will speak to our *Procurement Act*, and everything would apply and one of the things there, it would-, you'd have to, you know, prove the number of beneficiaries and everything that you're hiring and that would be based on that as well. That is a factor when you're awarding the contracts. So we think there's a lot of protection there, and like we-, there's-, we're really hoping that everybody who, you know, who works and even more,

you know, would be-, because we really see it as Economic Development and we will be pushing for local employment.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Before I recognize you, AngajukKâk Dicker, I'm going to canvas the floor to see if anybody else has a question as well. Are there any other questions, just in regards to the presentation as given by the First Minister? The Speaker recognizes Carlene Palliser.

**MS. PALLISER:**

This is question in regard to jobs as well. In Torngat Housing, they were allocating houses according to the need in bigger communities, right? Nain and Hopedale where the most need was? For our smaller communities, how is that going to be affected, like for instance we have about six people employed with Torngat Housing for carpenters, labourers, whatever. Then we have the people that works for Nunatsiavut Construction. And if they're only building one house in the community every year, that's not going to be much employment. So how is that going to be fixed?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do we have a preferred respondent? First Minister?

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you. Well, one thing that we really cannot speak to is exactly how that would work, but what we're hoping to do, and I know, like right now we're still in a housing crisis in Nain and Hopedale, and that, yes, that's where we have to concentrate on where the need is the greatest. But the thing about it is, you know, and what we're hoping is going to make a difference, is not every person needs a, you know, a three-bedroom home. So by putting up, you know, a couple of multiplexes or whatever in the community, then, you know, instead of building a house on every lot, you'd

need like two lots and then you could put up a multi-plex and you can house seven or eight people. So by doing that, then, you know, there should be-, we're hoping that it'll make a difference and that, you know, there'll be more homes being built. But it is-, it'll be fair and there is an appeals process as well, if you apply and you're not successful, there is a process in place that allows you to appeal that decision. But we see it and like it'll be for all of our communities and-, but we do have to deal where, you know, give the special attention to where the need is the greatest. But none of the communities will be left out.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other questions? Again, I'll just wait one second AngajukKâk Dicker and see if-, any other questions? AngajukKâk Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. There's one clause in here that confuses me and I'd like some real clarity if it could be given to me or to the Assembly. It says that the-, with the new housing commission, the NAC and the Torngat Housing Association once this Act is passed, we'll have an opportunity to sit down and discuss the impacts of this Commission. That's after-, only after the Act itself is established. When you went to the communities and sat down with the ICG's and the other associations, Torngat Regional Housing, being one of them, was there discussion of what the impacts would be on the Housing Association as it is and you're going to speak and be speaking to us on what you heard. Now, from what you heard, is there a plan to address what you heard on the impacts that might be out there, like, you know, prior to the Act becoming a reality. On the one hand it's saying that-, I'm hearing that you consulted and then on the other hand

say, nothing's going to happen until the Act is passed. Would you clarify that, please?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

If I might just intercede for one second. I think Joe-, AngajukKâk Dicker, I apologize, AngajukKâk Dicker, we were going to contain our questions to the presentation as done by the First Minister. The second part of our discussion will be the discussion which arises from the community consultations that were done. I believe your question pertains to the community consultations if I'm not mistaken. So perhaps we can best defer that to after our presentation by Ms. Pain. Are there any other questions in regards to the First Minister's presentation?

**MR. DICKER:**

I brought this question forward because it was presented first with First Minister Mitchell, and now it's also repeated in the Act itself, in the first explanatory note, so that's why I asked for clarity. But I'll wait till the presentation is made, and if it's still there, then I'll ask for more clarity if I have to. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I'll defer to our witnesses to see if they would prefer to answer the question now or if they think the question will be addressed during the course of the presentation. Which is your preference, Ms. Pain? Proceed.

**MS. PAIN:**

I'd just like to give a quick answer at this point in relation to some of your questions around Torngat. That's going to be the first thing we talk about in the report, but before we even get to that, I wanted to talk about what we were asked to do. We were given the draft bill, so the section around Torngat was always in the draft bill. That's not new. That was what was

approved by this Assembly on first reading. This is not a new clause, so that was there. We were asked to go out and consult with people about what they thought about this bill. Our job wasn't to come back and add pieces or change pieces. We do have some highlights and you might think of some things that you would want to change in this bill, based on some comments we heard, which is what I want to get into a quick summary about. One of them is about Torngat, because we did have lots of questions about Torngat and their future. So that is something we'll address as we go forward. But I just want to be clear about what we were asked to do. It wasn't to come back with changes at this point. It was to come back and tell you what did we hear when we went to the communities and talked to people.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other questions before we proceed with the presentation-, the second presentation? The Chair recognizes AngajukKâk Barry Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd just like to comment on page seven there. Should this bill go through, I think it would be better-, not better, but it would give more access to more people within our communities, especially when it comes to the people in our community who fall outside of the threshold that Torngat Housing currently has in place. I know there were some comments about, well, we still have CMHC and Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Commission to fall back on, but I don't think too many people in our communities availed of those, except for those on social assistance, maybe. So just a comment, I think we're going in the right path,



I think with the loans and grants program and this bill. More people who fall outside of their earnings bracket, and who are looking to build housing in our communities, and, like we said, we need to retain those people who want to live in our communities, work in our communities and prosper along with us all.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

First Minister, I believe you had a comment?

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yeah, one thing that I forgot to mention in this presentation was that some of the programs that are in the bill, would be if you fall outside of the-, or if you were over the income threshold, then there could be a program or there would be a program allowed under this bill, that would allow you to get a grant for a down payment for a mortgage or a loan. So it not only speaks to, you know, it would be a housing for youth, seniors or whatever, but it would also look at people who are just over the income threshold, and, you know, who are able to help themselves, but just needed a little boost. So that is in there as well. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Further questions before we proceed to Ms. Pain's presentation? Seeing none, Ms. Pain, would you carry on.

**MS. PAIN:**

Thank you. I'm just going to go through the report, so it's the report that's in your binder, what we heard. I'm not going to review the first page, because the first page again, is just a summary of what the bill is and what the process was for the committee. I'm going to start on page three of the report which talks about who responded, just so you have a good idea of

who-, of what we did and who came out? We held consultations in Nain, Rigolet, Makkovik and Postville from February 4 to 7th and in Hopedale on February 14th. In every community, what we did was we met separately with each of the Inuit Community Government, the community housing committees and then we had a meeting for the general public to come out. We did hold a separate meeting with Torngat Regional Housing Association in December, and we had planned a second follow-up meeting. At the time of writing the first report, we had not yet had a second meeting with Torngat, because they had not had time to go through the draft bill. But we did have a follow-up and there's an addendum to the report which talks about our second meeting with Torngat. We had 85 people, in total, who came out in either one of those capacities as a Local Housing Committee member, a member of an Inuit Community Government or a general public. What did they say? I think the majority of those people who attended the consultations, agreed that the proposed bill, if it was enacted would result in a more comprehensive, efficient, and improved means of addressing housing issues and needs in Nunatsiavut, than is currently in place. It's currently limited to what we can actually do, by virtue of Torngat Housing's mandate, and by the Nunatsiavut Government Housing Repair Program, and the Nain and Hopedale bill that we have for the multiplexes in two communities. And that's the limit of housing that Nunatsiavut Government is currently able to provide. Many people talked about the fact that the current system fails to address some individual family and community needs and that we do need to have a broader spectrum of

housing and a better and more fair and equitable process for allocation of housing. We did have objections and one in particular, from Nain was very opposed to the bill and she wanted to ensure this was in our notes, was that they objected to the proposed bill because if this passes, the thought is, is that this would lead to the demise of Torngat Regional Housing Association and a few others in a couple of other communities said that this would result in the end of Torngat, so that was something we did hear. So as a general overview, those are the-, those were two big things that came out. In terms of the summary of issues, we have about 14 issues that we identified as things we had heard in comment throughout a number of our consultations, whether it be with local housing committees, whether it be with the public, whether it was in Nain or Rigolet or Hopedale, these were some very, very common themes we heard. The first one is on Torngat Regional Housing Association. In all meetings we had, there were concerns about the future of Torngat and current Torngat Regional Housing Association homes and homeowners. There is a number of questions that were posed to the committee such as what would happen to those people who are currently living in Torngat Regional Housing Association homes and have just started paying on their leases, so they could be very, very new homeowners. Would that change what's going to happen? Would this bill change any of that? Would rental rates increase if Torngat Housing is no longer receiving funding from the Nunatsiavut Government? Again, that's a big concern from current homeowners. Are these homes eligible for repairs under the new bill? And what would

happen to Torngat Regional Housing Association and its employees? There was general uncertainty about what this bill would mean, or this bill if passed, would mean for Torngat Regional Housing Association. There were concerns expressed, as well, that there will be no longer any single-family units constructed under this program. So if this bill is approved, people were under the impression that there would only be multiplexes or duplexes, never any more single family units. But, in fact, this bill doesn't contemplate that. This bill does provide for the Director of Housing or the Housing Commission to be able to establish a program for housing development which does include single homes. So that was a concern that was out there. We also did talk about, in part of our discussion with each of the communities, that as AngajukKâk Dicker just alluded to earlier, there is a section in the bill that says that NEC must consult Torngat Regional Housing about the impact of this Act on the Association-, on its roles, its functions, its programs, liabilities and assets, it's clients and personnel, and its possible relationship to the Commission. So again, this is not-, it doesn't tell us exactly what's going to come out of those discussions. It tells us that there must be a discussion if this bill is passed. The second issue that we did hear in some communities, especially in Nain, was about the fact of consultation. There was concern and disagreement about the fact that consultations on this proposed bill were done after first reading in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And many people believe that this should have happened and been held prior to first reading, so that beneficiaries could have input into the content of the draft legislation. With the bill already

having First Reading in the Assembly, some expressed concerns that it's too late to have any-, to make any changes. So that was a concern that was expressed, as well. A third subset of issues, I guess, that were really raised, were about skilled trades and skilled trades people. And we heard a couple of sides to this particular issue. Based on conversations in all communities, there was a clear need for skilled trades people in all of our communities. There was acknowledgement that we have a good work force but we do lack a workforce that has certification in a number of fields. This does cause some issues, especially for people who are trying to get a mortgage, and you're required to have a certified person in order to-, builder in order to get a mortgage. So that is a limitation. Many felt that if one of the goals of the proposed bill is to encourage more people to build their own home, then training and education opportunities for people have to also be provided-, so to allow people to become skilled journey persons in whatever field it is that they're in, we need to ensure that people have the opportunity to get the certifications required. There was also questions about whether or not the Housing Commission itself would take on the responsibility to build houses for individuals who could afford to get a mortgage, but were unable to find contractors. In many of our communities, now, if you are trying to build your own home, and you have a mortgage, you have-, there's a lot of difficulty in finding a builder who can actually build a home for you. So that is a reality in many of our communities. And again, others felt that there are already very skilled workers in each community, but again, they lacked the necessary

education certification. It was questioned whether NG could assist these individuals to become certified or whether NG could eventually provide certification directly. A fourth set of questions we received were around employment and economic development and there were concerns expressed during a number of meetings about the future of those individuals currently employed by Torngat Regional Housing Association once a new program comes into place. Many were concerned that they might lose their jobs, but they did feel that they should be hired and given the first chance for employment by whoever is doing the contracting, or the construction that we have, currently, a very good, skilled workforce. Many felt that Inuit should be given first opportunity for employment from contractors when infrastructure, such as water and sewer is being built in all of our communities and put in place, and when homes are being built. So not just in terms of building houses, but also putting in place water and sewer. They believe that Inuit should be given the first opportunity to have that employment. Many also felt that wages should be high enough to encourage-, to ensure that people are able to enjoy a good standard of living, so that-, we want people to have a living wage at whatever employment it is that they're doing. A fifth issue was around service land. It was acknowledged at all meetings that the lack of development in service lots in all of our communities is contributing to Nunatsiavut's housing crisis. Some of the Inuit Community Governments noted that there are cases where water and sewer lines come to the edge of some building lots but the cost to service the lots would be expensive or cost

prohibitive. So we have situations where we can't actually use land, which may have a water and sewer main right in front of it, but isn't actually on the property. There was questions as well, about whether or not non-beneficiaries are able to access service lots. There was some discussion around the Housing Committees, so Section 5.1 of the bill would establish a Housing Committee for each Inuit Community to be comprised of no less than three and no more than five members, as determined by each of the relevant Inuit Community Governments. It was suggested in some of our communities, that given the nature of our communities, the close relationships, that the committee should be comprised of between five and seven members to acknowledge that it would take-, it would still allow for a quorum when people were in a conflict of interest, and if people were traveling or out of town. There was a question as well, whether NG employees could serve on Housing Committees. Section 5.1 of the bill, proposed the Executive Council, may, on the advice of the Minister, and after consulting the Commission, authorize payment of remuneration or honoraria to some or all committee members. It was recommended that the word "may" be changed to "shall" so that local housing community members would be paid for their work that they're doing in each of the communities. And under the proposed housing bill, initially, housing committees wouldn't make the allocation decisions. There were concerns that the bill would diminish the role of local housing committees, and that they would have less power than they currently have. Some people did note, however, that the housing committees only make recommendations

to TRHA and that decisions that they make are in fact overturned or can be overturned. Still, others felt removing allocation decisions as part of the duties of the housing committees, would be a positive step, as members are often verbally abused because of their decisions and, or recommendations. So they saw this as a way to allow local housing commissions to make recommendations without having that verbal abuse. The Housing Commission itself-, under the proposed bill, the Housing Commissions office is to be located in Nain. This requirement raised questions in other communities, as many expressed concerns that priority may be given to Nain over other communities, and that the Commission needs to work on behalf of all communities, taking into account individual needs and concerns. Homeless-, during the consultations, it was suggested that there be a clear definition of homeless, outlined in the bill. Questions that arose around this issue included who are considered homeless? Is it people who are in an overcrowded home? As an example, three families in a three-bedroom dwelling, and only living there because somebody is letting them, not-, because they have nowhere else to go? Or are they homeless because they do not have their own home? Does homeless include those who have moved away from their community because they could not find housing? Does it include people who stay with family or friends because they have nowhere to go? And does it include single males who have to live with family because they have nowhere else to go? A ninth issue was that around Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Commission. The proposed bill provides for the possibility that a



commission with the prior approval of the Minister, could enter into arrangements within NLHC or CMHC. And there were questions around whether or not NG could take over NLHC units in each community, and if so, what-, whether some consideration could be given to the current rates tenants pay to NLHC. They felt that one of the issues that people currently have with NLHC is the way that they have their rental rate structure. It was also questioned whether NG would consider taking over of the women's shelters in each of the communities as they are currently operated by NLHC. The 10th issue was about the quality of homes in our communities and building codes. In some of the consultations, some people stated that they believe homes are not being built according to any codes or standards since the Torngat Regional Housing employees are not qualified to do work or to provide proper inspections. For some, as an example, some people felt the homes were too airtight, which is why we're seeing so much mould in a lot of our homes. There was a general feeling that the Nunatsiavut Government should focus its efforts on housing designs and construction methods that meet approved building codes and standards. As well, it was felt that the Commission should consult with beneficiaries, regarding the design of any new homes. The 11th issue was about beneficiary or residency. As per Section 2.61 of the proposed bill, the majority of the Commissioners are required to be Inuit and residents of Nunatsiavut. Subject to this Section, a person is not required be an Inuk or a resident of Nunatsiavut in order to be eligible to be a Commissioner. Section 5.13 of the bill states, "Any two members of the Inuit Community Council, other

than the AngajukKâk, at least one of whom must be a councillor elected by voters on the role described in Sub-Section 10.52 of the *Constitution*, must be appointed to the community's housing committee by the Community Council. 10.52 states that, "Inuit residents and their descendent-, Inuit and residents and their descendants shall be enrolled on-, on one voter's roll for the community, called the Inuit Voters Roll. And then Sub-Section 4 of the bill states that no less than one Inuk and no more than three Inuit must be elected to the community's committee by the residents of the community. During the consultations, it was felt that this is an issue in Inuit self-governance, and that only Inuit residing in Nunatsiavut should serve on the Commission and on the local housing committees. Section 1.11 of the bill, if enacted, will allow non-beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, to access housing if there is a surplus. If the Nunatsiavut Government or the Commission considers that it is appropriate to do so, and that doing so would not be contrary to Inuit interests. This Section presented a major concern for a number of people during the consultation process, although non-beneficiaries welcomed it. There was some discussion on individuals eligible to be beneficiaries but choose to be members of the Innu nation. These individuals are not eligible to receive housing in any of the Inuit communities. It was suggested that Nunatsiavut Assembly take this into consideration. As well, it was suggested that the bill be clarified in relation to individuals becoming residents of an Inuit community for purposes of being allocated housing. Loans and Grants; throughout the consultation, there was general support

for a loan and grant program for mortgage assistance. There were many questions about how that would work in practice. This is not an answer. You're not going to find the answer in the bill as it is, but it would be explored and developed by the commission in the future. Allocation of housing and housing dollars. There was some concern expressed, especially in the smaller communities that they wouldn't receive an allocation of housing or housing dollars. There was a question with respect to allocation decisions, whether there would be a base amount for all communities, and then a greater percentage based on need. This would ensure a fair treatment for smaller communities. And then, the appeals process. There was support for having an appeals process in place. There were many comments on the current process which many people felt was not open and transparent, and has no appeals process in place. The second piece, I'm just going to talk about is the Addendum. We did have an opportunity to follow up and have a second meeting with Torngat Regional Housing Association in Goose Bay on February 26, to hear their concerns and comments about the proposed bill. The Board indicated that it didn't see a role for Torngat Regional Housing Association under the proposed bill, that it would have to start the planning process of closing out TRHA, since it would not be able to function without funding from NG. Board members asked if the proposed bill could be amended to include a role for Torngat Regional Housing Association under Nunatsiavut's proposed Housing Strategy. They asked whether TRHA policies and programs can be changed in order to ensure that TRHA continues to

function under the proposed legislation. The Board also suggested that consideration be given to funding, to TRHA beyond March 31, 2020 as the timeline is inadequate. The meeting concluded with the Board stating that it cannot support the bill, as it excludes TRHA. So that's just a summary of what we actually heard when we had our consultations.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ms. Pain. I'll open up the floor to questions regarding the Community Consultation Report. Are there any questions for Ms. Pain or other Members? Again, I'll-, oh, my apologies. The Chairperson recognizes Carlene Palliser, Ordinary Member of Rigolet.

**MS. PALLISER:**

You said that 85 people attended your consultations. Is that the whole of Nunatsiavut in Upper Lake Melville?

**MS. PAIN:**

The Committee only held sessions in the Inuit communities which Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet. We didn't hold consultations in Upper Lake Melville, Northwest River. So it was 85 people in total that came out to any of our sessions. One thing I didn't note, but which we did, was we asked-, or advised people, they could also provide written submissions, but we didn't receive any.

**MS. PALLISER:**

So there was 85 people and 274 had signed a petition against it. It kind of-, I wonder what do anyone else think that's something to think about?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Just for point of clarification, the petition was to delay-, was not pro or against the bill. The petition was to delay second reading. So to delay second reading is not necessarily an indictment of the bill. It's not necessarily a vote for or against the bill. The petition which was ruled-,

which was not able to be tabled today because it was not ruled in order, was again, to purely delay second reading. It was not a petition, as I understand it, which says, yes or no to the actual bill. So I just wanted to put that out for clarification purposes. Ms. Pain?

**MS. PAIN:**

I would just like to make a comment about that. We did hear in a lot of communities, before and after our consultation, that there was a lot of misinformation. People didn't really understand what the bill was about, and so even after we held our consultations, we had lots of people coming in the store, on the roads-, coming asking us and saying the biggest thing they were hearing is that there would not be any individual homes built, and that's what they thought they were doing when they were signing the petition. That was the basis on it. They hadn't read the bill. They hadn't reached out for information, but that, you know, how the rumour mill sometimes starts. And a lot of people were signing with that understanding. And so when we had discussions and said, no, that's not what's actually in here, and you explain it, they were-, they had a better understanding and were appreciative of that because they didn't-, a lot of people didn't take the time to actually read the bill. It's a long, and complex document, but assumed that what they were hearing on the street was actually correct. And so there was some misinformation out there.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I believe there is a question coming from Honourable Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

No. It's a comment. As part of the Commission-, the Committee, I mean, but quite often Chairman-, and this is to address the comments from the

Member from Rigolet. Quite often when we have public consultations on any issue in our communities whether it's housing, caribou, TB, whatever-, we get very small numbers. And I think most members will agree with me on that. But what we do find is that you could easily see if there was-, who's in favour out of that small number. I believed, as part of the committee, and I attended each and every hearing, that I would suggest to this, to this Assembly, that my own feeling once that we had, from the turnout of the public sessions, at least 90 percent in favour of this Housing Bill, you know? So-, but just a comment.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek.* Are there any other questions for our witnesses? The Chairperson recognizes Mr. Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Not a question. As part of the committee, I'd also like to point out a couple of things. I've never attended all the sessions, due to health, again, but it's like Tony said, you know, from what I've attended, and from what I've heard and saw, well, a committee can only base their decision on and report on what they've heard during the consultations. You'll hear everything out on the street, but we can only base our decision on what we heard during the consultations. Certainly, this is not a thing of-, an issue of destroying Torngat Housing, because if you look in the constitution, it states quite clearly, and in the agreement, that NG may make laws to provide housing for beneficiaries within the *Land Claims Agreement* area. So it's not about getting rid of Torngat Housing. I think I made a comment in the Goose Bay meeting that, yeah, I feel-, as a Committee Member I feel just as frustrated as they would,

probably, if I was in the same boat, probably losing-, maybe down the road, losing their job. Who knows? But we're Government. We're here to make decisions and sometimes decisions that is tough. We have to take stands. We have a constitution, an agreement-, agreement in particular, that we signed and sealed way back when. Whether we like it or not, we've signed our names to ratify the agreement, to sign the *Land Claims Agreement*, for self-government. So the onus is part on us. This is called taking on programs and this is just one of them. You know, down the road, who knows? We might be taking on health. We might be taking on justice. But this is just one of them, and that's all a process of government, is taking on a program. So no, I support the bill as my Committee members do, and I think it's going to be better for beneficiaries within Nunatsiavut. I have to add that, yeah, we have communities in dire straits, having land issues. Believe it or not, I never thought I would see the day in Postville that we're in dire straits for land. We are. And from hearing from other communities, they're in the same boat. So the bill not only provides houses, build homes or multiplexes or whatever-, it provides money, dollars, for land development which is very important in our communities. And I think the committee did a good job of explaining to the questions and comments that was put out during the process. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Sheppard. One comment I'll just make for the point-, for the purposes of absolute clarity and for the purposes of answer. The comments we've just heard from Mr. Glen Sheppard and previously, from

Mr. Tony Andersen, were made in their context as Committee Members, as opposed to their roles as elected officials. I just wanted to make that clear. Are there any other questions for our witnesses or for our Committee Members from the Assembly floor? One final time, any questions? Hearing none, I want to thank Ms. Pain and Mr. Gillette for joining us and for their contributions to this discussion. We are now back into the regular Assembly Session and will continue with the *Orders of the Day*. There are no more motions today. We'll move onto Item 17 on the *Orders of the Day*. Item 17 is "First Reading of Bills". There are no First Reading of Bills, today. We'll move on to Item 18. Item 18 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Second Reading of Bills." There are no second reading of bills today, so we'll move on to Item number 19. Item 19, "Assent to Bills". There are no Assent to Bills today. We'll move on to our final Item on the *Orders of the Day*, Item 20, which is "Adjournment". This session is now adjourned. We'll reconvene 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning and continue with this sitting of the Assembly. Thanks to all.



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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Good morning, everybody. I'd like to call to order the continuation of the 2nd Session of the Fall Session of the Fourth Nunatsiavut Assembly and I'd kindly as the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers to say our opening prayer.

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**MS. FLOWERS:**

**[Recites prayer.]**

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. I'd like to welcome those in the gallery today, and I see a new face. I believe her name is Elizabeth Nochasak (student). Elizabeth, thank you for-, I don't believe I've seen you here before, so thank you for joining us and hopefully next time you'll bring some of your friends with you. But thanks for making the effort to come and see our proceedings. I also see Mr. Mark Gillette, our ever-vigilante legal representative. Any other Members wishing to recognize Visitors in the Gallery? Seeing none, 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 The Honourable Gerald Asivak.

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1 **MR. ASIVAK:**

2 Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Inuit Health  
3 Tripartite Committee with senior representatives of the  
4 Nunatsiavut Government, province of Newfoundland and  
5 Labrador and Indigenous Service Canada, met in February.  
6 The terms of reference were approved and a number of  
7 agenda items of common concern discussed. DHSD and  
8 Sheshatshiu and Mushuau Innu are partnering with Labrador  
9 Grenfell Health to work on improving the relationship and  
10 service delivery to Indigenous peoples in Labrador. We are  
11 submitting a proposal to the Health Services Integration  
12 fund to provide financial support for this initiative. Mr.  
13 Speaker, we have been working with Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami  
14 and the Federal Government regarding the new proposed,  
15 New Indigenous Child Welfare Legislation. An  
16 announcement is anticipated soon. The actual  
17 announcement came out Monday of this week. More  
18 details to follow. The Indigenous Child, Seniors and Social  
19 Development Policy working group has been working very  
20 hard in preparation for the implementation of the new Act.  
21 We are also involved in the development of a core training  
22 module, five days, for all social workers in the province  
23 regarding Indigenous culture and social work practice. The  
Nunatsiavut Government and Labrador Grenfell Health,

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1 MOU and information sharing agreement was signed  
2 February 2018. Since this time, ongoing work has been  
3 continuing with nursing staff obtaining access to various  
4 health systems-, example, Medi-Tech. During the 2007,  
5 2008 Inuit Heath Survey, participants agreed to hold their  
6 biological samples for 10 years at which time, re consent  
7 would be required from these participants, to continue in  
8 subsequent Inuit Health Surveys. Ethics and required  
9 approvals for communication materials have been received  
10 from McGill University. Plans are now underway to begin  
11 their re consent process in Nunatsiavut with roll-out plans  
12 for March 2019. Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to attend the  
13 Regional Food Security Forum held in Happy Valley Goose  
14 Bay on January 23rd and 24th, 2019. There were upwards to  
15 70 participants from all across Nunatsiavut, Upper Lake  
16 Melville, along with representatives from Labrador Grenfell  
17 Health, Food First Newfoundland and Labrador, Provincial  
18 Governments, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, and Indigenous  
19 Service Canada. NVision was contracted to facilitate this  
20 meeting and they will also produce a meeting report. The  
21 next step is to compile the data to developing the  
22 Nunatsiavut Food Security Strategy. Plans for completion,  
23 late fall 2019. Mr. Speaker, currently, 75 percent of

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1 Nunatsiavut's Regional Action Plan is completed. There will  
2 be a meeting of the Regional Action Plan Advisory  
3 Committee, along with other key stakeholders on March  
4 12th and 13th in Happy Valley, Goose Bay, to review and  
5 validate the Regional Action Plan related to tuberculosis,  
6 before a final submission of March 31st. In closing, Mr.  
7 Speaker, TB Community Engagement sessions for Rigolet,  
8 Postville, Makkovik will be delivered by Marilyn Baikie,  
9 Public Health Nurse in Rigolet. And Engagement Guide,  
10 along with tools for this session has been developed. The  
11 first session took place in Rigolet on January 30th, and then  
12 in Makkovik on February 6th. The session in Postville is  
13 scheduled for February 19th. Information from these  
14 Community Engagement Sessions along with Community  
15 Meetings from Nain and Hopedale, another TB Research  
16 Nunatsiavut will inform on the Regional Action Plan.  
17 *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

18 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Asivak. The Speaker recognizes the  
19 Honourable Tony Andersen.

20 **MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to provide a short  
21 update on the files from the Department of Lands and  
22 Natural Resources. I'll start with, Mr. Speaker, I guess, with  
23 an update on renewable resources. In the fishery, Mr.

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1 Speaker, the latest science advice for Northern Shrimp is  
2 quite concerning. The fishable biomass in Areas 4 and 5  
3 have declined 46 percent from 2017, 2018. Based on this  
4 information, we anticipate the DFI will reduce the quota in  
5 Areas 4 and 5 in 2019. And as I said, Mr. Speaker, very  
6 concerning is this. Northern Shrimp Advisory Committee,  
7 NSAC, are meeting this week in Montreal, to recommend  
8 that the total allowable catch levels for northern shrimp to  
9 the Minister for the 2019 fishing season. The Nunatsiavut  
10 Government is represented in the NSAC Committee and will  
11 be putting forward our concerns that there should be no  
12 reduction in Nunatsiavut quota. As well, Mr. Speaker DFO  
13 put a working group in place to discuss and finalize a  
14 precautionary approach framework for managing the snow  
15 crab fishery in Newfoundland and Labrador. The  
16 Nunatsiavut Government is represented in this working  
17 group as well. The first meeting of the working group was  
18 held February 6th and 7th 2019. The applications to be  
19 decimated in the commercial fishery are now available and  
20 will be out for the month of March. The applications can be  
21 picked up in our offices in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake  
22 Melville. In addition, we intend to have it posted on the NG  
23 website. More on Wildlife Division. In 2018, 2019, hunting

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1 season for moose in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area,  
2 opens September the 17th and we have 29 licences to offer  
3 in the beneficiary draw. Eighteen moose have been  
4 harvested to date. The season will be opened until March  
5 the 31st and again going back to the question from the  
6 AngajukKâk from Postville yesterday. We will accept and  
7 consider applications from community governments to have  
8 this date extended. The Nunatsiavut Government has  
9 achieved 12 polar bear licences from the Province for the  
10 2019 season. We held a draw on February the 1st and  
11 opened hunting season shortly afterwards. The hunting  
12 season will be open until June the 30th or until all 12  
13 licences are filled, whichever comes first. Three licences are  
14 available in Nain, three in Hopedale, two in Postville, two in  
15 Makkovik and two in Rigolet. It says here that to date four  
16 of the 12 licences have been filled. I think there might be  
17 five even, by this time. The Torngat Secretariat is  
18 conducting an aerial survey for moose in Nain-, in the Nain  
19 area this winter. The intent is to acquire an estimate of  
20 moose abundance in the Nain area. Once the Nain area's  
21 surveyed this year, they plan to meet to the Kipokak  
22 area in 2020. The survey will be completed in stages over a  
23 five-year period. In our Lands Division, Mr. Speaker, a total

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1 of eight new land applications in Labrador Inuit Lands were  
2 registered by the Lands Division to date and are at various  
3 stages of processing. Mr. Speaker, we received notice of  
4 intent to sell a fish camp located at  
5 Tom Luscombes Brook, by Stingray Radio  
6 Inc. to the Steel family, under a company  
7 named 3322040 Nova Scotia Limited. Part 12.10.3 of the  
8 *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, gives NG the right of  
9 first refusal to purchase any existing commercial wildlife  
10 operation in Labrador Inuit Lands. The Executive Council,  
11 Mr. Speaker, considered this proposal and decided not to  
12 exercise this right to purchase the fish camp at Tom  
Luscombes Brook. Mr. Speaker, with respect to the *Impact  
and Benefit Agreement*, for the Voisey Bay IBA, the  
Voisey IBA  
13 Implementation is going fairly well with changes in staff in  
14 Vale and changes in the leadership from the Voisey Bay  
15 Mine Mill, the request was made at the Tasiujatsoak  
16 committee meeting on Jan the 29th to have an IBA  
17 orientation session with all relevant employees so we're all  
18 on the same page in relation to commitments and  
19 intentions. That's a fairly run-on sentence, Mr. Speaker.  
20 Mr. Speaker, we had an update on the VMBE and  
21 operations, discussed training and roles and responsibility of

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1 Aboriginal Affairs Department. President Lampe, Deputy  
2 Minister of Education and Economic Development and  
3 Theresa Baikie, or IBA coordinator had a one-day visit to the  
4 Voisey Bay mine site on February the 15th. The site tour  
5 was provided and there was also discussion on business  
6 opportunities and construction schedules. Mr. Speaker, the  
7 Torngat Mountains National Parks CBM had a conference-,  
8 CMB had a conference on February the 8th to discuss the  
9 next date of the face-to-face meeting that will be held in  
10 George River during the week of March the 24th. Non-  
11 renewable Resources Division: Mr. Speaker, since the last  
12 Assembly meeting, the Division has engaged in the following  
13 files and endeavours pertaining to mineral exploration and  
14 oil and gas. Mr. Speaker on the exploration front, our  
15 division received summaries of the Exploration Activity  
16 Reports from Labrador Gold/Ground troupe exploration on  
17 their Udjuktok property, and from Aurora Energy on their  
18 Michelin projects. These summaries are required for  
19 companies working on Labrador Inuit Lands to report  
20 summaries that are currently being read and reviewed by  
21 our division. Mr. Speaker, Maximus Metals has been  
22 approved to continue their drill program on their property  
23 south of Strange Lake, which is approximately 145 clicks



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1 west of Nain. The property is located on the Labrador Inuit  
2 Settlement Area. They will continue to drill, testing for  
3 potential nickel mineralization. This year's approval  
4 encompasses 14 drill holes, ground geophysics surveys and  
5 prospecting. Work restrictions with time constraints are  
6 applied to their drill program to prevent any possible  
7 conflict with the George River Caribou herd. Mr. Speaker,  
8 Maximus Metals has been approved to explore their  
9 Adlatok River property, adjacent to the Donner project,  
10 about 95 kilometers west of Hopedale. They've been  
11 approved to drill 82 holes, construct the flight camp, fuel  
12 cache, ground geophysics, and prospecting. Mr. Speaker,  
13 Vale has been approved to explore this year, that will  
14 include prospecting, a geochemistry survey, ground  
15 geophysics drilled 30 holes and five trenches adjacent to the  
16 mine. Mr. Speaker, the Division of Human Resources are  
17 currently in the screening process to allocate the candidate  
18 for the Mining Analyst position. We allocated a housing unit  
19 in Nain for this position. Environment Division. Mr.  
20 Speaker, on February the 28th, the former Deputy Minister  
21 Carol McLean and Director of Environment Rod Lane,  
22 testified at the Muskrat Falls Inquiry in Goose Bay. During  
23 their testimony, they highlighted a lack of response by the

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1 Provincial Government to recommendations on the  
2 Independent Expert Advisory Committee, despite over  
3 20 phone calls, emails and letters from NG requesting a  
4 response. Additionally, they were able to discuss the  
5 continued lack of response to the concerns of Labrador Inuit  
6 in regards to mitigation measures to reduce the impacts of  
7 methyl-mercury on the Lake Melville Ecosystem. Mr.  
8 Speaker, the Environment Division continues to make  
9 progress on Imappivut Planning Initiative. The Division has  
10 been reporting back to communities on the knowledge  
11 study and to discuss potential areas of interest for marine  
12 protection with community members. Lands and Natural  
13 Resources are finalizing discussions to support the public  
14 announcement of identified areas of interest. Thank you,  
15 Mr. Speaker. I must say that me and my people in Lands  
16 and Resources don't always agree on what short means.  
17 Thank you, very much.

18 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Andersen. The Speaker  
19 recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

20 **MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, Uhati.* Mr. Speaker, there's been a positive  
21 change in the Government of Canada's Summer Jobs 2019  
22 program. In the past, Mr. Speaker, funding for the program  
23 has been limited to hiring youth who were returning to

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1 school as most individuals around this table may be aware.

2 But the criteria has been expanded to include youth-, any

3 youth between the ages of 15 and 30. The Nunatsiavut

4 Government has applied for funding under this program in

5 hopes that we'll hear a positive response at the end of April.

6 Mr. Speaker, in budget 2018, the Government of Canada

7 committed to dedicated funding for housing initiatives in

8 Nunatsiavut. We were successful in negotiating that these

9 funds flow through our fiscal financing agreements. Mr.

10 Speaker, I am pleased to state that the Nunatsiavut

11 Government signed the second amendment to receive \$7.5

12 million for the 2018, 2019 fiscal year. We are currently

13 negotiating the next amendment to the FFA, related to the

14 funding for the housing developments for 2019, 2020 year.

15 The NG has also been negotiating the takedown of the

16 Consolidated Revenue Fund, part of our Aboriginal Skills and

17 Employment Training Strategy Program, or ASETS, under the

18 *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut

19 Government has recently received some feedback on the

20 proposal submitted for the programs and services related to

21 health under the FFA. We are hopeful to make significant

22 progress within these negotiations in the upcoming fiscal

23 year. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? I'll circle back to you, Minister Andersen. I'll give others an opportunity to speak first, unless you have-, I'll make sure there's no one else has a wish to make a statement. Are there any Ministers wishing to make a statement? Seeing none, please proceed, Honourable Minister Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yeah, I am a different Minister this time. You know, (inaudible).

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** If you could identify which hat you're wearing at the moment, that'd be fantastic.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Again, they probably don't understand what short is either, Mr. Speaker, but that's the way it is. I should say, Mr. Speaker, that in my earlier as Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, in my report, I wanted to mention that the (inaudible) what we are to the Ordinary Member for Rigolet who continues to ask (inaudible) questions and in doing so, that we have to keep after the Provincial Government and other regulatory bodies so that we can answer her questions and I very much appreciate that and I think that the Member should be recognized for her hard work for her constituents.

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1 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

So recognized.

2 **MR. ANDERSEN:**

3 Mr. Speaker, for the Department of Education and Economic  
4 Development, I'd like to start with the Education Manager.  
5 Summer literacy camp; this year, we have approved funds to  
6 continue to support the Summer Literacy Camps in Nain,  
7 Hopedale and Makkovik as well as add Rigolet to our list.  
8 Frontier College will hire local counsellors to be trained and  
9 help deliver the camps to our children with intent to one  
10 day having local people run the program entirely. This we're  
11 looking to the Private Sector to help financially support this  
12 project as with the addition of another location, the cost has  
13 grown. Counsellors will be hired this spring with training to  
14 be held in Makkovik at the end of June. Each camp will run  
15 for three weeks in July and is 100 percent free of charge to  
16 parents. National Inuit Committee on Education; NICE-,  
17 formally known as the National Committee on Inuit  
18 Education the NICE is a sub-committee of the Inuit Tapiriit  
19 Kanatami, and as such, underwent the reconstructing over  
20 the past year. NICE now falls in line with the structure and  
21 governance of other sub-committees under ITK with  
22 representation from the four Inuit regions, as well as  
23 Pauktuutit, Inuit Circumpolar Council of Canada, and the  
National Inuit Youth Council. The AETG falls under the

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1 National Inuit Committee on Education and includes the full  
2 NICE membership, as well as representatives from the  
3 Province, Territories, school boards and Federal  
4 Government. Jodie Lane is still the representative on the  
5 National Committee with Tim McNeil sitting as an alternate.  
6 Moving forward, there will be a number of specific working  
7 groups that will be tasked with moving forward on various  
8 recommendations from the National Strategy on Inuit  
9 Education 2011 and people outside of the NICE and the  
10 AETG can be named to those groups based on their relevant  
11 expertise in the area. These people will be recommended  
12 by Jodie and Tim. Currently, NICE is creating the workshop  
13 for-, currently the NICE is creating the working group for the  
14 Inuit Nunangat University File as well as for the evaluation  
15 working group that will be put in place to measure the work  
16 done on each of the recommendations, to ensure we are  
17 moving forward. And a quick update from the PSSSP. The  
18 results from the fall semester were very good. The number  
19 of students discontinuing is down from previous years,  
20 which is a really good sign. At this time, we have 116 full-  
21 time and 46 part-time students for a total of 162 students  
22 attending. Breakdowns are as follows: Canada, 47 full-time,  
23 20 part-time. Nunatsiavut: 36 full-time, 9 part-time. Upper

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1 Lake Melville: 33 full-time, 17 part-time. Applications for  
2 the coming 2019, 2020 academic year are slowly trickling in.  
3 The deadline is now past. It was March the 1st. And we will  
4 see a lot coming through on that date. We have been  
5 informed that NSCAD will be going on strike on March the  
6 1st. It's very unfortunate for students and can seriously  
7 impact their studies for the semester. We'll monitor the  
8 situation and advise students there accordingly. Last week,  
9 our staff received training on the internet and have since  
10 started to develop our page and move information over.  
11 We're now starting our busiest time of year with processing  
12 applications, counselling sessions, school year-ends,  
13 financial year-end and developing budgets for the new  
14 academic year. A short update on the LAMP, Labrador  
15 Aboriginal Training Program. There are currently 11 NG  
16 beneficiaries being supported by LAMP in the nine-month  
17 pre-employment trades related training programs. Since  
18 2017, we have supported another 12 beneficiaries who have  
19 already completed their training. Underground mining  
20 training programs; four-week underground mining training,  
21 Sudbury. The LAMP has supported 42 people in this  
22 program, 31 of whom were NG beneficiaries. The remaining  
23 were Innu. The next four-week program starts on March the

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1 18th, and another one again, will start on March the 13th.

2 Mining Foundations: CONA, Happy Valley. The six-week

3 program began on February the 18th which includes 12

4 participants. Five are NG beneficiaries. Our intent is to offer

5 another program in Hopedale and other communities

6 if there is sufficient interest. Simulator: Two-day training at  
CONA in

7 Happy Valley, Goose Bay. To date, LATP has sponsored 17

8 NG beneficiaries in the Simulator training. Common Service

9 Core: Two-day training in Sudbury for trades related

10 positions. We have supported three NG beneficiaries in this

11 program. Underground Mine Exposure, three training days

12 in Sudbury. The LATP has completed a first offering of this

13 program. Three people attended and all three were NG

14 beneficiaries. Camp attendant training. The 11-day training

15 program will be offered in Nain, commencing on March the

16 30th, 2019. Twelve participants are NG beneficiaries from

17 the North Coast. Safety Training Bundle: There are six

18 safety training programs we support. LATP supported a suit

19 of courses in Postville last year. The next one will be in Nain,

20 commencing on March the 18th, 2019. The LATP, in

21 conjunction with Vale has also community information

22 sessions in all five north-coast communities, as well as North

23 West River, Happy Valley and Labrador West. "Inuit



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1 Pathways". Inuit Pathways has 26 clients currently  
2 continuing in long-term skills development training  
3 intervention in various fields, such as heavy-duty equipment  
4 technician, welding and Aboriginal bridging program. Two  
5 clients have completed training programs in the past month.  
6 Two clients have completed short-term certification  
7 training in the past few months, and three are currently in  
8 training. Inuit Pathways as such, continues to support 15  
9 clients for ABE at the Learning Centres in Nain and  
10 Hopedale. We've also supported our beneficiaries through  
11 our other program and services as well, with eight clients  
12 supported for work experience interventions. Mr. Speaker,  
13 work continues through ITK's Inuit Human Resource  
14 Development Tactical Training Committee. On development  
15 and guidance of the Inuit Labour Market Strategy for the  
16 transition from Aboriginal skills and employment training  
17 strategy assets to the new Indigenous Skills and  
18 Employment Training programs, ISETP. The new 10-year  
19 program will begin April 2019. The Federal Government are  
20 in the process of transferring to Inuit Pathways, additional  
21 current year funding in the amount of 556,736. As this  
22 money has been determined at such a late date in the fiscal  
23 year, there will be provisions in place to allow this money to

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1 be carried over beyond April. Our Business Development  
2 Division: In support of Business Development, the Division  
3 has no applications to add to the Inuit Business Registry.  
4 Assistance was provided to six business support clients  
5 between January and February. Underground packages and  
6 10 regular site operations were received from Vale,  
7 whatever divisions submitting 56 Inuit Business Nominations  
8 in one QBE nomination. Focusing on tradition economies,  
9 we support Torngat Fish Producers research in scallop  
10 fishery in 2018. The season had a value of 60,000. To  
11 support business expansion, we hosted a Business Summit  
12 focused on opportunities and diversification on February the  
13 19th to the 21st, 2019 in Goose Bay. The event saw  
14 approximately 50 participants from the Inuit Business  
15 Community. Government and corporations candidly  
16 discussed current contract opportunities, options to  
17 diversify their business, and also ways to improve NG  
18 services to the business community. The event included the  
19 celebration of business success with our first ever, best  
20 practices panel of Inuit entrepreneurs, direct access to  
21 professional, joint venture specialist and conclude with key  
22 industry announcements. The feedback from business and  
23 stakeholders were overwhelmingly positive. A report

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1 summarizing the event and our next steps, will be produced  
2 mid-March. From a staffing perspective, we'd like to thank  
3 Tiffany Flowers who finished her role on February the 21st  
4 as Business Development Officer. Her passion, technical  
5 skills, perspective, were great assets to our team. We will  
6 be filling the Business Development Officer Role in April of  
7 2019. And I'm beat out. Mr. Speaker, thank you, very  
8 much.

9 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

10 *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Andersen. And just for  
11 the purposes of clarity and for the purposes of Hansard, I  
12 just want to state that the second Ministers statement that  
13 Honourable Minister Andresen did make was on behalf of  
14 his secondary role as Minister of Education and Economic  
15 Development. On to Item-, are there any other Ministers  
16 wishing to make a statement this morning? Seeing none,  
17 we'll move on to Item four of the *Orders of the Day*,  
18 Members Statements. Are there any Members wishing to  
19 make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes  
20 Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene  
Winters-Wheeler.

21 **MS. WHEELER:**

22 *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. As we begin this Assembly, I  
23 would like to send well wishes to our colleagues,  
NunaKâtiget Community Chair, Patricia Kemuksigak, who

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1 continues to support her husband as he recovers from  
2 health issues in St. John's, as well as Rigolet AngajukKâk  
3 Charlotte Wolfrey who is currently in St. John's for  
4 treatment. We miss them and their wisdom and their  
5 questions at this sitting and look forward to their return.  
6 Thanks to the Department of Health and Social  
7 Development, we had the opportunity to experience retired  
8 NHL Player, Theo Fleury to tell his story of trauma,  
9 addiction, and forgiveness. His story is powerful and  
10 moving, and I truly hope those who took in his sessions  
11 walked away with some comfort and hope for those who  
12 may be struggling. Since our last Assembly sitting, I have  
13 been busy assisting beneficiaries who have reached out for  
14 support. My colleague, Member Asivak and I have been  
15 working with beneficiaries who have needed support with  
16 housing issues and support with various social issues. These  
17 are important issues, and we will continue to support and  
18 advocate on their behalf. I would also like to recognize a  
19 few beneficiaries who just returned from the 2019 Canada  
20 W inter Games in Red Deer, Alberta. Josh Blake and Nolan  
21 Walsh did an excellent job representing Nunatsiavut  
22 beneficiaries, as part of the Newfoundland and Labrador  
23 delegation to Red Deer. Although they did not medal, their

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experience to compete at a national level was priceless and unforgettable to them and their families. I would also like to thank the community of Makkovik, but specifically, Barb Andersen and Peter Winters who organized the Second Annual Max Winters Memorial Hockey Tournament on February the 23rd. Our family is truly honoured in your efforts to hold a fun hockey tournament in our dad's memory. He would've been extremely proud and happy to watch as young and old competed in this one-day tournament as an arena fundraiser for the community. He truly loved Makkovik and went back every chance he had. He supported athletes from that community who may have travelled to Happy Valley, Goose Bay for any support. And he specifically, enjoyed getting his picture taken with them or their team. And anyone who knew him, knew that he loved to get his picture taken. I would also like to wish our beneficiaries who will be competing at the 2019 Labrador Winter Games in Happy Valley, Goose Bay in a few short weeks. The best of luck. I know they will make us proud and they will try their best. I believe this event is a great way to showcase our traditional lifestyle and our community spirit. I look forward to cheering on our athletes from Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville, who sit around the

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1 Assembly Table, Minister Edmunds, and Speaker Blake-

2 Rudkowski. *Nakummek*.

3 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Wheeler. Are there any  
4 other Members wishing to make a statement this morning?

5 The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms.

6 Marjorie Flowers.

7 **MS. FLOWERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. This morning I'd like to

8 acknowledge and thank the staff, students and chaperones

9 of ACMS school who attended the Winter Sports Meet held

10 in Makkovik last month. Also, thank you to Makkovik for

11 your hospitality in hosting the event. I hear a good time was

12 had by all. I really believe these kinds of events are great for

13 our communities, and certainly brings everyone together. I

14 also want to thank Nunatsiavut Government for the

15 generous allocation of \$3.3 million to construct 11 housing

16 lots on Airport Road. With our land prices, these lots will

17 certainly become very valuable in constructing more homes.

18 I wanted to point out that we do have a study ongoing with

19 other additional lots but this one was the cheapest and the

20 closest that we could get done for this year. Last year, joint

21 management approved monies for a new groomer for our

22 town. This is the first winter that we have used it, and it's

23 one of the most valuable pieces of equipment, I think, that

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1 we have. So I want to thank joint management for providing  
2 the funds. I know it was a big cost and I'm very grateful, on  
3 behalf of our town, that we have this equipment, and  
4 hopefully that you will see the benefit before you leave after  
5 this big snowfall. With the huge amount of snow this  
6 winter, we are experiencing large overhangs of snow from  
7 the hills around our community, which I'm sure you can see.  
8 HICG has contracted Mr. Paul Fenton an avalanche  
9 specialist to assess these overhangs, and the best method in  
10 taking them down to prevent an avalanche from occurring in  
11 our residential areas. I would also like to thank DHSD for  
12 their work. They have been very busy and they work hard  
13 for our communities. I too, like to echo Theo Fleury coming  
14 to our communities. He did an outstanding presentation  
15 and I think many people were touched and many people  
16 lived and felt what he had to say to us. I also would like to  
17 congratulate Chantelle Evans and Donna Dicker.  
18 Chantelle of Makkovik and Donna Dicker of Nain who were  
19 involved in a Canada Goose project. They made Silipaat  
20 and Atigiit for the project and they were chosen out of  
21 many participants from across the north and their crafts  
22 were, I think, displayed in Paris. So very much appreciated  
23 their wonderful work. And not-to-mention that there's so

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1 many others who are-, we have so many crafts people, some  
2 beautiful, talented people in our communities. And I just  
3 wanted to acknowledge them for the work that they do. I  
4 want to thank all of you for coming here as well, and I know  
5 that this has been a hard, um, session and lots to take in, in  
6 these with a lot of new members on, and I just wanted to  
7 commend each one for your work in your towns. Thank you.

8 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. Are there any other  
9 Members wishing to make a statement this morning? Sorry.  
10 My apologies. The Speaker recognizes The Chairperson of  
11 the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Maxine  
12 Winters.

13 **MS. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I would like to announce that  
14 Sivunivut ICC has hired a new Program Coordinator in early  
15 February. I am happy to say that Amalia Jararuse who is  
16 originally from Hopedale, has accepted the position. I look  
17 forward to working with her in the future. Over the past  
18 weekend, the NLVA 18 and Under Provincial Championships  
19 were held in Clarenville, Newfoundland. Team Labrador  
20 consisted of players from Nain, Hopedale, Rigolet, Makkovik,  
21 Sheshatshiu, as well as Grace Tuglavina, Olivia Andrew, and  
22 Alice Michelin from North West River. The girls played  
23 games against many schools and made it to the bronze



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1 medal game where they lost in the second set, 23 to 25 with  
2 Grace Tuglavina receiving the all-star player of the game. In  
3 closing, I would like to wish all communities the best of luck  
4 in the upcoming Labrador Winter Games from March 17 to  
5 the 23rd. Giver Shiver *Nakummek*.

6 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

7 Your community patriotism is refreshing, Ms. Winters. Are  
8 there any other Members wishing to make a statement this  
9 morning? Seeing none, I-, when I sit before this Assembly, I  
10 always sit here with two hats. One hat is, of course, as  
11 Speaker of this Assembly, but I also serve as Ordinary  
12 Member for Canada. I will be asking the unanimous consent  
13 of this Assembly to make a brief Member statement. If I  
14 have everyone's permission, I will ask the Deputy Speaker,  
15 Carlene Palliser to temporarily assume this seat so that I  
16 may make a brief Members Statement. Are there any-, all in  
17 favour of allowing me to do so? Are there any nays? Seeing  
18 none, I will ask Ms. Palliser, the Ordinary Member for Rigolet  
19 to temporarily assume the Speaker's position. Thank you.

20 **MS. PALLISER:**

21 Thank you, very much. I would like to recognize the  
22 Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Edward Blake-Rudkowski.

23 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

24 *Nakummek*, Speaker Palliser. Quite recently, there was an  
25 invitation sent out for all beneficiaries.

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**MS. PALLISER:**

Sorry.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Point of Order, Madame Speaker, you know, the Member should address you with respect, formality, and please stand while you're addressing Madame Speaker, Ordinary Member. *Nakummek*, Madame Speaker.

**MS. PALLISER:**

Thank you, Mr. Edmunds.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

No one knows the rules better than a previous Speaker, and I bow to your knowledge and I beg the forgiveness of the Assembly as I'm not accustomed to being on this portion of the table. Thank you, Minister Edmunds. As I was alluding to, a couple of weeks ago, there was an invitation sent out for applications for an elder's conference to be held in Nain in April. Myself and my colleague, Mr. Saunders, put out information to that affect, that applications were being solicited, and I can tell you that the response that I have received personally, has been nothing short of overwhelming. I personally, have received at least a dozen inquiries, about acquiring application packages and I can't say how many the person involved, Ms. Beverly Hunter, received, personally, as well, but the appetite among many in the Canadian constituency to remain connected with Nunatsiavut and to remain connected with their homeland

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1 is a theme that continues to impress me as I interact with  
2 the many beneficiaries who live in Canada. It's refreshing  
3 and I want to express my gratitude to the Minister-, I believe  
4 that's Minister Asivak's department? I express my gratitude  
5 for ensuring that the constituents-, that the 2000  
6 beneficiaries, who live in the Canadian constituency were,  
7 indeed, remembered. They are, thank you, with their  
8 applications and I look forward to hearing how it went upon  
9 their return. But again, thank you and thanks-, thank you  
10 Deputy Speaker Palliser.

11 **MS. PALLISER:**

Thank you, Mr. Blake-Rudkowski. I will now let Mr. Blake-  
12 Rudkowski take the Speaker's Chair back. Thank you.

13 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Palliser. I will canvas this  
14 Assembly one last-, one final time, to see if there's any other  
15 Members statements? Anybody else wishing to make a  
16 Members statement? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item  
17 Five of the *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Oral Questions".  
18 Are there any Returns to Oral Questions today? If not, we'll  
19 move on to Item six on the *Orders of the Day*, "Oral  
20 Questions". Are there any Oral Questions, this morning?  
21 The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

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1 **MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek, Uhalitik.* My question, sir, is to the acting Minister of Education and Economic Development, Honourable Tony Andersen. I ask you, sir, in your portfolio as acting Minister and in your portfolio as Minister, your department is-, as Lands and Resources is huge, and I know that there's lots of work that needs to be focused on in that area. I ask you, well, your role as acting Economic and Education portfolio be now considered for another Member?

10 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I would expect that, that question, would perhaps, be directed to the First Minister, who's in charge of allocating portfolios? So I'll refer that question to the-, your question was in-, and correct me if I'm wrong, AngajukKâk Dicker, but your question in regards to the permanent allocation of the portfolio that Minister is temporarily minding. Is that, indeed, what your question is?

17 **MR. DICKER:**

Thank you. My question, I guess, is that-, my concern is that the Land and Resources Department is huge and for one Minister to take on two roles and the other role as Economic and development Education, is also huge, as you heard in his report. So I ask First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell, will that portfolio be filled now by another Ordinary Member from this Assembly? Thank you.

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1 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I believe that question is better directed to the First Minister. First Minister are you okay with responding to that?

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4 **MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you, AngajukKâk from Nain for your question. Yes, we know that Minister Andersen has taken on a lot of work, but right now, there are reasons why we haven't filled that position, and I can assure you that we keep in contact with Minister Andersen to find out if he's okay with it, and up until now, he hasn't had a problem. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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11 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, First Minister. AngajukKâk Dicker. Do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other questions, this morning? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

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15 **MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Honourable Gerald Asivak, Minister of Health and Social Development. I know that I've asked this question before, and-, but it still comes up as an issue, so I'm bringing it forward again, and that's to do with vision care and dental care in our communities. I know that we've recently-, there is a dentist that comes here and they're very busy. There's lots of wait lists for people, so we're not getting the full dental care, I

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1 don't believe, that we should be getting. And also, with the  
2 vision care, as well, we've recently had optometrists here  
3 but with the weather conditions, many people didn't get  
4 seen.

5 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** AngajukKâk Flowers, if I just may interrupt. We have to-,  
6 you have to get to a question.

7 **MS. FLOWERS:** Okay. I was just giving you some background. My question  
8 is, with the backlog of appointments for vision care and  
9 dental care, will there be anyone else coming in to catch up  
10 to the backlog, because it seems like it never gets caught up  
11 with the appointments? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

12 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. The Speaker recognizes  
13 the Honourable Gerald Asivak.

14 **MR. ASIVAK:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker and AngajukKâk for Hopedale.  
15 Thank you for bringing this to my attention, as well. As you  
16 may be aware, with logistics, and weather, and other delays,  
17 sometimes it's beyond our control, but we'll gladly look into  
18 any backlog, specifically around vision and dental. Mr.  
19 Speaker, as I noted yesterday, we are working toward  
20 improving vision care with Labrador Grenfell health and the  
21 Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and I'm  
22 confident and trust my department that the Non-insured

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1 Health Benefits Department will look into this if you would  
2 please inform our department specifically around your  
3 issues, via email. We'll gladly get back to you in a timely  
4 manner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

5 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Asivak. AngajukKâk  
6 Flowers, do you have a supplementary question? Are there  
7 any other questions, this morning? The Speaker recognizes  
8 Mr. Glen Sheppard, AngajukKâk for Postville.

9 **MR. SHEPPARD:**

10 Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Acting  
11 Minister of Education and Economic Development. During  
12 his report on that portfolio, the Minister mentioned a youth  
13 camp well be going ahead this summer, and if I'm correct  
14 Mr. Speaker, I think every community was involved, other  
15 than my hometown community of Postville. I ask the  
16 Minister, Mr. Speaker, this morning, that is there a reason  
17 for that, why Postville is not included? Thank you.

17 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard. The Speaker recognizes  
18 the Honourable Tony Andersen.

19 **MR. ANDERSEN:**

20 Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier, in my report, I did mention  
21 that previously, the camps had been held in Nain, Hopedale  
22 and Makkovik and this year we're expanding to include  
Rigolet to that list. I don't have an answer for-, to his

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1 question, of why his community is excluded at this time, but  
2 certainly before the end of the day, I will have an answer for  
3 him, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

4 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. AngajukKâk Sheppard, do  
5 you have a supplementary question? Are there any other  
6 Oral Questions, this morning? AngajukKâk Dicker, I'm just  
7 going to make sure no one else has one before I come back  
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you. Are there any other oral questions this morning?

9 Seeing none, The Speaker recognizes, AngajukKâk for Nain,  
10 Mr. Joe Dicker.

11 **MR. DICKER:**

12 Thank you. My question is to the Minister of Lands and  
13 Natural Resources, Honourable Tony Andersen. In your  
14 report, you mentioned a lot of activity around Hopedale and  
15 Nain, by companies that are doing further exploratory  
16 drillings. My question to you, sir, is that will these  
17 companies be coming to the communities closest to the  
18 resource where they're working, for Community Information  
19 Sessions so that we in the communities would know what's  
20 going on and maybe, possibly be asking for employment  
21 opportunities if there's any that's needed? Thank you, Mr.  
Speaker.



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1 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

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

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3 **MR. ANDERSEN:**

4 Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, a very good question, and we  
5 will, as we have on every occasion, encouraged-, perhaps  
6 more than encouraged, somewhat demanded that  
7 companies would come to communities and give us their  
8 activity to give information sessions and also to recruit. You  
9 might know from statements that I made in September and  
10 again in January with respect to exploration around Nain  
11 and Hopedale. I think that I had mentioned at that time,  
12 more around the goal of exploration, that we had two very  
13 successful-, I would say that, but experiences I guess, with  
14 the two companies that were looking for gold-, one in the  
15 Udjuktok area and one southwest of Nain where a number  
16 of people were employed from the communities. And also  
17 that they both did community sessions. We have-, with  
18 Vale, continuous to our IBA that they do from time to  
19 time, do community sessions and of course, we have the  
20 *Impact and Benefits Agreement* in place that ensures that  
21 we get fair chance for employment. I hope that, that  
22 answers the question, and just to add Mr. Speaker, that we  
23 will continue at every opportunity to demand that people  
who are working on-, in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area

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1 and in-, on Labrador Inuit lands, that they consult-, would  
2 keep communities informed and recruit-, and do business  
3 with the Inuit Business as well, in our communities. Thank  
4 you, Mr. Speaker.

5 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Andersen. AngajukKâk Dicker, to you  
6 have a supplementary question?

7 **MR. ANDERSEN:**

8 Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, with regards to the company  
9 that's by Strange Lake or using Strange Lake as a base camp,  
10 this company, to my knowledge, sir, has not been to Nain  
11 and informed the community what they're doing. I ask that  
12 this company be specifically invited to come to Nain for-, to  
13 give the community an update. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

13 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**  
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AngajukKâk Dicker, I'm going to ask that you rephrase that  
15 the form of a question. This is a time for Oral Questions and  
16 what you did was make a statement, so if you could  
17 rephrase that in the form of a question, that would be more  
18 in line with our *Standing Orders*.

18 **MR. DICKER:**

19 Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask the Minister, will the  
20 Department of Lands and Resources invite the company  
21 that's using Strange Lake as a base for their drilling  
22 operations, will the Department invite that company to  
come to Nain and give the community updates?

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

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

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and a very good point, and again, very good question from the AngajukKâk for Nain Inuit Community Government. And certainly, I took his question, Mr. Speaker, as a request to encourage Maximus Metals to come to do a community session in Nain, if I understood his question correctly. And certainly, I will bring that forward and again, within a short time, I hope to have a response for him. Not-, certainly not by the end of the day, as I said to his earlier question, but in a timely manner, get back to him to ensure that his community knows what's happening at Maximus Metals. And we certainly will encourage them to come to Nain for a community session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Andersen. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a second and final supplementary question? Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? At this point I'm going to call a short recess and when we return to Oral Question...

**MS. SILLETT:**

There.

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

...oh-, I-, my apologies. AngajukKâk-, The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I guess my question again, is to the Honourable Minister of Lands and Resources. I hope that the portfolio, the-, with all the exploration work and requirements for the Nunatsiavut Government to keep an eye on those activities. My question is, will your department ever consider hiring on a second officer-, conservation officer, in all of our communities, for officer safety reasons? We are seeing our officers going out on the boat alone, in all kinds of weather, going out on snow mobiles alone in all kinds of weather. I know that, for a fact where I was there before, we were not allowed to go out alone, out in the field for safety reasons. And the Federal Fisheries Officers aren't allowed to go out for safety reasons, alone, so will we ever consider, as a Nunatsiavut Government, hiring on a second officer-, Conservation Officer in all of our communities, so that we can keep an eye on the environment, such as those fish camps and stuff that we have operating, and mining exploration companies around our communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

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

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1 **MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, very clear I wish to assure  
2 the AngajukKâk, Mr. Speaker, that every consideration is  
3 being given to exactly what is his question and I couldn't  
4 agree more that for safety reasons, there should be at least  
5 two people. Sometimes, you know, there are some funding  
6 restraints. We are currently working, now, to-, and we have  
7 been, like people who were here before me are trying to,  
8 you know, currently working to get a second Conservation  
9 Officer for the area, Nain and north of Nain which is a huge  
10 area and, you know, very few-, well, north of Nain, there are  
11 no communities and it is a huge area with some activity  
12 through airplanes, whatnot going into that area. But  
13 certainly, Mr. Speaker, I hear, I hear what the AngajukKâk  
14 said. I couldn't agree more. And I'm, I'm sure that the day  
15 will come when those-, we will have, you know, sufficient  
16 Conservation Officer in numbers and I certainly look forward  
17 to that day and will work to that end. Thank you, Mr.  
18 Speaker.

19 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Andersen. AngajukKâk Andersen, do  
20 you have a second-, do you have a supplementary question?

21 **MR. ANDERSEN:**

No, Mr. Speaker.

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1 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other oral questions this morning? I'll just canvas the room again, AngajukKâk Sheppard to make sure someone who hasn't asked a question has had their opportunity before I come back to you. Are there any others? Seeing none, The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard.

7 **MR. SHEPPARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very brief, but my question is-, will be directed to the Honourable President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe and I know, Mr. Speaker, in the length of a year, that the NEC meet in our communities on a rotation basis, but my question to the Honourable President this morning would be, does the President have any plans to visit our communities, on an annual basis, in addition to the NEC meeting in each community. Thank you.

15 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard. The Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

18 **PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek, Uhati, Nakummek*, AngajukKâk [speaks in Inuttitut]. Yes, Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Executive Council is obviously, taking consideration in visiting the Nunatsiavut communities, not just for NEC meetings but for other meetings that the Nunatsiavut Government is in

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1 business for and most certainly, were the NEC's were busy  
2 and these visits have to be planned and the travel and the  
3 accommodations logistics have to be taken into  
4 consideration and most certainly, where a lot of invitations  
5 are coming, we have to schedule such visits within  
6 Nunatsiavut or Upper Lake Melville and also to Canada-  
7 wide. And so the question is taken clearly and so we have  
8 always taken into consideration the visit of each community  
9 within each Nunatsiavut and will continue to do that.  
10 *Nakummek.*

11 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Honourable President. AngajukKâk Sheppard,  
12 do you have a supplementary question?

13 **MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I don't.

14 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? Seeing  
15 none, we will take a short recess. When we come back,  
16 we'll continue with Oral Questions. I believe there are  
17 several still to come to the floor. We'll reconvene in 15  
18 minutes.

19 **[Recess.]**

20 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** We're now back from recess and we'll pick up where we left  
21 off, "Oral Questions". Are there any other Oral Questions on

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1 the day? The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for  
2 Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

3 **MR. SAUNDERS:** I would like to make a statement first. Canada...

4 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** If I may, the statement should be very brief...

5 **MR. SAUNDERS:** Sorry.

6 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Ordinary Member Saunders. This is a time for questions, so  
7 if you could make any sort of preamble very brief and then  
8 get to your question, please.

9 **MR. SAUNDERS:** I will. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members. Canada is very  
10 huge and we seem to be lacking in notifications, so I'd like to  
11 ask the President the question, you have had two meetings  
12 in the Canadian constituency in the last year and I never  
13 knew of any of those meetings until the day they happened.  
14 Is there any way you can make it policy to inform the  
15 Canadian Constituency in advance when you and the NEC  
16 plan to make a meeting in Canada? Thank you.

17 **MR. SPEAKER:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders. The Speaker  
18 recognizes President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable  
19 Johannes Lampe.

20 **PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek, Uhatik, [speaks in Inuttitut.]* Mr. Speaker, we  
21 have a schedule to visit beneficiaries, whether in  
22 Nunatsiavut, Upper Lake Melville or Canada-wide and we



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1 did attempt to hold our NEC meeting in Ottawa last month  
2 but due to conditions that were beyond our control, we  
3 could not make it to the Canadian Constituency. But we will  
4 continue to attempt or if conditions provide, we will visit the  
5 communities, Upper Lake Melville, Canada-wide as cajoled  
6 and we want to reach all the beneficiaries that we can, that  
7 need to be provided with information that is important to  
8 them, and the business that the Nunatsiavut Government is  
9 doing, for today and for the future. *Nakummek, Uhâtik.*

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

12 **MR. SAUNDERS:** Not for the President, no. But I do have one for the Minister  
13 of Health.

14 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Before I ask Mr. Saunders again, are there any other Oral  
15 Questions this morning? Seeing none, The Speaker  
16 recognizes the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland  
17 Saunders.

18 **MR. SAUNDERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Minister of Health, I understand  
19 that there was a representative from Canada attending your  
20 symposium that you have for the youth, and I would like to  
21 know how that selection was made and when it was made,  
22 as we never heard anything about anything with regards to

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1 the symposium. Can you give me information on it, please?

2 Thank you.

3 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders. The Speaker  
4 recognizes The Minister of Health, the Honourable Gerald  
5 Asivak.

6 **MR. ASIVAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canada,  
7 Mr. Saunders. I don't have the exact specific answer for the  
8 selection of the representative for the Youth Symposium for  
9 Canada. I'm saddened to hear that you feel that the  
10 information wasn't provided adequately. I will get back to  
11 you within seven days on how the selection was made and  
12 I'll definitely make sure that the information is shared with  
13 the Canadian Constituency through yourself and Ordinary  
14 Member Blake-Rudkowski, and Canada-wide. Also note, you  
15 can follow our Facebook page that we addressed yesterday,  
16 and any time please reach out via email or telephone call in  
17 advance so we can rectify any situation beforehand. Thank  
18 you, Mr. Speaker.

19 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Asivak. Ordinary Member  
20 Saunders, do you have a supplementary question?

21 **MR. SAUNDERS:** No, I do not. Thank you.

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1 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

2 Are there any other oral questions, this morning? Seeing  
3 none, we'll move on to Item seven on the *Orders of the Day*,  
4 "Written Questions". Are there any Written Questions  
5 today? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item Eight of the  
6 *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Written Questions". There  
7 are no Returns to Written Questions. We'll move on to Item  
8 nine, which Item nine of the *Orders of the Day*, is  
9 "Petitions". Are there any petitions this morning? Seeing  
10 none, we'll move on to Item 10 of the *Orders of the Day*,  
11 "Responses to Petitions". There will be no responses today.  
12 Move on to Item 11. Item 11 on the *Orders of the Day*, is  
13 "Reports of Standing in Special Committees". And at this  
14 time, I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Rigolet,  
15 Ms. Carlene Palliser who'll give us a report from the  
16 Standing Committee on Alcohol and Drugs. Ms. Palliser is  
17 the Chair of the Standing Committee on Alcohol and Drugs.  
18 Ms. Palliser-, Ordinary Member Palliser.

18 **MS. PALLISER:**

19 Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Standing Committee on Drugs  
20 and Alcohol is pleased to present its report to the  
21 Nunatsiavut Assembly. The Committee has scheduled  
22 teleconferences throughout the past few months, with  
23 some dialogue on clarity of the roles and responsibilities of  
the Committee. What has been done in the past, and how

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1 we will proceed to keep up with the respectable work that  
2 was already done by precious Members. It has been  
3 recognized that because of the small structure of the  
4 committee, and because all input is needed on this very  
5 important topic, that we would only meet when all  
6 Members can be available. It was the Committee's intent to  
7 meet during the evenings after the House of the Assembly  
8 sittings in Hopedale. Unfortunately, Committee Members  
9 could not commit because of other business they were  
10 involved in. It is still the intent of the Committee to meet  
11 whenever possible while attending the Assembly. A face-to-  
12 face meeting will be scheduled to happen at the earliest  
13 convenience for all Committee Members in March 2019 in  
14 Happy Valley, Goose Bay. The Committee hopes to meet  
15 with the Deputy Minister, Director of Health and Social  
16 Development, Ms. Michelle Kinney who was identified  
17 as a Senior Staff person on previous committees. She has  
18 indicated, she has information that she could share with us  
19 and that would present a great opportunity to meet with  
20 her. As discussed in previous teleconferences, the  
21 Committee has been in touch with Mr. Mark Gillette in  
22 regard to the process of requesting a senior staff person to  
23 sit on the Alcohol and Drug committee to take minutes,

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1 make arrangements, et cetera. We would like to report that  
2 the Committee is active and is confident that once we are  
3 updated on what was recommended and suggested by the  
4 past committees, will have an idea how we can move  
5 forward. Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I move,  
6 seconded by the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry  
7 Andersen, that the report from the Standing Committee on  
8 Alcohol and Drugs be received and adopted.

9 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Palliser. The motion is in  
10 order. Would you like to speak to the motion?

11 **MS. PALLISER:** No, Mr. Speaker.

12 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Are there any other Members of the Assembly who wish to  
13 speak to the Motion? If no other Members wish to speak,  
14 does the Ordinary Member for Rigolet wish to make final  
15 comments and conclude debate?

16 **MS. PALLISER:** No, Mr. Speaker. I don't.

17 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** That concludes debate. All those in favour of the Ordinary  
18 Member's motion? Are there any nays? The motion is  
19 carried and the 2019 Report of the Drugs and Alcohol  
20 Committee is accepted. There are no more reports of  
21 Standing in Special Committees today, so with that, we'll  
22 move on to Item 12 on the *Orders of the Day*, Item 12 is

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1 "Tabling of Documents". There are no documents to be  
2 tabled today, and we'll move on to Item 13. Item 13 of the  
3 *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion". And there are no  
4 Notices of Motion today, so we'll move on to Item 14. Item  
5 14 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion for First  
6 Reading of Bills". There are no notices of motions for first  
7 reading of bills today, and we'll move on to Item 15. Item 15  
8 on the *Orders of the Day*, is "Motions". And there are no  
9 more motions today. We'll move on to Item 16, which is  
10 "First Reading of Bills". Item 16, "First Reading of Bills". The  
11 first reading of the Budget bill of 2019. The Assembly  
12 received the Notice of Motion for the First Reading of Bill  
13 2019-02 yesterday, so I would like to recognize the Minister  
14 of Finance, and the treasurer or Nunatsiavut, the  
15 Honourable Tyler Edmunds, to proceed.

16 **MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. *Uhalitik*. I move,  
17 seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate  
18 Mitchell, that Bill 2019-02, the Budget Bill 2019 be now  
19 introduced and read for the first time. *Nakummek Uhâtik*.

20 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Would you like to introduce the Bill?

21 **MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I'd like to introduce the Bill.  
22 Mr. Speaker, self-determination is at the core of our

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1 Government and our *Land Claims Agreement*. It is in the  
2 implementation of our agreement that we have the ability  
3 to forge our own path as a government and as a people. Mr.  
4 Speaker, with each year, governance, we add resources to  
5 advance self-determination and to meet the objectives set  
6 out in our *Land Claims Agreement*. This budget, Mr.  
7 Speaker is built around the continued growth of our  
8 government and the continued implementation of our *Land*  
9 *Claims Agreement* so that we can address the issues that  
10 most impact our people and our communities. *Uhalitik*.  
11 This Speaker focuses on housing shortages and land  
12 developments, food security and facilitating the voice of  
13 Labrador Inuit and the care of our children and our youth.  
14 This budget will also support established language programs  
15 and services, while ensuring that there are new and  
16 effective strategies in place to promote Inuttitut and to  
17 retain our culture. This Budget will add capacity to our  
18 Government ensuring that there are additional financial,  
19 legal and human resources for these files, allowing us to  
20 meet our commitments to our beneficiaries while still  
21 balancing the fiscal realities of the Nunatsiavut Government.  
22 As we reflect on this past year, Mr. Speaker, we can see  
23 progress in priority areas of our Government. And we

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1 should be proud of our achievements as that of our Inuit.

2 I'm confident that this financial plan will build on these

3 achievements and work to improve the lives of our people

4 by addressing key strategic areas of our Government while

5 continuing to move us forward on our path to self-

6 determination. Within this budget-, within this financial

7 plan, Mr. Speaker, there's significant investment in housing,

8 and there will be much discussion around housing within the

9 next short time. While we can agree that there are many

10 challenges and concerns, as a government we must

11 continue to move forward in addressing this priority issue.

12 We have been successful in obtaining committed funding

13 from the Government of Canada for a 10-year period,

14 beginning April 1st, 2018 of \$7.5 million each year. This

15 commitment, along with internally restricted housing fund,

16 brings the budgeted funds for the housing for the 2019,

17 2020 fiscal year to \$22 million. This is a significant

18 investment for our Government, Mr. Speaker-, one that will

19 be guided by the Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy and will be

20 guided by Inuit Law. Mr. Speaker, the largest obstacle to

21 building new housing units is a severe shortage of developed

22 land. As a Government, we are committed to working with

23 each of our Inuit Community Governments to ensure that



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1 there's adequately developed land. As you know, Mr.  
2 Speaker, this Assembly approved the Nunatsiavut Energy  
3 Plan in 2017. This budget has funding dedicated to action  
4 items in this plan, with objectives aimed at reducing our  
5 reliance on diesel fuel and finding ways to help homeowners  
6 effectively and affordably heat their homes. Mr. Speaker, to  
7 assist with implementation of The Nunatsiavut Housing  
8 Strategy, and initiatives undertaken by our Government, for  
9 housing, a Housing Policy Analyst position was approved  
10 during the 2018, 2019 fiscal year and that'll be reflected in  
11 our financial plan. Mr. Speaker, our approach to housing is  
12 guided by the premise that Nunatsiavut should have housing  
13 that is culturally appropriate, environmentally suitable, and  
14 is informed by community plan and developmental needs.  
15 Mr. Speaker, in terms of investments in children and  
16 families, the Social Development Division is currently being  
17 led by the Deputy Minister of Health and Social  
18 Development. This Division has grown astronomically with  
19 the addition of the Supportive Living Program, Family  
20 Connections Program and greater involvement with the  
21 Provincial Government with respect to Indigenous Child  
22 Welfare. As such, this budget includes a new management  
23 position, that will be responsible for ensuring the delivery of

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1 quality and effective programs and services to children,  
2 youth and families within this mandate. As we have noted  
3 with this greater involvement with the Provincial  
4 Government, the Department of Health and Social  
5 Developments has budgeted for a new permanent position  
6 to be a key point of contact with the Province for all matters  
7 related to child protection, intervention and cultural  
8 continuity planning for children in care. Mr. Speaker, the  
9 Government of Canada through our FFA continues to  
10 provide funding so that the NG can provide quality health  
11 and social programming related to mental wellness and  
12 well-being, suicide prevention, diabetes prevention and TB  
13 prevention, elimination, to name a few. Obviously, we'll  
14 continue on with those initiatives within this financial plan  
15 and budget as well. For investments in language and  
16 culture, Mr. Speaker, our Government fully supports the  
17 revitalization, promotion, maintenance and enhancement of  
18 Inuttitut and cultural expression at every stage of life. We  
19 spent many years discussing the revitalization of Inuttitut  
20 and as a first language of Nunatsiavut, the Department of  
21 Culture, Recreation and Tourism is starting the first steps  
22 towards developing comprehensive strategies to work  
23 towards improving the language. Mr. Speaker, funds have

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1 been budgeted to hold Language Summit, to learn from  
2 beneficiaries and language specialists from other Inuit  
3 Regions, and how best to address our language gaps and  
4 needs. Additionally, within the department there is  
5 budgeted another Language Program Coordinator position  
6 to continue to support language programs in Nunatsiavut,  
7 such as the Inuttitut Radio Hour on the OKâlaKatiget  
8 Society Radio Station, the Inuvialuit Language Nest, the  
9 Interpreter Translator annual workshops and the Master  
10 Apprentice Inuttitut Program. The upcoming year will be an  
11 eventful one for this particular department with the grand  
12 opening of Illusuak Cultural Centre, and the commemoration  
13 of the 100th anniversary of the Spanish Flu of 1918. The  
14 cultural centre is substantially, complete, Mr. Speaker, with  
15 the exception of the theatre and landscaping work. The  
16 exhibits have been installed in the centre, but as the  
17 Minister has spoken to, before the artifacts can be placed in  
18 exhibits, the fire suppression system must be installed, and  
19 all this has to be done prior to the end of the construction  
20 season. A special Committee on the commemoration of the  
21 100th anniversary of the Spanish Flu 1918, has been created  
22 and there have been funds allocated to allow the committee  
23 to conduct their work. There's been \$200,000 allocated for

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1 the committee and there are plans to have 150 descendants  
2 travel to Okak for a four-day event. Within this event,  
3 descendants will have the opportunity to have a memorial  
4 service, erect a monument, travel and visit their family  
5 homeland, Mr. Speaker. They'll be able to celebrate the  
6 area and the history that it holds. Mr. Speaker, the  
7 Department will also add another Tourism Development  
8 Officer to assist with the implementation of the Nunatsiavut  
9 Tourism Strategy and has continued to budget for the  
10 Hebron Ambassador Program and Hebron Restoration  
11 Project. In terms of investments and health and the well-  
12 being of Labrador Inuit, Mr. Speaker, investing in adequate  
13 housing and promoting our unique Labrador Identity-, Inuit  
14 Identity, are important steps in improving the lives of our  
15 people, but with high rates of food insecurity in Nunatsiavut  
16 this-, sorry, Mr. Speaker-, high rates of food insecurity in  
17 Nunatsiavut continues to be an issue of utmost importance  
18 for our Government. There are plans to create a strategy to  
19 address food security in Nunatsiavut and this will be  
20 completed and approved early in the new fiscal year. This  
21 strategy will need to be implemented and currently there's  
22 only one position for the Government on this priority area.  
23 This upcoming budget, Mr. Speaker will add two permanent

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1 program staff to assist with implementation of this strategy  
2 and the programs and services related to food security. In  
3 terms of investments in Lands and Natural Resources, Mr.  
4 Speaker, Labrador Inuit have a deep connection to the lands  
5 and it is our responsibility as a government and indeed, Mr.  
6 Speaker, all Labrador Inuit's responsibility to protect the  
7 lands and its natural resources. There's been work  
8 commenced on Imappivut, a marine plan for Nunatsiavut, a  
9 plan that will protect Labrador Inuit interests in the ocean  
10 environment and support healthy ecosystems and the well-  
11 being of Nunatsiavimiut. Funding has been appropriated for  
12 the upcoming fiscal year to continue moving this initiative  
13 forward. Mr. Speaker, based on input from Labrador Inuit  
14 through the Community Lands and Resource Committee or  
15 CLARC Committees, funds are being...

16 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

16 Minister Edmunds, if I may interrupt for a moment?  
17 Standing Order 50 limits the opening of a bill to a 10-minute  
18 time period. You have now reached that time period,  
19 however, Standing Order 16.1 does allow us to extend to  
20 circumvent Standing Order 50, so if I have unanimous  
21 consent of the Assembly, we will waive Standing Order 50  
22 and allow Minister Edmunds to proceed with his

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1 presentation. Do I have unanimous consent? Any nays?

2 Please proceed, Minister Edmunds.

3 **MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek Uhalitik and Nakummek*, Assembly Members.

4 Based on the input from the CLARC Committees, funds are  
5 continuing to be appropriated to inspect various worksites  
6 throughout Labrador Inuit lands and to identify any  
7 potential environmental concerns associated with any work  
8 projects on those lands. Mr. Speaker, the fishery funds as  
9 the Assembly Members may be aware is an internally  
10 restricted fund, which is composed of access fees that are  
11 received from our fishers. The Renewable Resources  
12 Division is in the final stages of the development of a formal  
13 plan that will guide use of the fishery fund this internally  
14 restricted fund. Lake Melville baseline study, Mr. Speaker,  
15 will continue this year, which has community-based  
16 monitoring of water, fish and seals and their associated  
17 analysis. There'll also be an expansion of this current  
18 monitoring program to ensure the other species within Lake  
19 Melville are looked at as well. Mr. Speaker, in terms of  
20 investment in our employees, the growth of programs and  
21 services across our government, increases administrative  
22 burden and as such, additional positions in the legal, finance  
23 and information technology divisions have been budgeted

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1 to alleviate this increased workload. Mr. Speaker, our most  
2 valuable resource, as a government is our employees.  
3 Without the skills and dedication of our staff, our civil  
4 service, the government would not be able to properly  
5 address the needs of Labrador Inuit and our communities.

6 We are continuing our commitments from the last two years  
7 and again have budgeted a two percent increase in salaries  
8 for the employees across our casual-, for the employee and  
9 casual temporary divisions of our Government. In

10 conclusion, Mr. Speaker, first and foremost I want to  
11 recognize the staff within each of our departments for the  
12 work that they've been doing throughout these last number  
13 of years, and the work that they'll be doing in the upcoming  
14 year to ensure that this financial plan, this budget is  
15 successful. I want to thank them for being fiscally

16 responsible in ensuring that our government continues to be  
17 financially strong and sound. Without their continued  
18 support and dedication, Mr. Speaker, again, the financial

19 plan would not be possible or achievable. As I've stated, this  
20 financial plan is about progress. It's about continued  
21 advancement on the key priority areas of our government  
22 and focused on improving the lives of Labrador Inuit and  
23 protecting the land and natural resources within

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1 Nunatsiavut. With approval of this budget, Mr. Speaker, we  
2 will continue to implement the budget that we have for  
3 Nunatsiavut. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

4 **MR. SPEAKER:** *Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. The motion is in order.  
5 Does anyone else wish to speak to the principle of the bill?  
6 This is first reading, so any comments would have to be  
7 confined to the principle of the bill. If no other Members  
8 wish to speak, does the Minister of Finance and the  
9 Treasurer of Nunatsiavut wish to conclude the debate?

10 **MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek Uhâtik*. I have no further comments, and wish to  
11 conclude debate.

12 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. That concludes debate on  
13 First Reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill  
14 2019-02 on First Reading? All those in favour? Any  
15 opposed? The Motion is carried and accordingly, Bill 2019-  
16 02, the Budget Bill, 2019, has had first reading. I'd like to  
17 recognize the Minister of Finance, again, the Honourable  
18 Tyler Edmunds.

19 **MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. *Nakummek*, Assembly Members  
20 for approving the First Reading of our Budget Bill.  
21 Honourable Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order  
22 54(3), I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order



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1 54(1) to have the Assembly proceed to second reading of  
2 Budget Bill 2019-02, the Budget Bill 2019, today at the  
3 appropriate time. *Nakummek*.

4 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The Minister is seeking  
5 unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54 Section One,  
6 Sub-section (d), to proceed with second reading of Bill 2019-  
7 02, the Budget Bill 2019. All those in favour? Are there any  
8 nays? There is none. Minister, you have unanimous  
9 consent, so the bill can proceed to second reading at the  
10 appropriate time. We'll now move onto Item 17 on the  
11 *Orders of the Day*. Item 17 on the *Orders of the Day* is  
12 "Second Reading of Bills". Again, I'd like to recognize the  
13 Minister of Finance the Honourable Tyler Edmunds for the  
14 Second Reading of the Budget Bill, 2019.

15 **MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Honourable Speaker, I'd like to  
16 make a motion in accordance with Standing Order 42, to  
17 allow for consideration of the Budget Bill in the Committee  
18 of the Whole, therefore, I move, seconded by the First  
19 Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that Bill 2019-02-,  
20 *Budget Bill 2019*, be referred to Committee of the Whole for  
21 consideration with Comptroller Rexanne Crawford as a  
22 witness.

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1 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order.

2 The motion, all those in favour? Any opposed? The motion  
3 is carried. So we'll now move into Committee of the Whole  
4 to consider the Financial Plan, along with the Budget Bill and  
5 invite Ms. Rexanne Crawford who I don't see. If one of the  
6 pages, perhaps, could go ask her to join us. Ms. Rexanne  
7 Crawford if, of course, the NG Comptroller, and she will join  
8 us as a witness in the Committee of the Whole. *Nakummek*,  
9 Ms. Crawford, and I'll turn it over to you to make your  
10 presentation.

11 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

So we'll start with the document called the Financial Plan  
12 2019, 2020.

13 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

The Speaker Recognizes-, Chairperson-, my apologies-,  
14 Chairperson. I'm always cognizant of the ever-vigilant, Tony  
15 Anderson-, Honourable Mr. Andersen.

16 **MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek* [**speaks in Inuttitut**]. Again, what we're doing  
17 at this point is reviewing the Financial Plan, which is sort of a  
18 guiding document for the upcoming Budget Bill. Our  
19 Comptroller will speak to how we plan to expend the funds  
20 for the upcoming year to deliver programs and services, but  
21 again, we have the actual Budget Bill that's attached to this,  
22 which we will consider in the clause-by-clause reading after

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1 we go through the Financial Plan. I just wanted to make  
2 that clear for some of the Members who've never been  
3 through this process, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

4 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Your input is always welcome, Minister Edmunds. Ms.  
5 Crawford, are you ready to proceed? The Chair turns it over  
6 to yourself.

7 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

8 So we'll start on page 3, and the title on the top of the page  
9 is Sources of Revenue. So as we are all aware, a significant  
10 source of our revenue comes under the *Fiscal Financing*  
11 *Agreement*. So the current projection for our *Fiscal*  
12 *Financing Agreement*, for the 2019, 2020 fiscal year is 58  
13 million. And this is about an \$8 million increase from the  
14 previous year and there are two drivers of this increase.  
15 First, is that we have successfully concluded an amendment  
16 to the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, which allows the  
17 committed funds from the Government of Canada to flow  
18 under the grant, versus *Contribution Agreement*, which does  
19 allow us much more flexibility in the use of the funds.  
20 Typically, a *Contribution Agreement*, has very stringent  
21 terms and conditions and very stringent timelines for  
22 spending the funds. And our *Fiscal Financing Agreement*  
23 allows us more flexibility and ability to plan for larger and  
long-term projects. The second driver of the increase is the

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1 Annual – the acronym is called FIDDIPI and it's basically an  
2 adjustment-, an adjustor factor to the *Fiscal Financing*  
3 *Agreement*. The *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, as I noted,  
4 allows us to carry over funds that are not expended in any  
5 given year. And this is important because it allows us, as I  
6 said, to do longer-term planning and not try to spend money  
7 within a very limited time period. Currently, we have \$21  
8 million in Internally Restricted Funds related to the FFA.  
9 And if the funds that are in Internally Restricted are not  
10 budgeted or appropriated under this *Budget Act*, we can't  
11 spend it. And rather than have to do supplementary  
12 *Budget Acts*, we take everything that's in our Internally  
13 Restricted Fund, and we budget it under the *Budge Act*, so  
14 as plans are being executed, we don't have to come back to  
15 another sitting to get approval to spend it. It's already been  
16 approved. The Government does have our Own-Source  
17 Revenues as well. We have an agreement with the  
18 Government of Canada that allows us to receive 95 percent  
19 of all Federal Personal Income Tax collected by residents in  
20 Nunatsiavut. And this is projected to be \$4.2 million for the  
21 2019, 2020 year. This is an increase over the prior year's  
22 remittance of 3.8 million and the reason the Government of  
23 Canada has increased the Annual Remittance is based on a

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1 number of years-, past years of actual personal income taxes  
2 being collected. So we're seeing the economy grow in  
3 Nunatsiavut. We're seeing more people work, and I can say  
4 that because I've seen the personal income taxes that the  
5 Government receives, grow. The second source of funding  
6 is a Goods and Services Tax which is based on another  
7 agreement from Canada, and we receive approximately-, it's  
8 a consumption factor of about 86 percent of GST that's  
9 collected in Nunatsiavut. And so for the 2019, 2020 fiscal  
10 year, this is \$3,012,000. Another source of revenue is  
11 Interest and Investment Income. And this is based on  
12 interest earned on our bank accounts, and investment  
13 income earned on our funds that we have invested with  
14 Optimum Asset Management. So any excess funds that we  
15 have, we have been moving them into a bond portfolio, and  
16 we receive investment income on that with we budget and  
17 use for the operations of the government. As well, under  
18 the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust, the  
19 NG receives 50 percent of the investment income earned in  
20 the previous calendar year, and this has been budgeted at  
21 \$6.2 million for the 2019, 2020 year. The NG also collects  
22 access fees from fishers for use of the NG fishing licences,  
23 and this has been occurring for the last four years, and is in

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1 accordance with the Nunatsiavut Government Commercial  
2 Fishing Policy. All the funds that have been collected have  
3 been put into an Internally Restricted Fund. We call it, right  
4 now, the Fishery Fund. And as the Minister spoke about in  
5 the Budget speech, the department is currently in final  
6 stages of a plan for use of this fund, and that'll guide the use  
7 of the Fishery Fund. And I think the last thing I want to point  
8 out, is when you look at the schedule and the *Budget Act*,  
9 for sources of revenue, again, we have no funds budgeted  
10 for mining or mineral rights taxes. And for those Members  
11 who are new around the table and may not be fully aware,  
12 we have filed a statement of claim against the Government  
13 of Newfoundland and Labrador in terms of mining, the  
14 mineral rights taxes, and we'll be going to court in the next  
15 year in terms of this litigation and basically, we feel strongly  
16 that we are owed taxes and that's pretty much, really, I  
17 think, all I can say at this point, because it is a matter going  
18 into the courts, and we're fairly close to that point. But for  
19 the last number of years we haven't been receiving any  
20 mining or mineral rights taxes. Any funds that had been  
21 budgeted in previous *Budget Acts*, are funds that we had  
22 received in the past and hadn't spent, and then were  
23 bringing into operations as needed. This year, because of

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1 the increases in personal income taxes, GST, and the  
2 investment income, we have not had to use any of the  
3 remaining mining taxes that we have in our Internally  
4 Restricted Funds. Are there any questions on the Sources of  
5 Revenue? All right. I'll move to page 4. The title of this  
6 page is Projected Budget and five-year plan and this  
7 corresponds with two of the schedules that are in the  
8 *Budget Act*, and the Annex. So under the *Labrador Inuit*  
9 *Constitution*, the Government is required to maintain a  
10 contingency fund. And the purposes of the fund are  
11 outlined in this document and are taking straight from the  
12 *Labrador Inuit Constitution*. The amount that gets  
13 appropriated to this contingency fund is 2.5 percent of the  
14 Departmental Budget of any year. So for this upcoming  
15 fiscal year, we have budgeted \$581,000 which will bring the  
16 accumulated reserve to \$4.88 million. The *Labrador Inuit*  
17 *Constitution* also gives authority for the approval of the  
18 budgets for the Inuit Community Corporations to the NEC.  
19 And again, the mandate of the Inuit Community  
20 Corporations are outlined in the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*  
21 under Section 11.1.2 and the budgets have been approved  
22 by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council for a total of \$154,000  
23 and those approvals were all completed prior to the *Budget*

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1 Act, and communicated to each ICC. I also wanted to note  
2 that in December of 2017, the Nunatsiavut Government was  
3 informed by the Government of Canada that there is a  
4 moratorium on the Own-Source Revenue offsets against the  
5 *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. So under the *Fiscal Financing*  
6 *Agreement*, we do have-, it's called *Known Source Revenue*  
7 *Capacity Agreement* with the Government of Canada. And  
8 we have agreed to contribute to our own operations, and  
9 they offset it against it what we receive under the FFA, and  
10 it's a calculation based on own-source Revenues. There's  
11 been at the National level with self-governing Indigenous  
12 Governments, a significant amount of work and time putting  
13 into drafting a new Fiscal Policy which will guide the  
14 relationship between self-governments and the Government  
15 of Canada and to-, so what the Government of Canada did,  
16 so we didn't get tied up in OSR, was they put a moratorium  
17 on the OSR offset for three years. That moratorium is due to  
18 end March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. So in those three years, we have not  
19 had to pay any money back to the Government of Canada in  
20 terms of an OSR offset. The last payment we made was  
21 about \$1.2 million. So-, and it escalates each year based on  
22 the agreement. So I did want to highlight that, because it's  
23 very important that we haven't had to pay and we don't



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1 have to pay again for this upcoming year. Are there any  
2 questions on these points?

3 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** The Chair Recognizes AngajukKâk Joe Dicker.

4 **MR. DICKER:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Rexanne, this five-year plan, and  
5 you're saying that on the last note, that the total budget for  
6 2020 onwards will decrease significantly as capital interest  
7 structure projects are completed. Have you projected how  
8 much it's going to cost for staff housing for the next five  
9 years? Is that covered under there?

10 **MS. CRAWFORD:** When we talk about the major capital projects, it's kind of-,  
11 so right now, the only things that have been planned in  
12 terms of significant capital works projects is the DHSD office  
13 building in Hopedale and the completion of Illusuak. We've  
14 always, over the last number of years, had a consistent  
15 amount to look at staff housing. So at this point, when the  
16 statement is here and when you look at the five-year plan,  
17 it's that at this point, looking out two to three years, there's  
18 been no other committed plans done for any significant  
19 Capital Works projects. That's not to say there won't be.  
20 It's just that today, what we know we have planned, is the  
21 Department of Health Building in Hopedale, Illusuak and we  
22 consistently have an amount for staff housing.

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

The Chair Recognizes AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Under the OSR, the own-Source Revenue, is that the Revenue that is coming through Nunatsiavut?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

So Own-Source Revenues are revenues that we earn ourselves, so personal income taxes, goods and services, investment income, rent-, there's a small amount for rental income of our buildings and properties, you know, mining taxes-, those are revenues that we earn as a government that are-, the Government of Canada has termed them Own-source as we have sourced them ourselves. The OSR offset or the clawback, is the part of it that the Government takes back. So there's a percentage that they will take back, kind of like a tax, even though they don't like to use the word tax, and they take a certain percentage of it back. I don't know if that addresses your question, Marjorie?

**MS. FLOWERS:**

Yeah, I think so. So up-to-date, now, they haven't taken any of that money back? Will they be-, will it still continue to be like that, or is it just for this year, up to this year, to 2020?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

So up to the 2016, 2017 year, we have been paying back an OSR contribution, tax clawback-, there's different words that

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1 are used around the table. We entered into a three-year  
2 moratorium where we did not have to pay. The-, we're still  
3 in the escalating, like the percentages are still escalating, so  
4 we still have to file the reports, but we don't have to make  
5 any remittance on it. The expectation, at this point, is that  
6 in the year 2020, 2021, we will be subject to OSR clawback.  
7 We haven't got any other communication yet, back, from  
8 the Government of Canada, that the moratorium will be  
9 extended. So at that point, we're looking at a clawback of,  
10 I'd say, about 1.5 to \$1.7 million. And so that will have to be  
11 factored into future *Budget Acts*.

12 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any other questions on this page before Ms. Crawford  
13 moves on to the next page? At the conclusion of the page-  
14 by-page go-through, at that point, I'll call for the Assembly's  
15 agreement. Please, proceed.

16 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

17 So page 5 begins an overview of the departmental budgets  
18 and this kind of leads the plan for each department of  
19 the  
20 Government. One of the main increases in this current year,  
21 is that the employees are getting a two percent increase in  
22 the Employee and Casual divisions for the 2019,2020 year.  
23 So again, as the NEC and the Assembly had approved two  
years prior, a three-, this two percent per year for a three-  
year period, at that time, the commitment was. And so the

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1 increase in salaries, partly, is driven by this two percent  
2 increase. So the Nunatsiavut Secretariat is responsible for  
3 the planning and priority setting of the NG, developing the  
4 legislative agenda, as well as intergovernmental relations.  
5 So some of the key activities under this department include  
6 providing support, which may mean travel expenses for the  
7 President and his support staff, to travel to ITK for meetings-  
8 , Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and also to support Inuit  
9 Circumpolar Council Activities. The President and support  
10 staff participate in the Inuit Crown Partnership Committee  
11 which was established February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and its committee  
12 with the four regions and the Prime Minister and his  
13 ministers. So in the 2018, 2019 fiscal year, the year we're  
14 currently in, a permanent position was created to lead the  
15 Energy Security File. So as you heard the Minister Speak,  
16 there is a Nunatsiavut Energy Plan, which was tabled with  
17 the Assembly. And so there is a permanent position that  
18 was agreed to last year to lead this file, as well as a small  
19 amount of funds to put towards the implementation of the  
20 Nunatsiavut Energy Plan. And these funds can and have  
21 been used to leverage other funding from external sources.  
22 This department's also responsible for communications,  
23 external public information and for the operations of

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1 Nunatsiavut visual design. There's been a slight increase in  
2 the advertising and sponsorship budget for the 2019, 2020  
3 year and this relates to two significant events that are  
4 occurring in the 2019, 2020 year, specifically, the Northern  
5 Lights Conference and Cain's Quest. There is no other  
6 significant changes in the operations of these divisions. Are  
7 there any questions on the Nunatsiavut Secretariat? Okay.  
8 So Nunatsiavut Affairs is responsible for the implementation  
9 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, housing, legal  
10 services, the register of beneficiaries office and public  
11 property. And as we all know, housing is a significant  
12 priority of the Nunatsiavut Government. A new position has  
13 been approved, titled, Housing Policy Analyst to work with  
14 current staff in this priority area of the NG. A significant  
15 amount of time has been and continues to be invested by  
16 the Interdepartmental Housing Group on the Nunatsiavut  
17 Housing Strategy as well as implementation of the various  
18 initiatives, such as the Affordable Warmth Nunatsiavut  
19 Program. Work's been invested on the draft bill that sits  
20 before you. The Department has also partnered with the  
21 Secretariat to deliver programs and services related to the  
22 Nunatsiavut Energy Plan. And with approval of the Housing  
23 Strategy and of Inuit Law, the Internally Restricted funds

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1 allocated to housing, as well as the *Fiscal Financing*  
2 *Agreement*, amount of 7.5 million will be used for the  
3 implementation of goals and objectives. The other  
4 significant change in their budget request this year, is that  
5 with the growth of public properties, comes an increase of  
6 cost to either heat, to maintain them for insurance-, oh, I do  
7 see a typo, here-, the Department has planned to hire an  
8 additional maintenance person to assist with maintenance  
9 of all these public properties. There's also been an increase,  
10 as we add properties, such as Illusuak multiplexes. And  
11 Legal Services has also budgeted for the addition of another  
12 Internal Legal Counsel Position and this has been offset by a  
13 reduction in External Professional Costs that we had put  
14 towards Legal Services. So we're moving from an external  
15 provider and having another internal lawyer work with the  
16 NG. Are there any questions on the activities or the plan for  
17 Nunatsiavut Affairs?

18 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

AngajukKâk Dicker?

19 **MR. DICKER:**

I just need a clarification, I guess, Madame Comptroller.

20 With regards to the Illusuak, itself, I know we have clients in  
21 there who are Parks Canada and it confuses me sometimes,  
22 as to who-, what role they play in the maintenance and  
23 upkeep of that building. Are they clients or are they

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1 partners with the Department of Culture and Language and  
2 Recreation? What's their role with regards to Illusuak and  
3 what are the contributions to the costs of that building?

4 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

5 So we have a lease agreement with Parks Canada, so they  
6 are renting space and contribute funds through-, there was  
7 two components. One, was there was a pre-paid lease  
8 amount, so they were able to contribute some funds to the  
9 construction of the building in terms-, and then would rent a  
10 portion of the building. The second component of their  
11 agreement is that they do contribute a portion of the actual  
12 costs related to maintenance and the operations of the  
13 building. The details, I don't have in front of me but we're-,  
14 it's very specific as to what-, the percentage as well as what  
15 costs they will contribute to and we will invoice them at a  
16 particular time period each year, and they will contribute  
17 funds to cover those maintenance costs. So there are two  
18 components. One, is they do a lease space and then they do  
19 cover some of the maintenance and cost, but a certain  
20 percentage. So the next department, Human Resources and  
21 Information Technology. That's the department that I am  
22 the Deputy Minister of, and we're responsible for all the  
23 financial affairs, human resource needs and managing the  
Information Technology needs of the Government. We have

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1 budgeted for two new positions for the 2019, 2020 year.

2 There's been a significant amount of growth in the programs  
3 and services being delivered by the Government. And this  
4 leads to a notable increase in the transactions being  
5 processed by our finance division. As the note does say  
6 here, we ran a pilot position for a six-month period and  
7 added an additional clerk to see if that would alleviate the  
8 workload. It proved highly effective in our department and  
9 we've requested that this position become permanent.  
10 We've also added a permanent position for Information  
11 Technology, due to the growth of our Government and the  
12 number of positions being added. We did quite a business  
13 case analysis on the numbers of requests, the types of  
14 requests going in through support, and this position has  
15 been budgeted for the full year. We continue to budge  
16 \$25,000 to support a summer student program. And in the  
17 upcoming year, there's a couple of capital items budgeted  
18 under Information Technology. We have to continue to  
19 replace servers. We're upgrading our Juniper system as well  
20 as offline server management systems at a projected cost of  
21 103,000. Another-, I always highlight the point on the  
22 subscriptions. So we budget \$293,500 and these are related  
23 to items and licences under the IT division, such as our



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1 Microsoft Volume licence. So every user in the Government  
2 who has a computer, uses Microsoft and we need a licence  
3 for that use. We have Blackberry licences, Computrace, and  
4 there's a list about this long of all the different types of  
5 software programs we use within the Government. And  
6 using those software comes a fee for use and for the  
7 licences. And so that is an overview of the Finance Human  
8 Resources and Information Technology Department. Are  
9 there any questions on the expenses, here?

10 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

AngajukKâk Flowers?

11 **MS. FLOWERS:**

12 I'm not sure if this is at the appropriate time to ask this  
13 question, but I know in the last Joint Management, there  
14 was some talk with the ICG's wanting IT support through  
15 NG. Has there been anything budgeted around that for that  
increase to take on those services if it goes through?

16 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

17 I wasn't-, I will say, I wasn't at the last Joint Management  
18 Committee. My understanding is that there is to be a  
19 contribution by the ICG's for these IT. So at this point, we're  
20 not at the point where these agreements have been  
21 executed with each ICG. Should the volume of work  
22 necessitate an addition of an IT person, we'll move into that  
place right now, but it's hard to justify adding another

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1 position when we don't know what the additional workload  
2 may be. And so we haven't budgeted another IT person  
3 specifically for the ICG's. We feel that, that work would be  
4 done by the entire Division, and the way we run our  
5 support, you know, they take up the tickets, they address  
6 the issues. So then if the workload does increase, we'll  
7 move down the road of adding another IT support.

8 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

AngajukKâk Flowers, you look like you have another  
9 question.

10 **MS. FLOWERS:**

Yeah, just add onto that, but not in this budget? So if there  
11 is an increase-, if there's a need felt-, because if we-, if this  
12 does go ahead this coming year, that you want to have that  
13 position budgeted for, so does that mean that the work  
14 won't get done if need be, with ICG's?

15 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

No, it doesn't mean that. It means at this point, the current  
16 staff that are there, will do-, once the agreements are  
17 signed, will do the work for each of the ICG's. If the  
18 workload increases to the point we have to add an  
19 additional IT, we will look at our current resources, plus the  
20 contributions being made by each ICG, to validate the of an  
21 additional resource person. It's just at this point, we're not  
22 sure what the workload will be.

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1 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Minister Edmunds.

2 **MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Chair. You know, I guess what's important  
3 to remember here as well, is that, you know, we do have a  
4 very large Government, currently, that you know, our IT  
5 staff is looking after. Again, we have, you know, 250 civil  
6 servants, and, you know, I think that the addition of the  
7 needs of the ICG with a few staff persons with each ICG  
8 shouldn't-, obviously, it's going to add some strain to our  
9 division, but I hope that with the addition of the new  
10 position, I think that, you know, we can try to make this  
11 transition as seamless as possible and, I guess, just to echo  
12 the sentiments of the Comptroller, then, you know, if we  
13 need to build the case to add another position, we'll  
14 certainly do that. *Nakummek*, Mr. Chair.

15 **MS. CRAWFORD:** So we'll move on to Lands and Natural Resources. Currently  
16 Lands and Natural Resources is a very large department,  
17 covers responsibilities for Labrador Inuit Lands, all natural  
18 resources on Labrador Inuit Lands-, both renewal and non-  
19 renewable; the management and regulation of Inuit  
20 Harvesting; protection of the environment; establishment of  
21 exploration standards and approval of work plans;  
22 establishment and management of protected areas in  
23 Labrador Inuit Lands; and the implementation and

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1 administration of *Impacts and Benefits Agreements*. So  
2 there are no significant changes plans for the Lands Division  
3 or the Non-renewable Division. They are planning to still  
4 continue to conduct inspections of various sites on Labrador  
5 Inuit Lands that have potential environmental concerns, as  
6 recommended by the CLARC committees. Program expenses  
7 for the Renewable Resources Division have increased again  
8 for 2019, 2020. And this is directly related to the Fishery  
9 Fund. So if you recall, I spoke about all the fees that we  
10 collect from fishers go into an Internally Restricted Fund,  
11 we've called the Fishery Fund. And in this fund is-, we  
12 appropriate the revenue in this fund so that if there is an  
13 opportunity that arises on short notice, we can act on it. So  
14 as anyone who's been involved in the Fishery knows,  
15 sometimes a licence will come on the market and if we have  
16 to wait till the next sitting to come and get funds approved  
17 to buy that licence, we may be too late. So we budgeted all  
18 the money at this point in the *Budget Act*, so you'll see a  
19 Revenue Line Item and you'll see a bottom line Program  
20 Expenditure and they're quite significant. And these are  
21 mostly related to the Fishery Fund. And again, as the  
22 Minister spoke about in his budget speech, the department  
23 is in the final stages of a plan for use of the Fishery Fund and

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1 again, the fund shave been budgeted so that when this plan  
2 has been approved, we can act on it. The Renewable  
3 Resources Division is also participating in the research of the  
4 Davis Straight Polar Bear Survey and aerial moose survey  
5 and the Annual Fishery Workshop. There's also a capital  
6 expense here. There's an allocation for the construction of a  
7 Quonset Hut for storage of equipment in Nain which was  
8 not completed in the 2018, 2019 fiscal year. In the  
9 Environment Division, due to the growth of the personnel  
10 working in this division and limited office space in our main  
11 building in Nain, this division will be relocating to a leased  
12 office space in Nain. So when you-, the budget for this  
13 department has increased in rental costs because of this  
14 change, but this increase is also supported by the  
15 Environment Division's Internally Restricted Funds. So over  
16 the last number of years, when there's been funds that have  
17 not been expended-, not from Own-Source Revenues, but  
18 from particular grants-, we've restricted those and we've  
19 built a little-, we've built a little fund that's being used to  
20 support this rental of space in Nain. And the Environment  
21 Division's current plans for 2019, 2020 include the continued  
22 support of the Lake Melville Baseline Study, with  
23 community-based monitoring of water, fish and seals and

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1 associated analysis. The division will continue its work on  
2 the Northern Contaminants Program, Waste Management  
3 and Imappivut, to name a few programs and they will also  
4 continue to support a research program in the Torngat  
5 Mountains. Are there any questions on the Lands and  
6 Natural Resources?

7 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

AngajukKâk Dicker.

8 **MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek* [speaks Inuttitut]. When I asked you about your  
9 five-year plan up to 2020, and you just mentioned in your  
10 last statement there, Environmental Division's current plans  
11 for this coming year, Imappivut itself, I believe, is going to  
12 burst and create a lot of activity north of Nain in the next-,  
13 this year and in next coming years. In light of that, and the  
14 question, I believe, was asked about the increased  
15 conservation monitoring. Have you planned on the-, just on  
16 the Imappivut alone, because I believe that's going to cover a

17 lot of vicinity north of Nain, and we're going to need  
monitors

18 up there. Have you planned for increasing the staff for that  
19 area?

20 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

There are some internal discussions that have been  
21 occurring about the numbers of conservation officers, their  
22 roles-, you know, as you say, there's quite a vast area in Nain

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1 and north of Nain. They're in the planning stages. There's  
2 been some proposals submitted to the government of  
3 Canada under some of their programs about getting some  
4 external funding to help support additional guardians, I think  
5 the Federal Government likes to call them. At this point, the  
6 department hasn't made a formal request to create another  
7 permanent position. I think it's kind of looking at their  
8 business case and trying to make sure it's fully validated and  
9 supported while looking at what Imappivut-, it's not-,  
10 Imappivut's not finalized yet, so that's part-, may come out  
11 of as Imappivut becomes finalized. We're still in community  
12 consultation stages on that particular plan. So, you know,  
13 you may see some changes and some additional staff  
14 resources as that plan is finalized, but at this point, it's still in  
15 the planning stage. But again, it is not something that has  
16 not been-, it has been discussed and so there is talk within  
17 the department of it. It's just nothing formally put in place.  
18 So we'll move on to Health and Social Development Division  
19 and this division has a significant increase in their budget  
20 request for their budget request for their departmental  
21 funding. The majority of the funds for the Department of  
22 Health and Social Development come from the *Fiscal*  
23 *Financing Agreement*. So as you see, there's about 25-, 24

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1 million budgeted under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*,  
2 however, in the last number of years, our Social  
3 Development Division has increased significantly with the  
4 amount of programs that they've undertaken. So we have  
5 the Supportive Living Program which is operating in Happy  
6 Valley, Goose Bay, Hopedale and Nain. We have a Family  
7 Connections Program, that's in Nain and Hopedale. There's  
8 been a lot of work being done in relations to Indigenous  
9 Child Welfare. And all this division right now is being led by  
10 the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development. So  
11 in looking at the capacity and the workload on the Deputy  
12 Minister when you're managing a full department that's  
13 related-, you know, responsible for community programs,  
14 health services, the social development division, mental  
15 wellness and healing, there really becomes a necessity to  
16 have a director of that division who will be instrumental in  
17 ensuring the delivery of quality and effective programs and  
18 services to children, youth and families, and will help set the  
19 general direction for Programs and Services under the  
20 mandate of the Social Development Division. So that's one  
21 of the new positions that we're requesting. It's a  
22 management position but will really take the lead in  
23 managing that division. A second position has been



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1 requested, tentatively called the Indigenous Representative  
2 that would be the key point of contact with the  
3 Government of Newfoundland and Labrador for all matters  
4 related to child protection, intervention and cultural  
5 continuity planning for children in care, as defined under the  
6 new *Child Youth Care Protection Act*. So really, these two  
7 requests are about making sure that we have key resources  
8 in place in order to deliver quality and effective programs  
9 and play a key role in the transition and transformation  
10 processes being undertaken by the Government and  
11 Newfoundland and Labrador in relation to Indigenous Child  
12 Welfare, and the future devolution of services to the NG.  
13 The other part of the departmental request for Department  
14 of Health is in relation to food security. So as we all are  
15 aware, food security is a high priority for Nunatsiavut. There  
16 are more programs and services being developed and  
17 implemented, and with this growth comes a need for  
18 additional staff to ensure that programs can be delivered  
19 effectively. And as such, the Department is requesting two  
20 permanent positions specifically for the delivery of food  
21 security programs in Nunatsiavut. And finally, there are no  
22 significant changes in the plans of programs and services for  
23 youth, elders and the status of women. So the significant

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1 changes are related to what I've already spoke about. Are  
2 there any questions on the Department of Health and Social  
3 Development?

4 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** AngajukKâk Flowers?

5 **MS. FLOWERS:** It sounds like it's a huge growth in that department. My  
6 question is with our communities growing and senior  
7 population growing, we often get a lot of requests for a  
8 seniors van-, can we have a senior's van, more funding? Can  
9 you tell me if there is anything to be put in the budget for  
10 helping with the seniors vans in communities, funding  
11 drivers? Thank you.

12 **MS. CRAWFORD:** There's nothing specifically that has been brought to my  
13 attention or planned in the departmental budget. That's  
14 not to say that it hasn't been on discussion and may be part  
15 of some of the programming under the fiscal financing  
16 portion of it. That's the \$24 million part. But it is something  
17 that the Minister and myself can take back to the  
18 Department of Health and get further information on and  
19 see where they are in-, or if they have had discussions on  
20 the transportation of seniors in the communities. Sorry, just  
21 making a note. The Education and Economic Development  
22 Department-, there are no significant changes in their plans

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1 for the upcoming year. They continue to budget for  
2 programs such as wage subsidies-, the Community Economic  
3 Development Program and programs related to the  
4 development of Inuit Businesses. There was a slight  
5 decrease in their salary request and that's-, they had a  
6 temporary position that we were partially funding, and that  
7 position is no longer required at this time, so they have  
8 removed the request for the portion of that salary. Are  
9 there any questions on the Department of Education and  
10 Economic Development?

11 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

AngajukKâk Dicker.

12 **MR. DICKER:**

13 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Rexanne, over the years, I think this  
14 question has been asked on a number-, almost every time  
15 the budget is put forward, with regards to funding for the  
16 Post-Secondary Support Program. That was part of, I  
17 believe, an FFA agreement when it was first established, and  
18 the dollar amount, as far as I know, is still the same as it was  
19 when it was first negotiated, even though it was announced  
20 that money was found. It was found within that budget that  
21 the funding was initially given to Nunatsiavut-, LIA at the  
22 time. Is there any indication in your negotiations, that this  
funding could be looked at again, to look at the increase in

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1 cost of living and the support that we need to provide for  
2 our students who are growing in numbers? Thank you.

3 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

4 So we do receive post-secondary student support program  
5 funding under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, and it is  
6 subject to an adjuster each year. So it's not remained at the  
7 same dollar value as 10 years ago when we first became a  
8 Government, or almost 13, 14 years ago, now since we  
9 became a government. So it is escalating each year based  
10 on an adjuster. When we had been building our request to  
11 the Government of Canada in terms of Post-Secondary  
12 Support Program, we do take into account the number of  
13 students. We look at the population we have in our  
14 communities. We also look at innovative ways of offering  
15 education programs so that more of our beneficiaries can  
16 become educated. So as you know, over the past number of  
17 years, we've offered an Inuit Bachelor of Social Work  
18 Program in Goose Bay. We've offered an Inuit Bachelor of  
19 Education Program in Goose Bay and in the upcoming year,  
20 they will be doing an Early Childhood Education Program  
21 being delivered in Nain. So we've been very innovative and  
22 part of-, as we look at our post-secondary student support  
23 program funding, it's looking at-, what do we need to be  
able to make sure we offer the best program and the best

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1 service to our beneficiaries? But I do want to just correct  
2 your opening statement, in that this funding that we receive  
3 from the Government of Canada is, and always has been,  
4 subject to an adjustment. So it does increase each year.  
5 Are there any other questions on the Department of  
6 Education and Economic Development? We'll move to the  
7 Culture and Recreation and Tourism. I won't go through the  
8 responsibilities of the department. All these are taken right  
9 from the organizational order which is subordinate  
10 legislation. So the Culture division has significantly  
11 increased their focus on the Inuttitut language for the 2019,  
12 2020 year. As we all know, it's a very important component  
13 of our culture and our identity, is our language. So they  
14 have plans to host a language summit, and as part of the  
15 language summit, would learn from beneficiaries and  
16 language specialists, and from other Inuit regions on how  
17 best to address language needs and gaps in Nunatsiavut.  
18 There's been additional resources allocated for  
19 programming and for resource development related to  
20 Inuttitut. And they have also increased their staff with an  
21 addition of another Language Program Coordinator. So as  
22 the Minister spoke about earlier, 2019 and 2020 will be an  
23 eventful year for the Government. The grand opening of

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1 Illusuak is being planned-, plans are well underway. Just  
2 waiting to ensure that all the construction, and the fire  
3 suppression is completed, the artifacts are in the centre, and  
4 in addition, plans are developed to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup>  
5 anniversary of the Spanish Flu, 1918. And current plans  
6 have 150 descendants of Okak traveling to this community  
7 for a four-day event. Descendants will have the opportunity  
8 to have a memorial service, erect a monument, install  
9 benches near the graves. They will gravel around the area  
10 by speedboat or long liner to visit family homeland, hunt  
11 and eat wild food, and will hear, learn and share stories from  
12 the area. They'll have discussions on the future of Okak,  
13 bond with other descendants and just celebrate the area  
14 and the history that it holds. So funding is continuing to be  
15 appropriate for programs that the department offers each  
16 year, such as the Inuttitut Radio Hour on the OK Radio  
17 Station on the OK Society Radio Station, Language Nests, the  
18 Interpreter Translator Annual Workshop, the Inuttitut  
19 Master Apprenticeship Program. The archaeologists are  
20 continuing with projects such as the Digital Outreach and  
21 Oral History initiative, Labrador Kayak Revival Project, the  
22 Model T Salvage Project, the Annual Heritage Forum, the  
23 Place Names Project, and the Identification and Designation

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1 of Historically Significant buildings. The Tourism Division is  
2 guided by the Nunatsiavut Tourism Strategy. So the plans  
3 include focus on creating the Implementation Plan with  
4 community sessions, development of an Experience  
5 Development Network. Funds are appropriated for market  
6 readiness programs. A commitment to the operations of the  
7 Torngat Mountains National Park Base Camp and Research  
8 Centre, and a commitment to Hebron. The tourism is  
9 planned for the continuation of the Hebron Ambassador  
10 Program and the Hebron Restoration Project of the main  
11 buildings in Hebron. The Nunatsiavut Government will also  
12 continue to contribute \$75,000 to the activities of the  
13 Torngat Recreation Commission. As well, there is a plan to  
14 support the 2020 North American Indigenous Games by  
15 giving an allocation to the Aboriginal Sports Circle-, I'm  
16 going to get it all wrong-, Aboriginal Sports Circle  
17 Recreation  
18 of Newfoundland and Labrador-, Aboriginal Sport and  
19 Recreation Circle of Newfoundland and Labrador-, they take  
20 the lead on putting together a team for Newfoundland and  
21 Labrador to take part in NAG, and we have budgeted this  
22 year, funds to support participation of our beneficiaries in  
23 this prestigious event. And so funds in the budgets for the  
travel of our athletes. And they are hoping to be able to

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1 increase the number of athletes of which are beneficiaries,  
2 to take part in this event and 2020-, the summer of 2020, it's  
3 Halifax, Nova Scotia, I think?

4 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** I believe.

5 **MS. CRAWFORD:** Yeah. Are there any questions on Culture, Recreation and  
6 Tourism?

7 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** AngajukKâk Dicker?

8 **MR. DICKER:** It's not-, yes, I do. I'm very excited about what the Culture  
9 and Recreation and Tourism is doing with regards to their-,  
10 what's going to be happening within this budget. The only  
11 question I have, I guess, is with regards to the celebration of  
12 the 100-year anniversary of the Spanish Flu, you have a  
13 figure there of 150 persons. Is the department willing to  
14 take-, budgets are not precise. Now, what I'm saying, is that  
15 if it went over budget, would you be prepared to go over  
16 budget on this particular, very important get-together and  
17 celebration?

18 **MS. CRAWFORD:** So we've currently budgeted \$200,000 for this event, which  
19 is quite a significant amount, based on, you know, current  
20 costs of charters and things like that, but also looking back  
21 at the event that was held in Hebron a number of years ago.  
22 We're hopeful that, that's enough money, but that being



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1 said, they have applied and are putting proposals in for also  
2 external resources to help support this event. So you're  
3 right, Joe, it's a very exciting year. They're doing a lot of  
4 wonderful work, and I know everybody in their department,  
5 when you talk to them about language or about the  
6 different events and programs that are happening this year,  
7 there's very much an air of excitement and anticipation  
8 about the year.

9 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Ordinary Member Saunders?

10 **MR. SAUNDERS:** With regards to those 150 people that you have mentioned,  
11 the Canadian Constituency has quite a lot of Indigenous  
12 direct descendants-, not second or third generations, but  
13 direct descendants. How many more will you have over and  
14 above the 150? Or do you think you will have more than  
15 that or less than that? And especially, coming from Canada,  
16 there's extra cost. So will that be included in the 200,000 or  
17 over and above that?

18 **MS. CRAWFORD:** So I do not sit on the planning committee for Okak. It is  
19 being led by a committee through CRT and has direct  
20 descendants involved in the planning stages. So I can't  
21 speak specifically on how they're selecting the 150 people. I  
22 know this is a ballpark figure. We will take the question

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1 back to the people who are involved in the committee, and  
2 the Ministers here as well. And they can get more  
3 information on the planning side. This really is-, what I have  
4 is an overview and the amount, and we've looked at the  
5 amount as well, to determine it was-, should meet  
6 expectations. So the last part of the Departmental Budget is  
7 in relation to administration. We make it very much a  
8 concerted effort to try to keep our administration costs low,  
9 such as supplies or each of our buildings, heat, light,  
10 insurance, bank charges, et cetera. There is a new increase,  
11 when you look at line items of \$10,000. There's new taxes  
12 being charged by the Makkovik Inuit Community  
13 Government on some of our buildings, and inflation on costs  
14 such as telephone, heat and light. So those are just a couple  
15 of the small changes in administration. So the next page,  
16 the start of it is about the Assembly. I'm not going to take  
17 any time to go through this particular section, as we did  
18 sitting in the Committee of the Whole yesterday, and the  
19 budget of the Nunatsiavut Assembly was approved. The  
20 Implementation Plan is agreed to by the Government of  
21 Canada, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
22 and Nunatsiavut Government, and is based on the  
23 Implementation Plan which is about a 900-page document.

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1 And so that budget has actually been set out in the plan and  
2 agreed to by the three parties. The last section on this page,  
3 relates to Capital Infrastructure. So we have three-, the way  
4 the Act will reflect it, is we have Illusuak Cultural Centre  
5 office buildings and staff housing. So we're continuing to  
6 budget for three projects this year. One is the completion of  
7 Illusuak, second is the Department of Health Building in  
8 Hopedale, and also for staff housing. We are aware that  
9 there are a number of plans within Public Property related  
10 to some other capital infrastructure. Some of these include  
11 a storage facility for the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And so that  
12 building is being worked on in between the needs-,  
13 addressing the needs of what the Assembly Building needs,  
14 as well as Public Property working on the best placement,  
15 costing, et cetera. And we do feel that there is adequate  
16 funds being budgeted in the categories to be able to address  
17 these plans. And the staff- housing-, some of our current  
18 units need to be upgraded, if not, maybe replaced, in the  
19 older ones, and also looking at what some of the needs are  
20 in relation to staff housing. And so we always budget an  
21 amount, in order to address some of these needs. Are there  
22 any questions on this page of the document? All right. So  
23 the last page, page 11, I just wanted to raise, last year we

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1 changed the method of allocation of funding-, not capital  
2 works, but of the operational funding for the ICG's. So the  
3 method that was agreed to and agreed to be revisited every  
4 couple of years, was there would be a set amount for core  
5 governance of \$400,000 given to each ICG and the  
6 remaining amount of funds that we receive under the *Fiscal*  
7 *Financing Agreement*, for operations, would be allocated  
8 based on the number of commercial and private dwellings in  
9 each-, so we call it a service allocation. So we have an  
10 amount for core governance of \$400,000, recognizing that  
11 regardless of the size of your community, you do have  
12 certain needs that you have to fulfil in your community. And  
13 then we do a service allocation based on the number of  
14 commercial and private dwellings. And the information for  
15 doing that allocation is supplied by each of the ICG's. And so  
16 that is a separate schedule in the *Budget Act*. So that takes  
17 us through the written part of the financial plan. The  
18 Appendix to...

19 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

20 Before we proceed, I'll just interrupt for one moment. So  
21 Ms. Crawford has been kind enough to take us through the  
22 Financial Plan, pages 2 through 11. Throughout the process,  
23 we've had-, everyone has had an opportunity to ask  
questions about specific parts of the Financial Plan.

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1 As I was saying, we've all had opportunity to ask questions  
2 throughout the process. So again, before we proceed, I will  
3 ask the Members of the Assembly, if there are any further  
4 questions on the written-, on the pages 2 to 11 that Ms.  
5 Crawford has outlined to the Assembly? Are there any  
6 further questions? Hearing none, I will ask for the  
7 agreement of this Assembly with what has been presented.  
8 All those in agreement? Any nays? We'll now move on to  
9 the Annex of the *Budget Bill*.

10 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

11 So the Appendix A is the same as the Annex to the *Budget*  
12 *Act*. So it is the numbers part of the *Budget Act*. So page 7-,  
13 and I won't take a huge amount going through each of the  
14 pages of the numbers. I know you've had time to look at  
15 the numbers, but just so I could tie it back to what I talked  
16 about in the Financial Plan. So page 7 of Annex A is a  
17 summary. We have our Administration Tab which is the  
18 monies that are supported through Own-source revenues,  
19 and we have our *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, and these are  
20 outlined-, administration in Schedule A and *Fiscal Financing*  
21 *Agreement*, in Schedule B. And so it brings you to a total  
22 budget request of the Government of \$112,405,000. Page 8  
23 of the Annex is a summary page. And these numbers will tie  
back into other pages of this Annex. So you'll see the *Fiscal*

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1                    *Financing Agreement*, is 79,220,000, and then the  
2                    Government, what we called the Own-source revenue piece,  
3                    is 33,000,185. Page 9-, and please, stop me if I'm going  
4                    through this too fast. Just flag me down. Okay? It's page 9,  
5                    is the Sources of Revenue, and as you recall, I started the  
6                    discussion on the Financial Plan by talking about the  
7                    different sources of revenue. So we have our personal  
8                    income tax, *GST Agreement*, Implementation Fund. The  
9                    amounts listed for the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, are the  
10                  governance funds we receive, and some of the funds that  
11                  are being allocated under different categories of the *Fiscal*  
12                  *Financing Agreement*, specifically for positions or programs  
13                  that we have budgeted under the departments. And we  
14                  also budget the surplus from the previous year financial  
15                  statements to balance the budget. So you will see, on this  
16                  page, we have \$33,185,000 of revenues and the total  
17                  expenditures are 33,185,000.

18                  **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

AngajukKâk Dicker?

19                  **MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Rexanne, we had a talk on the phone  
20                  there on Friday, and the question I asked about the tax  
21                  royalty. Would you elaborate on that a little bit for the  
22                  Assembly, just information, please?

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1 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

2 So as I-, Joe and I did have a discussion on Friday, and I  
3 noted earlier in the discussion, we are currently not  
4 receiving any mining or mineral rights tax royalties from the  
5 Government of Newfoundland and Labrador related to the  
6 Voisey Bay Project. In the last number of years, we do  
7 have previous years' mining tax royalties that we did not  
8 spend, in a restricted fund. We have it invested in Optimum  
9 to earn investment income. Because we've seen increases  
10 in our personal income taxes or GST, investment income  
11 from our Trust, we did not require to use any that we have  
12 currently saved, to bring into this year's operation. And as I  
13 did know, we again, are in a court case with the  
14 Government of Newfoundland and Labrador on this matter,  
15 and as this becomes resolved, we'll bring more information  
16 to the Assembly when we can. So page 10 goes back to the  
17 Projected Budget for the year, and again, most of these  
18 numbers will tie into other schedules. The important points  
19 to note, a Contingency Fund of 2.5 percent. The OSR  
20 clawback is zero for this year, because we are in the  
21 moratorium. Inuit Community Corporations received  
22 \$154,000 for their operations. We'll go to page 11. Page 11  
23 is the five-year plan, the projected budget of the  
government, and the note I had made in the written

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1 document was, because at this point, what we know we  
2 have committed for Capital Infrastructure, as these  
3 complete, those dollar values will go down under the Capital  
4 Infrastructure. Page 12 is the summary of the departmental  
5 budgets. So in the Financial Plan I took you through each  
6 department, what their plan was for the year, what their  
7 planned activities were, if there were any changes in  
8 positions-, and this is the summary with the numbers that  
9 goes with that written part. So I'll allow you a minute or so  
10 to kind of go through those numbers, and if there are any  
11 questions, please feel free to ask. Are there any questions?  
12 Oh...

13 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** AngajukKâk Dicker?

14 **MR. DICKER:** Yes, we have a department under Property, and it's called  
15 building-, I'm not sure what the right name for it, but is this  
16 included-, the expenses of that department-, is that included  
17 in the rent maintenance and the heat and light and those  
18 kind of expenses in operating a building? Does that include  
19 every piece of property we have?

20 **MS. CRAWFORD:** So Nunatsiavut Affairs, one of their divisions is Public  
21 Property Divisions, and they have budgeted for rent and  
22 maintenance of our Public Properties, and some of the costs



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1 for heat and light are under the administration, but the bulk  
2 of the expenses for maintenance of our properties is found  
3 under Nunatsiavut Affairs. It's not under just one specific  
4 line item, because it relates to if you have a salaried  
5 position, a maintenance person-, if you have a contractor,  
6 that could be professional fees. There's supplies. There's  
7 rent and maintenance. So it is in all the categories, but that  
8 Public Property Division is under Nunatsiavut Affairs. So  
9 page 13 is the Budget, as agreed to, yesterday in the  
10 Committee of the Whole for the Nunatsiavut Assembly.  
11 Page 14 is the Budget that has been agreed to by the  
12 Government of Canada, the government of Newfoundland  
13 and Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Government under the  
14 implementation plan. Page 15 is the allocations for the  
15 cultural centre, office buildings and renovations and staff  
16 housing. As we spoke to earlier page 16 is the breakdown of  
17 our *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, so we receive an estimated-  
18 , a projection for what the FFA will be. We get it in four  
19 quarterly payments, so we have the amount that we are  
20 receiving in the 2019, 2020 year and we have the amounts  
21 that were Internally Restricted and these are broken down  
22 by the categories-, Department of Health, Secondary  
23 Education, Post-secondary education, et cetera, so the

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1 ICG's, Torngat Regional Housing. We have an amount for  
2 housing. We have Capital Works, Governance, Economic  
3 Development, Culture and Language and Lands and Natural  
4 Resources. And the last page of the Annex to the Budget  
5 specifically breaks down the allocation of operational dollars  
6 for the Inuit Community Governments. So as I noted earlier,  
7 the allocation was based on each Inuit Community  
8 Government receiving \$400,000 for Core Governance and a  
9 breakdown of service allocation. This new methodology was  
10 implemented last year, and at that point the decision was  
11 also not to cause any undue hardship to any particular  
12 community. So you'll note Nain is receiving the exact same  
13 amount in 2019 and 2020. Based on the allocation  
14 methodology, they would receive a lower amount, but  
15 they've been red-circled, and the same as Hopedale so that  
16 there would be no undue hardship on any particular  
17 community as we implement new methodologies. And we  
18 followed the same process and we changed it four to five  
19 years ago as well when we looked at a different allocation  
20 than what the Government of Canada had previous to the  
21 Government. And so you'll see that the FDDIPI really is  
22 leading to an increase in the amounts going to Rigolet,

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1 Makkovik and Postville Inuit Community Governments. And  
2 that takes us to the end of the Annex.

3 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, very much, Ms. Crawford. We're now reviewing  
4 the Budget Bill 2019-02, so if everyone can go to Annex A,  
5 which I believe is on page 7. Page 7-, I believe it's Tab 5 in  
6 most people's binders. Has everyone managed to find-,  
7 orient themselves to Annex A?

8 **MS. SILLETT:** Some have different binders.

9 **MS. CRAWFORD:** The Annex is attached to the back of the Budget Bill so if you  
10 have the Nunatsiavut Assembly Bill 2019 and you turn to  
11 page 7, you'll get the Annex.

12 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** I'll just allow a moment for everyone to orient themselves.  
13 Is everybody at the appropriate page? So as I suggested,  
14 we're now looking at the Annex A. Everyone has a quick  
15 chance to review it and Ms. Crawford has already taken us  
16 through it. Are we all in agreement with page 7, Annex A?  
17 All in agreement? Any opposed? On to page 8. Page 8 is  
18 titled, "Nunatsiavut Government Projected Revenue and  
19 Expenditure". All in agreement with page 8? Any opposed?  
20 Now looking at page 9. Page 9 is titled, "Nunatsiavut  
21 Government Projected Sources of Revenue." All in  
22 agreement with page 9? Any opposed? Page 10 is titled,

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1 "Nunatsiavut Government Projected Budget". All in  
2 agreement with page 10? Any nays? On to page 11. Page  
3 11 is titled, "Nunatsiavut Government Projected Budget  
4 five-year plan". Year-end is March 31<sup>st</sup>. All in agreement  
5 with page 11? Any nays? On to page 12. Page 12 is titled,  
6 "Nunatsiavut Government, Total Departments". All in  
7 agreement with page 12? Any nays? On to page 13. Page  
8 13 is titled, Nunatsiavut Government and Nunatsiavut  
9 Assembly. This is the Assembly Budget which we passed  
10 yesterday. I presume we all will be in agreement since we  
11 did pass it yesterday. All in agreement? Any nays? On to  
12 page 14, "Nunatsiavut Government Implementation Plan".  
13 All in agreement with page 14? Any nays? On to page 15.  
14 Page 15 is entitled, "Nunatsiavut Government Capital  
15 Infrastructure, Year-ended". All in agreement with page 15?  
16 Any nays? On to page 16. Page 16 is titled, "Nunatsiavut  
17 Government Fiscal Financing Agreement, Projected. All in  
18 agreement with page 16? Any nays? On to page 17 of the  
19 Annex, titled, "*Nunatsiavut Government Fiscal Financing  
20 Agreement, 2019, 2020*". All in agreement? Any nays? We'll  
21 now go to the clause-by-clause. I would ask people to turn  
22 back and we'll go to read-, to the Budget Act itself. And I'll-,  
23 we'll quickly look through each clause and I'll ask for

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1 agreement based-, at the conclusion of every-, each clause.

2 Everybody should be on the first page of the *Nunatsiavut*

3 *Assembly Budget Act of 2019*. Is everyone there? I'll just

4 allow a moment for everyone to orient themselves. It

5 depends which Budget Package people got. The pages you

6 should be looking at, Honourable Andersen, is the

7 *Nunatsiavut Assembly Budget Act of 2019*. You should be

8 looking at the first page of that document. Is that what you

9 have in front of you? Good to hear. And the book's

10 prepared by Faye Lyall. It's in Tab 8. Again, I'll ask, is

11 everyone oriented? As we-, as I suggested, we're going to go

12 through it clause-by-clause and page-by-page view of the

13 bill. So if everyone's oriented, we'll start on page 2, clause

14 1. Any questions? All in favour? Opposed? It's agreed.

15 Page 2, clause 2. Any questions? All agreed? Any opposed?

16 Now on the top of page 3, which is page 3, continuation of

17 clause 2. Any questions? All those in agreement? Any

18 nays? On to page 3, clause number 3. Any questions arising

19 from page 3, clause 3? All those in agreement? Any nays?

20 On to page 3, clause 4. I'll allow a brief moment. This is a

21 little longer than most. Any questions arising from page 3,

22 clause 4? All those in agreement? Any nays? On to page 4,

23 clause 5. Any questions? All those in agreement? Any



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1           **MS. CRAWFORD:**           Minister of Finance and Human Resources and Information  
2   Technology is the Treasurer of the Nunatsiavut Government.

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4           **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**           Are there any other questions regarding page 5, clause 8?  
5   All those in agreement? Are there any nays? On to page 6.  
6   The top of page 6, is again, a continuation of clause 8. Are  
7   there any questions arising from page 6, clause 8? All those  
8   in favour? Opposed? Remaining on page 6, but continuing  
9   on to clause 9. Any questions regarding clause 9?  
10    AngajukKâk Dicker?

11          **MR. DICKER:**           Sorry. The-, clause 9 says the treasurer is authorized to  
12    make all payments necessary. Is there a-, I don't know if I'm  
13    understanding this right, but authorized, that means that's  
14    got signatory authorization. Is there a second person there  
15    that needs to check that authorization? You know what I  
16    mean? Like usually on a payment there's two signatures.

17          **MS. CRAWFORD:**           So we don't actually cut a cheque for the Land Claims  
18    Negotiation Loan. The repayment has been agreed to under  
19    the *Land Claims Agreement*, Chapter 19. Our payments on  
20    our Land Claim Negotiation loan are taken our of our  
21    Chapter 19, Capital Transfer, so it's less that amount. This  
22    one also makes reference back to-, I think we actually do

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1 have a law for the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Negotiation  
2 Loan repayment. That was one of the first Acts put into  
3 place. So this is a formality to make sure that the proper  
4 authorizations are in place. We only have two years left to  
5 make payments on our negotiation loans. But we don't  
6 actually cut a cheque. There's not actually, two signatures.  
7 It's all been agreed to under LILCA.

8 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** AngajukKâk Dicker?

9 **MR. DICKER:** Thank you. You just tweaked me. Two more years to pay  
10 negotiation loan. I understood that, at last year's sitting-,  
11 one of the sittings, that there was a possibility that the loan  
12 would be forgiven. Has that changed?

13 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** AngajukKâk Dicker, what we're dealing with, currently, is  
14 page 6, clause 9. So if you have a question regarding that  
15 particular aspect of what we're dealing with, I welcome it  
16 and encourage it. If it's not, I would ask that you ask Ms.  
17 Crawford in a different venue, other than right now. Just so  
18 we stay on track. And as a second aside, you did apologize  
19 for asking a question and that's certainly, not necessary to  
20 apologize when that's the entire object of this exercise, and  
21 your questions are welcome and encouraged. Any other  
22 questions on page 6, clause 9? All those in agreement? Any



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1 opposed? Okay, now, we're on to page 6, clause 10. Are  
2 there any questions arising from page 6, clause 10? All in  
3 agreement? Any opposed? On to page 6, clause 11. Are  
4 there any questions arising from page 6, clause 11? All  
5 those in favour? Any opposed? Finally, on to page 6, clause  
6 number 12. Any questions? All those in favour? Any  
7 opposed? Thank you. That concludes the page-by-page  
8 clause-by-clause and Annex review of the Bill. Does the  
9 Minister wish to conclude debate? And before we get at  
10 that step, Minister Edmunds, I want to thank Ms. Crawford  
11 for joining us and excuse her from the Chamber. Thank you,  
12 so much. I will ask again, does the Minister wish to conclude  
13 debate?

14 **MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, for clarity, *Uhalitik*. Are we out of the  
15 Committee of the Whole at this stage?

16 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Good, valid, point. We are, now-, we-, good point. I-, it was  
17 my omission, but with the departure of our witness, we are  
18 in regular Assembly. Thank you.

19 **MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I don't have any particular  
20 comments. I just wanted to thank the Members for their  
21 inputs, for their questions around the Financial Plan, around  
22 the Budget Bill and taking this opportunity to really dissect it

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1 with the Comptroller. So thank you for your input and  
2 again, I hope that everyone will approve this bill in its  
3 entirety as they've already approved the majority of it in the  
4 clause-by-clause reading. But thank you for the opportunity  
5 again, to present this budget in Committee of the Whole.

6 *Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.*

7 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

8 *Nakummek, Honourable Minister Edmunds.* That concludes  
9 debate. At this point, I'll call for a vote. All those in favour  
10 of second reading of *Bill 2019-02, the Budget Bill*, all those in  
11 favour? Are there any opposed? Seeing none, the motion is  
12 carried. Accordingly, *Bill 2019-02, the Budget Bill for 2019*,  
13 has had second reading and I'd like to thank the First  
14 Minister and of course, thank his entire department  
15 including the Comptroller who just left us for the hard work,  
16 I'm sure, which has gone into the production of this  
17 document. At this point, I'd like to call a recess, as  
18 lunchtime is near upon us. The latest update I've gotten is  
19 that the flight is on weather hold, and because of conditions  
20 in Nain, Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet. So it's not looking  
21 good for most parts of the north post. There is food being  
22 served, here. Given the tenuous nature of our flight  
situation, I think those who wish to return to the hotel for

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1 lunch, may and we'll reconvene at 2:45 if we can-, sorry,  
2 1:45. Thank you. We're now adjourned.

3 **[Recess]**

4 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Everybody, now that we've sorted our travel arrangements,  
5 we return to Item 17 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Second  
6 Reading of Bills". *Bill 2019-03*, I've got the wrong place.  
7 Sorry. I apologize. Second reading of *Bill 2018-04*. Is that  
8 the right one? Right? A Bill for an Act respecting housing in  
9 Nunatsiavut.

10 **MS. SILLETT:** I know why you're confused.

11 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** I am confused.

12 **MS. SILLETT:** Because this started way back in 2018.

13 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** So that's the proper Bill.

14 **MS. SILLETT:** So this is...

15 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** 2019-02. There you go.

16 **MS. SILLETT:** No, 2019-03.

17 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** ...03, yeah, okay. Pardon the hiccup. The second reading of  
18 *Bill 2019-03*, a Bill for an Act respecting housing in  
19 Nunatsiavut and establishing the Nunatsiavut Housing  
20 Commission. On September 18, 2018, the following  
21 resolution was passed. Whereas *Bill 2018-04*, a bill for an

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1 Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut and establishing the  
2 Nunatsiavut Housing Commission has been discussed in  
3 principle by the Nunatsiavut Assembly during first reading  
4 and if approved on First Reading, be it resolved that 2018-04  
5 be referred to a Special Committee of the Assembly on the  
6 *Nunatsiavut Housing Act*, and Nunatsiavut Housing  
7 Commission, comprised of five members, including the First  
8 Minister, Secretary to the Executive Council and at least one  
9 AngajukKâk, and that the Special Committee (a) be  
10 mandated to report on the bill to the Assembly prior to the  
11 second reading of the bill. (b) deliver it's report on the Bill  
12 to the Assembly no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, and (c)  
13 consult with Inuit Communities and Torngat Regional  
14 Housing Association for purposes of preparing this report,  
15 which indeed was-, we saw yesterday. An extension was  
16 given to the Special Committee by the January 2019  
17 Assembly in the following resolution. Whereas the Special  
18 Committee of the Assembly of the *Nunatsiavut Housing Act*,  
19 and the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission was previously  
20 established by resolution of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and  
21 whereas the said Committee has been mandated by the  
22 Nunatsiavut Assembly to report to the Nunatsiavut  
23 Assembly no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and whereas it is

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1 the opinion of the said Committee, that it requires an  
2 extension of time to properly carry out its mandate and  
3 properly report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Be it resolved  
4 that the time for the Special Committee of the Assembly on  
5 the *Nunatsiavut Housing Act*, and Nunatsiavut Housing  
6 Commission to deliver its report to the Nunatsiavut  
7 Assembly be extended, and that the said Committee shall  
8 deliver its report on the Bill to the Assembly no later than  
9 March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Special Committee has delivered its  
10 report, so we will now go into the second reading of *Bill*  
11 *2019-03*, a bill for an Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut  
12 and to establish a Nunatsiavut Housing Commission. First  
13 Minister.

14 **MS. MITCHELL:**

14 Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I would like to make a  
15 motion in accordance with Standing Order 42 to allow for  
16 consideration of *Bill 2019-03*, a bill for an Act respecting  
17 housing in Nunatsiavut and to establish a Nunatsiavut  
18 Housing Commission in the Committee of the Whole.  
19 Therefore, I move, seconded by the Nunatsiavut Treasurer,  
20 the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, that the *Bill 2019-03*, be  
21 referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration with  
22 Isabella Pain and Mark Gillette as witness.

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1 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, First Minister. To the motion, all those in  
2 favour of the motion? Are there any opposed? Seeing  
3 none, we're now in Committee of the Whole and we invited  
4 our-, and one thing I will mention, First Minister, is that-,  
5 and your witnesses, I presume, did you want to invite Mr.  
6 Gillette to join us as well?

7 **MS. MITCHELL:**

I did.

8 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Okay, my mistake. We'll pause until our witnesses arrive.  
9 Thank you for joining us, Ms. Pain and Mr. Gillette. The  
10 Chairperson would like to recognize the First Minister,  
11 Honourable Kate Mitchell, for second reading of bills.

12 **MS. MITCHELL:**

13 Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Under our *Land Claims Agreement*,  
14 which took 30 years to negotiate, the Nunatsiavut  
15 Government may make laws with respect to the  
16 development of Labrador Inuit Lands, for housing purposes  
17 and for construction, maintenance, allocation, control,  
18 improvement, renovation and removal of housing in  
19 Labrador Inuit Lands and housing owned by Inuit  
20 Government in the Inuit Communities. This-, right now, our  
21 housing deliver agency is set up under Provincial Law under  
22 the *Corporations Act*. This Bill, if enacted, would place  
Housing in Nunatsiavut under Inuit Law. And this is a right

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1 that we fought for in the *Land Claims Agreement*, towards  
2 self-government. We all know that there is a housing crisis  
3 in Nunatsiavut, particular in Nain and Hopedale. We have  
4 been working for years and try to deal with the issue. While  
5 we have made some progress, there is much more that  
6 needs to be done. That's why we think it's important for a  
7 different approach, one that looks at the whole picture, and  
8 not just part of it. A bill for an Act respecting housing in  
9 Nunatsiavut and to establish a Nunatsiavut Housing  
10 Commission received first reading in the Nunatsiavut  
11 Assembly last September. A Special Committee of the  
12 Assembly which I Chaired was struck to consult with Inuit,  
13 Inuit Communities, as well as Torngat Regional Housing  
14 Association, for the purpose of preparing a report to be  
15 tabled at the Nunatsiavut Assembly before second reading  
16 of the Bill. Consultations took place in each of the five  
17 Labrador Inuit Communities. Written submissions were  
18 invited, but none were received. Consultations were held in  
19 Nain, Rigolet, Makkovik and Postville from February the 4<sup>th</sup>  
20 to the 7<sup>th</sup>, and in Hopedale on February the 14. In all cases,  
21 separate meetings were held with each of the Inuit  
22 Community Governments, each local housing committee  
23 and with members of the public. The majority of those who

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1 attended those meetings agreed with the proposed bill. If  
2 enacted, it would result in a more comprehensive, efficient  
3 and improved means of addressing housing issues and needs  
4 in Nunatsiavut than is currently in place. Many suggested  
5 the current system fails to address individual, family and  
6 community needs and that the proposed bill, if enacted,  
7 would result in a broader spectrum of housing and a better,  
8 more fair and equitable process. There's no disputing the  
9 fact that the current system is not working and that it's time  
10 for a different approach. Nobody likes change, Mr. Speaker,  
11 but change is needed in order to deal with our current  
12 housing situation. We can't keep going down the same  
13 road. I understand, there are some concerns, particularly  
14 with respect to the future of Torngat Regional Housing  
15 Association. We initially, met with the Torngat board in  
16 December, and committed to meet with them again before  
17 we submitted our consultation report. The meeting took  
18 place last Tuesday in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. During the  
19 meeting, Mr. Speaker, the Board Members again, expressed  
20 concern, although some admitted that they hadn't read the  
21 draft bill which is very unfortunate. At this point, Mr.  
22 Speaker, I don't think anybody can speculate as to the  
23 future of Torngat Regional Housing Association. What I can



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1 say, is that per the bill, the Nunatsiavut Executive Council,  
2 and I quote, must consult Torngat Regional Housing  
3 Association about the impact of this bill, including Torngat's  
4 roles and functions, it's programs, liabilities and assets, its  
5 clients and personnel and it's possible relationship to the  
6 Commission. We feel we have done our due diligence, Mr.  
7 Speaker, and enacting this legislation will enable us to move  
8 forward in dealing with housing concerns that affect all of  
9 our communities, instead of reacting to issues as they arise.  
10 Therefore, Mr. Speaker, as First Minister, it gives me great  
11 pleasure, to move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for  
12 Postville, the Minister of Finance, and Human Resources,  
13 that the Bill for an Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut  
14 and to establish a Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, be read  
15 for the second time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

16 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

16 *Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. Just as a reminder,  
17 we are in Committee of the Whole. So a more appropriate  
18 salutation would be Chairperson, at this point, but that's-,  
19 ever since the Honourable Tony Andersen pointed it out, I  
20 find it so hard to defer from that. Given that there has been  
21 some debate that we've heard about this issue, I would ask  
22 our two witnesses, given that we are in Committee of the  
23 Whole if they wish to add any-, before we proceed any

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1 further, is there any comment that they'd like to make for  
2 the purposes of informing the Assembly or to make this a  
3 more informed decision on behalf of everybody? Ms. Pain,  
4 is there anything you'd like to add at this point? Mr.  
5 Gillette? Okay. Thank you, Honourable First Minister, so  
6 your motion is in order. The page-by-page and clause-by-  
7 clause review of Bill 2019-03. If Members of the Assembly  
8 have any comments or questions on any page of the Bill, you  
9 have up to 2 minutes to speak-, 10 minutes to speak. If you  
10 still have questions or comments, once other Members have  
11 spoken, you will be given another opportunity to speak.  
12 Where's the Bill? So people can open their bill, we'll  
13 commence with the clause-by-clause and line-by-line.  
14 Where is it? Has everybody opened to page 5? The  
15 document we're looking at is an Act respecting housing in  
16 Nunatsiavut and to establish a Nunatsiavut Housing  
17 Commission. We all should be on page 5. AngajukKâk  
18 Dicker.

19 **MR. DICKER:**

Before we go to the actual Act itself and read clause-by-  
20 clause, is there an opportunity for Assembly Members to  
21 speak to the explanatory note?

22 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

To which-, I apologize, AngajukKâk Dicker. I'm not sure to  
23 which you're referring?

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1 **MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. We're going directly to page 5. This  
2 Bill 2019-03, a bill formed to act respecting housing in  
3 Nunatsiavut, and to establish the Nunatsiavut Housing  
4 Commission, has explanatory notes, page 1 to 4. There is a  
5 clause in the first paragraph that I would like more  
6 explanation on if I may, Mr. Chair.

7 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Will you just pardon me one moment for consultation,  
8 AngajukKâk Dicker. Given we are in Committee of the  
9 Whole I will entertain that question you may have.

10 **MR. DICKER:**

It's not a question, I guess. It's-, yes, it is a question, Mr.  
11 Chair. I was part of the Labrador Inuit Association at the  
12 time when the Torngat Regional Housing Association was  
13 formed. And the reason for that was to ensure that the  
14 housing needs were being met, at the time, while  
15 negotiations were going on because we were, at that time,  
16 already in a housing crisis. And the Torngat Regional  
17 Housing Association has done its work. It was formed to do  
18 what it has done over the years. I agree that now we are a  
19 government and that it was always known that once the  
20 negotiations were completed, that the Government would  
21 take over the Housing Department or the Housing Issue at  
22 hand because the negotiation had been completed. I have  
23 no argument with that. The only clarification, I guess I

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1 would need, is that in the explanatory note on page 1, the  
2 first paragraph, the last sentence, it says it would provide an  
3 opportunity for TRHA and the executive council to address  
4 the impact of the Commission and the Housing act  
5 on the role and functions of TRHA. Now, this can only  
6 happen once, this...

7 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** AngajukKâk Dicker. So I have to ask, what is your question?

8 **MR. DICKER:** I'm getting there. The-, what I'm concerned-, my question  
9 is, I guess, once these Bills have been Acted, it says that  
10 there will be a meeting. My question is that-, is there a  
11 provision in this Act that once this meeting takes place, on  
12 the impacts or the impact that it will have on THRA-, is there  
13 room for amendments to the Act to address the impacts  
14 that the meeting will surely identify? Thank you.

15 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. I believe the First Minister  
16 would-, First Minister, do you care to respond to that  
17 question or would you want-, First Minister, proceed.

18 **MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. And thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker.  
19 You know, for you being a part of this Assembly and  
20 everything, I think that it's clear that any Act or Bill or  
21 anything can be amended, so-, like there's-, this will be no  
22 different and, yeah, certainly any, any bill or Act can be

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1 amended. So I think if there's any changes then, you know,  
2 that it would certainly be done. Thank you.

3 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

4 And just for-, if I may add for clarity, before you intercede,  
5 Mr. Gillette, there-, we will go through this Bill clause-by-  
6 clause, page-by-page. At every clause, there's an  
7 opportunity to propose an amendment should there  
8 someone-, should there be something contained in the Act  
9 which an individual is not comfortable with. So that avenue  
10 for-, to interject an opinion will be present throughout the  
11 reading of the Bill, which we are about to do. Mr. Gillette,  
12 you had a comment, I believe?

12 **MR. GILLETTE:**

13 Just to refer-, I'm assuming I'm being picked up a little far  
14 away from the mic here. The explanatory note is explaining  
15 what is in the Bill. The provision which you're talking about,  
16 or which the Honourable Member is talking about, the first  
17 paragraph there, is speaking directly to part 7.2 of the Bill,  
18 which the committee will be going through when it goes  
19 through its page-by-page review. But just for clarification-,  
20 and this was also touched on yesterday when there was  
21 discussion about the report from the-, about the-, the report  
22 from the Special Committee on the Housing Bill that there  
23 have been consultations with Torngat Regional Housing  
Association prior to second reading, and part 7.2, essentially

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1 holds-, I'm not trying to get ahead of what we're going to  
2 discuss in part 7.2, but just to answer the Member's  
3 question-, part 7.2 essentially, says, that once the Bill is  
4 enacted and the Commission is established, there will be  
5 further discussions with TRHA as to what impacts are going  
6 to be there on TRHA or what-, how the Commission and  
7 TRHA will be involved with each other, if they will be  
8 involved with each other at all. So I'm not going to comment  
9 much further, because we're going to get to that again, but  
10 that's essentially, what that means.

11 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

12 Are there any other comments or questions before we  
13 proceed onto page 3 in the line-by-line. Are there any other  
14 comments or questions before we proceed onto page 3 in  
15 the line-by-line? Page 5. Seeing none, we'll proceed to our  
16 line-by-line. We're going to commence at page 5, clause  
17 1.1. Any questions-, first of all, is everybody on page 5?  
18 Anybody not? Page 5, Section 1.1. Any questions? All in  
19 agreement? Any opposed? On to page 5, clause 1.2-, or  
20 more correctly, page 5, the beginning of clause 1.2. I'll allow  
21 a moment for-, to read through it. Any questions arising  
22 from page 5, clause 1.2? All in agreement? Any opposed?  
23 We'll turn our attention to page 6-, the top of page 6 which  
is a continuation-, actually page 6 is a-, the entirety of page

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1 6 is a continuation of clause 1.2. It's rather substantial in its  
2 nature, and again, I will allow a moment for reflection. Just  
3 for absolute clarity, I'm going to read the header for-, as  
4 you  
5 go through on a clause-by-clause, so page-, clause 1.2 is  
6 simply, titled, "Interpretation". Are there any questions  
7 arising from page 6, clause 1.2? Seeing none, all those in  
8 favour? Any opposed? We'll turn our attention to page 7.  
9 Again, this is a continuation of clause 1.2 which is titled,  
10 "Interpretation.". It's lengthy in nature, and again, we will-,  
11 shall allow just a moment for consideration. Are there any  
12 questions arising from page 7, clause 1.2? All those in  
13 favour? Any opposed? Honourable Mr. Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

13 Thank you. My understanding, as we're going through this  
14 in the Committee of the Whole is not that Members can  
15 express concern or approval or dissatisfaction with respect  
16 to any clause, and because you were asking, are there any  
17 questions. It's not that Members might-, they might not  
18 have a question, or they may have a concern or a  
19 disapproval of a section. Just so the Members are clear on  
20 that, because when the AngajukKâk from Nain spoke, you  
21 asked him to get to his question, which he didn't have to.  
22 He could be free to make an expression of approval,

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1 disapproval, concern, and I ask again at this time, is this  
2 where we might make amendments to sections?

3 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

4 An amendment can be proposed. A motion to amend can  
5 be proposed at any time, and you're absolutely correct. In  
6 addition to questions, and you are-, I will broaden my  
7 verbiage to include comments in that nature as well. But  
8 you're absolutely correct, but any point, a Member of this  
9 Assembly, is free to make a motion to amend a clause in  
10 this-, if indeed, they find something which is less than  
11 satisfactory, or they think that perhaps could be done in a  
12 better fashion. So that avenue is open to everybody  
13 throughout this entire process, which is why we go through  
14 on a clause-by-clause basis, so people can look at each  
15 individual clause to assess whether or not they're in  
16 agreement or perhaps have a better way of saying it or  
17 proposing saying something. So thank you for that  
18 clarification, and again, I will change that verbiage. That  
19 being said, we're now, on to page 8, clause 1.2. Clause 1.2  
20 constitutes the top two thirds of page 8. If Anybody has any  
21 comments, questions regarding-, page 8, clause 1.2. I'll  
22 allow a few moments to get through it. Are there any  
23 comments or questions regarding page 8, clause 1.2? All  
those in favour? Any opposed? At the bottom of page 8,



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1 you'll find clause 1.3. We're now looking at clause 1.3. Are  
2 there any questions or comments arising from clause 1.3?  
3 Questions or comments? All those in favour? Any opposed?  
4 We'll turn our attention to page 9 which is-, the top half of  
5 page 9 is the continuation of clause 1.3 and I'll allow a  
6 couple moments to read through it. Are there any  
7 comments regarding clause 1.3 as presented on page 9-,  
8 comments or questions? All those in favour? Any opposed?  
9 We'll continue on page 9 but proceed to clause 1.4. We're  
10 now looking at clause 1.4. Are there any questions or  
11 comments regarding clause 1.4 as presented on page 9?  
12 AngajukKâk Dicker.

13 **MR. DICKER:** Yes, on top of the page, there, F-, clause 3(f) offer assistance  
14 to Inuit who wish to enter the housing market or obtain  
15 financing in order to do so. Am I interpreting that as...

16 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Sorry. I apologize, AngajukKâk but which page are you  
17 referencing?

18 **MR. DICKER:** Oh, I thought we had agreed page 9.

19 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** We're on page-, we're currently looking at clause 1.4 on  
20 page 9.

21 **MR. DICKER:** Okay. Oh, I'm sorry. I'll wait till we get the page done.

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1 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

You're way ahead of us. So again, I'll re-ask the question.

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Are there any questions or comments arising from clause 1.4

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on page 9? All those in favour? Are there any opposed?

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We'll turn our attention to page 10, which is a continuation

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of clause 10. Page 10 of the bill is entirely comprised of

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clause 1.4. I'll allow some time to read through it. Are there

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any questions or comments arising from clause 1.4 as

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presented on page 10? AngajukKâk Dicker.

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**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I guess I need a confirmation of my

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interpretation of (f) offer assistance to Inuit who wish to

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enter the housing market or obtain financing. In order to do

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so, is that-, do I interpret that as if a person wants to get

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into a contract business into housing, is that what this Act

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will do? Is that phrase (f) saying that? Thank you.

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

First Minister, do you want to take this one or would you

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prefer a witness to take it? First Minister.

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**MS. MITCHELL:**

Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair and thank you, AngajukKâk from

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Nain for your question. Yep. That is exactly what it means.

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We're looking at all, you know, a whole, like we said, a

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whole spectrum of housing, and that includes encouraging

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our beneficiaries to get into the housing market if they're

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interested. So that is exactly what it means. Thank you.

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1 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

2 Are there any other comments? And clause 1.4 as found on  
3 page 10-, comments or questions? All those in favour?  
4 Opposed? We'll now turn our attention to page 11, and this  
5 again, is a continuation of clause 1.4-, the top of page 11,  
6 more correctly, is a continuation of clause 1.4. Any  
7 questions or comments regarding clause 1.4 as found on the  
8 top of page 11? Comments or questions? All those in  
9 favour? Any opposed? Still on-, we remain on page 11, but  
10 moving to clause 1.5. Are there any questions or comments  
11 arising from clause 1.5? All those in favour? Any opposed?  
12 Remaining on page 11. We're now examining the beginning  
13 of clause 1.6 or the entirety of clause 1.6, more correctly.  
14 Are there any comments or questions arising from clause  
15 1.6? All those in favour? Any opposed? On to page 12,  
16 clause 1.7. We're looking at clause 1.7 which is contained  
17 on the top of page 12. Any comments or questions  
18 regarding clause 1.7? All those in favour? Any opposed?  
19 Clause 1.8-, again, contained on page 12. Any questions? In  
20 regards to clause 1.8, any questions or comments in regards  
21 to clause 1.8? All those in favour? Opposed? Now on to  
22 clause 1.9, again, contained on page 12. Any comments or  
23 questions regarding clause 1.9? All those in favour? Any  
opposed? Clause-, we're now examining clause 1.10. Any

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1 questions or comments arising from clause 1.1? It's down  
2 on the bottom of page 12. All those in favour? Opposed?  
3 We're continuing with clause 1.1 as found on the top of  
4 page 13-, clause 1.1 on the top of page 13. Any comments  
5 or questions arising from the continuation of clause 1.1? All  
6 those in favour? Any opposed? On to clause 1.11. Are  
7 there any questions or concerns? AngajukKâk Flowers.  
8 Again, we're looking at-, for clarity, we're looking at clause  
9 1.11.

10 **MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. My question is, does this mean that a  
11 non-beneficiary can be eligible for housing under this Act?

12 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Ms. Pain or Mr. Gillette?

13 **MR. GILLETTE:**

14 Hi. Yes, it does. What the-, specifically what this Section  
15 means is that the principles, purposes and priorities, as it  
16 says, that are set out in the last few pages that we've just  
17 been through about access to housing and making the  
18 Government and, or the Commission, if established,  
19 responsible for various principles that is believed to be  
20 appropriate with regards to housing. Where there's  
21 reference to Inuit in it, in those principles, what this section  
22 says, is that it doesn't limit it only to Inuit-, that we  
recognize that there are non-beneficiaries that live in our

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communities and there are non-beneficiaries that are part of our communities. So it-, the Section goes to say that-, notwithstanding anything that's said in this Act about Inuit, that it doesn't prevent the provision of housing to non-beneficiaries if-, there are three stipulations in that section-, so it doesn't prevent Nunatsiavut Government or Commission or an ICG from providing access to housing-, Nunatsiavut Housing by non-beneficiaries in the communities, where-, so there are conditions to that-, where there's a surplus of local housing, where the relevant government or commission consider that is necessary and appropriate to make the housing available to non-beneficiaries for -, so there was to be a reason behind it, and a necessary reason behind it. And also, that it would not be contrary to Inuit interests. So it would not be contrary to the rights of Inuit to access the housing, and things of that nature. So it doesn't just say, "yes", the Nunatsiavut Government or the Commission can't give houses to, or can't provide housing to non-beneficiaries. What it says, is that nothing here prevents it from doing-, those entities from doing those types of things, as long as these conditions are met, if you understand what I'm saying? There has to be a surplus of housing. There has to be a necessary and

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1 appropriate reason for providing the housing to non-  
2 beneficiaries, and that providing housing to non-  
3 beneficiaries wouldn't affect Inuit rights to housing.

4 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Does that clarify, AngajukKâk Flowers? You still look a little  
5 befuddled if you don't mind me saying so.

6 **MS. FLOWERS:** So if there was a surplus of housing, and non-Inuit-, they will  
7 have first priority of those houses?

8 **MR. GILLETTE:** It does not say first priority. All this Section says, is that  
9 there's nothing in the Act that prevents the Commission or  
10 Inuit Community Government or Nunatsiavut Government  
11 from providing housing to non-beneficiaries. It just says that  
12 there's nothing in the Act that prevents it. It doesn't say  
13 they have first priority, that there's any priority, but what it  
14 does say, is that any of those entities, ICG's, the  
15 Commission, or Nunatsiavut Government-, in order for them  
16 to provide housing to-, or provide a housing program to non-  
17 beneficiaries, first there would have to be a local surplus of  
18 housing. Second, it would have to be-, there would have to  
19 be necessary and appropriate reasons for doing so, and it  
20 would also have to not impact Inuit interests. So it's not  
21 given a priority, even to non-beneficiaries. All this Section is

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1 saying, is that this doesn't prevent a program to also apply  
2 to non-beneficiaries.

3 **MS. PAIN:**

4 Just to add a little further explanation. So part of what you  
5 just went through were the principles and priorities of who  
6 this legislation would apply to, and the principles which you  
7 just adopted were on-, starting on page 9-, yeah, 9, talks  
8 about who gets priority for Inuit Housing? And that would  
9 be Inuit who were members of vulnerable groups. So the  
10 priority is always Inuit and the actual folks is Inuit who are  
11 vulnerable groups. And the priorities, again, are expressed  
12 on 1.5, which says, again, that recognizing that there are  
13 pressing needs for accommodation for vulnerable groups in  
14 the communities and for affordable rental housing. So-, and  
15 also giving priority to individuals and families who are  
16 members of those vulnerable groups. So the priorities are  
17 always Inuit who are members of vulnerable groups in our  
18 communities, but as Mark just alluded to, if these situations  
19 are there, that there's a local surplus of housing, if the  
20 Commission or ICG or Nunatsiavut think it's a good reason to  
21 do so and it's not contrary to Inuit interest, then they could  
22 allocated housing to non-beneficiaries. Right now with our  
23 current housing crisis, I wouldn't say that would be-, any of  
these tests would actually be met in the current situation.

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1 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Right. Are you clear, now, AngajukKâk Flowers? AngajukKâk  
2 Dicker.

3 **MR. DICKER:**

I guess I can ask for-, I can give an example, I suppose for  
4 non-beneficiaries married to a beneficiary who the non-  
5 beneficiary has kids with but they have no house, is because  
6 he can't be on the list, because he was-, or she was the head  
7 of the household, but not a beneficiary, but their children  
8 are eligible to be beneficiaries. Is that an example I could  
9 use, or that could be given?

10 **MS. PAIN:**

I think that is-, they're still a non-beneficiary, so I think that  
11 is an example of some current situations we're seeing in the  
12 communities, but it could be-, let's just say-, a non-  
13 beneficiary who is here with their own family. I mean, it's  
14 not limiting the definition of non-beneficiary here, to  
15 somebody who has beneficiary children. So its broader than  
16 the example, but your example is one example of that  
17 situation. Just one more thing to add to this. If you'll recall  
18 the report that you received yesterday, this here clause was  
19 the subject of some discussion in our communities about  
20 this particular clause because beneficiaries in the  
21 communities wanted to ensure that they were always the  
22 priority in relation to housing. So it was discussed and it was  
23 raised by individuals as a concern to ensure that Inuit always



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1 come first in relation to accessing housing and housing  
2 programs.

3 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

4 Are there any other questions or comments in regards to  
5 clause 1.11? All those in favour? Any opposed? We'll  
6 change our attention to clause 1.12. Any questions arising  
7 from clause 1.12? Any comments or questions, I should say?

8 All those in favour? Any opposed? On to clause 1.13. I just  
9 realized, I've been omitting the titles of the clauses, so I will  
10 endeavour to try and do that, going forward. Clause 1.13 is  
11 titled, "Monitoring and Evaluation of Housing and  
12 Programs". Are there any comments or questions arising  
13 from clause 1.13? All those in favour? Any opposed? On to  
14 page 14, and we're on the continuation of clause 1.13.

15 Again, for the sake of clarity, I'll repeat the title, "Monitoring  
16 and Evaluation of Housing and Programs". Are there any  
17 questions or comments arising from clause 1.13 as  
18 contained on page 14? All those in favour? Any opposed?

19 On to clause 1.14 as contained on page 14. It is titled,  
20 "Executive Council May Establish Policies and Priorities".

21 Any questions or comments arising from clause 1.14? All  
22 those in favour? Any opposed? On to clause 1.15, which is  
23 titled, "Conflict of Interest Rules for Commission and  
Committees". Are there any comments or questions

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1 regarding clause 1.15? All those in favour? Any opposed?

2 On to clause 1.16, which is titled, "Responsible Minister".

3 Any questions or comments arising from clause 1.16?

4 Questions or comments arising from 1.16? AngajukKâk

5 Dicker.

6 **MR. DICKER:**

I'm-, the Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, I'm just at a loss

7 right now, to, to who that is?

8 **MR. GILLETTE:**

The First Minister is the Minister responsible for...

9 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other questions regarding clause 1.16? All

10 those in favour? Any opposed? We'll turn our attention to

11 clause 1.17. Clause 1.17 is titled, "Minister to Report

12 Annually". Any questions or comments regarding clause

13 1.17? All those in favour? Any opposed? On to clause 1.18-

14 , 1.18 is titled, "Developing Capacity to Support Local

15 Housing-, I apologize, to support Social Housing. Any

16 comments or questions regarding clause 1.18? All those in

17 favour? Opposed? Still on page 14, but now turning our

18 attention to clause 2.1. So again, we're on clause 2.1 on the

19 bottom of page 14. Clause 2.1 is titled, "Housing

20 Commission Established". Any question or comments

21 regarding clause 2.1? All those in favour? Opposed? On to

22 clause 2.2. So we'll begin clause 2.2 on the bottom of page

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1 14. Clause 2.2 is titled, "Commissions functions." Any  
2 comments or questions regarding clause-, regarding the  
3 beginning of clause 2.2? All those in favour? Any opposed?  
4 We're now on page 15, with the continuation of clause 2.2.  
5 Again, clause 2.2 is titled, "Commissions Functions". Are  
6 there any comments or questions regarding the  
7 continuation of clause 2.2? All those in favour? Any  
8 opposed? Still on page 15. Now dealing with clause 2.3,  
9 which is titled, "Board of Commissioners". Are there any  
10 questions or comments arising from clause 2.3? All those in  
11 favour? Opposed? On to clause 2.4. Clause 2.4, as found on  
12 page 15, is titled, "Appointments on Nomination of Joint  
13 Management Committee". Are there any comments or  
14 questions arising from clause 2.4? All those in favour?  
15 Opposed? Clause 2.5. Clause 2.5 is entitled, "Requirements  
16 for Appointment as Commissioner". Are there any questions  
17 or comments regarding clause 2.5? Ordinary Member  
18 Wheeler?

19 **MS. WHEELER:**

20 Hi, I guess it's more just of a clarification, maybe or a  
21 definition of what would be considered good character-, just  
22 because it can be a bit of a broad statement, I think, for  
various reasons?

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1 **MR. GILLETTE:**

2 Good character is defined. You can find it on page 6. Have  
3 to go back, page 6 and “good character” for the purposes of  
4 this Act, refers to a person who is the reasonable option-,  
5 who in the reasonable opinion of the Joint Management  
6 Committee and of the Minister, has good moral standing  
7 amongst Inuit and is worthy of respect. A person is  
8 generally, not of good character, if they 1) have consistently  
9 or repeatedly broken the law or if they have shown that  
10 they are not prepared to abide by the law, 2) have failed or  
11 refused to pay their taxes or if their financial affairs are not  
12 in reasonably good order-, for example, if they are on  
13 undischarged bankrupt. 3) are known to be dishonest,  
14 corrupt or deceptive. 4) get their way through violence,  
15 extortion or bullying or 5) are known to harass or abuse  
16 others. So there is a specific definition of what good  
17 character is for the purposes of this Section.

17 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

18 Are there any other comments or questions arising from  
19 clause 2.5? All those in favour? Any opposed? On to clause  
20 2.6. Clause 2.6 is entitled, “Composition of the Board” and  
21 clause 2.6 begins at the bottom of page 15. Are there any  
22 questions or comments regarding clause 2.6 as presented on  
23 the bottom of page 15? All those in favour? Opposed?  
We’ll continue with clause 2.5, as found on the top of page

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1 16. Are there any questions or comments regarding the  
2 continuation of clause 2.6, at the top of page 16. Comments  
3 or questions? All those in favour? Any opposed? Still on  
4 page 16, clause 2.7. Clause 2.7 is titled, "Commissioners  
5 Term of Office". Are there any questions or comments  
6 regarding clause 2.7? All those in favour? Opposed? Still on  
7 page 16, but now we're turning our attention to clause 2.8  
8 and clause 2.8 is entitled, "Staggered Terms". Are there any  
9 questions or comments regarding clause 2.8? All those in  
10 favour? Opposed? Still on page 16. Now looking at clause  
11 2.9-, 2.9 is titled, "Commissioner may be Reappointed." Are  
12 there any questions or comments regarding 2.9? All those  
13 in favour? Opposed? Clause 2.10. Clause 2.10 is entitled,  
14 "Office Held During Good Behaviour". Are there any  
15 comments or questions regarding clause 2.10? AngajukKâk  
16 Dicker?

17 **MR. DICKER:**

Could you-, thank you, Mr. Chair. Could somebody  
18 elaborate more on that? That's confusing.

19 **MR. GILLETTE:**

20 Unlike the last question, there's no defined term for "good  
21 behaviour", or what good behaviour is. But generally, it  
22 would mean that someone continue to hold their position as  
23 long as they follow proper rules and process and things like  
that. It's not really much more complicated than that,

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1 really. I think it probably also goes to someone-, a  
2 Commissioner might not lose their position because of the  
3 decision that they make or a vote they make at a particular  
4 meeting, because they're entitled to make a vote at a  
5 meeting, just like the Members at this table are able to.  
6 Some may vote, "Yes" on a motion. Some may vote, "no".  
7 But because as soon as you vote, "no" on something,  
8 doesn't mean that you're going to be fired. It means, as long  
9 as you're following rules and processes, and upholding their  
10 job with integrity, then they're going to continue to be  
11 a  
12 Commissioner.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

13 Are there any other comments or questions regarding clause  
14 2.10? All those in favour? Opposed? On to clause 2.11-,  
15 2.11 is titled, "Vacancy Filled from Lists". Are there any  
16 comments or questions regarding clause 2.11? All those in  
17 favour? Opposed? We remain on page 16, moving our  
18 attention to clause 2.12. Clause 2.12 is entitled,  
19 "Qualifications and Consent to a Company List". Are there  
20 any comments or questions regarding clause 2.12? All those  
21 in favour? Opposed? On to clause 2.13, which is titled,  
22 "Conflicts with other arrangements respecting  
23 appointments". Are there any comments or questions  
regarding clause 2.13? All those in favour? Opposed? Now,

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1 looking at clause 2.14 on the bottom of page 16. Clause  
2 2.14 is entitled, "Vacancy does not Affect Competence of  
3 Commission". Are there any questions or comments  
4 regarding clause 2.14? All those in favour? Any opposed?  
5 Turning our attention to page 17. At the top of page 17,  
6 we'll find clause 2.15. Clause 2.15 is entitled, "Incorporation  
7 of Commission". Are there any questions or comments  
8 regarding clause 2.15? All those in favour? Any opposed?  
9 Clause 2.16 is titled, "Amendment of Constating Documents  
10 of Corporations". Are there any comments or questions  
11 regarding clause 2.16? I know this is not typical, but I have  
12 to ask the question of what the definition of "constating" is  
13 for it's not a term I'm familiar with.

14 **MR. GILLETTE:**

15 It's along the line of constitutional, so the provision 2.15 and  
16 2.16 are kind of right in tandem, so under 2.15, just to go  
17 back, provision 2.15 indicates that although the-, by  
18 enactment of this act, the commission will be established  
19 under Inuit law, in addition, it will also be registered as a  
20 non-profit corporation under either the laws of the province  
21 of Newfoundland and Labrador, or Canada, as it deems  
22 appropriate. And in order to register a company, which is  
23 essentially what it is, even if it's a non-profit corporation-, to  
register a corporation, there are certain constating

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1 documents. These are the foundational documents that are  
2 registered, stating, essentially, what the aims of the  
3 corporation are and so Section 2.15 says that, any of those  
4 documents that are registered, in order to create such a  
5 non-profit corporation, must essentially coincide with the  
6 principles of this Act, and Section 2.17 indicates if there's  
7 any amendment or change to any of those documents, they  
8 must also coincide with the principles of this Act. I hope  
9 that answers your question.

10 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

11 And I beg the Assembly's intrusion. I understand that the  
12 chairperson doesn't typically intrude, but it was a term that I  
13 had absolutely no experience whatsoever with, and I had to  
14 , and I thought it would be useful for the purposes of the  
15 Assembly, to have it explained. So again, pardon my  
16 intrusion. Are there any other comments or questions  
17 regarding clause 2.16? All those in favour? Any opposed?  
18 Remaining on page 17, but moving on to clause 2.17, which  
19 is titled, "Chairperson". Are there any questions or  
20 comments, I should say, arising from Section 2.17? All those  
21 in favour? Any opposed? Turning our attention to clause  
22 2.18, which is titled, "Minutes and Accounts". Are there any  
23 questions or comments regarding clause 2.18? All those in  
favour? Opposed? Clause 2.19 is titled, "Chairperson



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1 Presides at Meetings". Are there any comments or  
2 questions regarding clause 2.19? All those in favour?  
3 Opposed? Clause-, we remain on page 17. Moving on to  
4 clause 2.20, entitled, "Chairperson has second or deciding  
5 vote". Are there any questions or comments regarding  
6 clause 2.20? All those in favour? Opposed? Clause 2.21 is  
7 titled, "Where Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are  
8 absent". Any comments or questions regarding clause 2.21?  
9 All those in favour? Any opposed? Turning our attention to  
10 clause 2.22, near the bottom of page 17. Clause 2.22 is  
11 entitled, "Board Meetings". Are there any questions or  
12 comments regarding clause 2.22? All those in favour?  
13 Opposed? On to clause 2.23 at the bottom of page 17. It's  
14 titled, "Means of Participation in Meetings". Any comments  
15 or questions arising from clause 2.23? All those in favour?  
16 Opposed? Moving on to page 18, we're now examining  
17 clause 2.24. And clause 2.24 is titled, "Failure to Attend  
18 Meetings". Any questions or comments regarding clause  
19 2.24? All those in favour? Opposed? On to clause 2.25  
20 which is titled, "Quorum". Any comments or questions  
21 regarding clause 2.25? AngajukKâk Dicker.

22 **MR. DICKER:**

23 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Going back to 2.20, the Chairperson  
has second or deciding vote. That was fine, if there was a

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1 equal number of votes cast, that means there's equal  
2 number of people present to hold a meeting. The majority  
3 of the Commissioners constitute a quorum of the Board. I  
4 guess that's no question. If there's an equal number of  
5 Commissioners, like there's six, what if there's three that  
6 come to attend the meeting, just three? That's not a  
7 quorum, just half-, half, you know what I mean? How do  
8 you deal with that kind of situation?

9 **MR. GILLETTE:**

10 The provision states that in order for them to have a  
11 meeting, they have to have a majority. So if they don't-, the  
12 have to have a quorum and a quorum is the majority. So if  
13 you-, in the example that you provided, there were six  
14 Commissioners, and only three were present, that would not  
15 be a majority, so there would be no quorum, and there  
16 would be no meeting. Are there any comments or questions  
17 regarding clause 2.25? All those in favour? Opposed? On to  
18 clause 2.26, titled, "Board Compensation". Any questions or  
19 comments arising from 2.26? All those in favour? Opposed?  
20 On to clause 2.27-, 2.27, is titled, "Head Office". Any  
21 questions or concerns-, or questions or comments in regards  
to 2.27? AngajukKâk Flowers.

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**MS. FLOWERS:**

My question is the head office of the Commission must be in the Inuit Community of Nain. Is there a reason why it has to be in Nain and not any other Inuit Community?

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Okay, I know that was one of the issues that was brought up in each of our communities. But what we looked at, right now, it would be the most practical because right now there is office space in Nain, and there is-, and I think there are accommodations that are available. And our thinking on this is, if this bill passes, then we would need-, there's an awful lot of work that's got to be done and we'd need to be able to sort of hit the ground running. And to us, Nain is our biggest community and is our administrative centre. But I guess it's up to, you know, it's up to the Assembly to debate that or whatever. Was there anything else, I should add to that, or? Okay.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any questions or-, AngajukKâk Flowers, you have something else to-, AngajukKâk Flowers?

**MS. FLOWERS:**

If office space became available and accommodations in any other community, does it always have to be-, will it always have to be Nain that the headquarters are?

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1           **MR. GILLETTE:**           If the Section as proposed is passed, then there's-, I'm not  
2   saying that there couldn't be a move of the head office, but  
3   it would require an amendment to the Act.

4           **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**       Are there any other comments or questions in regards to  
5   2.27? All those in favour? Oh, I apologize. I missed  
6   AngajukKâk Andersen. My apologies, AngajukKâk Andersen.

7           **MR. ANDERSEN:**       Mine is not a comment, it's just a-, mine's just a comment, I  
8   guess, to the Members. When we're looking at the word  
9   must, shall and may, I think we should keep that in mind,  
10    too, when we're looking at-, to the sections in this act?  
11    Yeah, must and shall will be pretty hard fast in a lot of times.  
12    May would leave us some leeway. Should that have been a  
13    maybe in Nain? Well, then it would give us some leeway  
14    there, right?

15          **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**       Are there any other comments? Are there any other  
16    comments or questions? All those in favour of Section 2.27  
17    as presented? Any opposed? On to Section 2.28-, 2.8 is  
18    titled, "Other Offices". Are there any question so comments  
19    in regards to 2.28? All those in favour? Any opposed? We  
20    remain on the bottom of page 18, but now examining clause  
21    2.29. Clause 2.29 is titled reporting. Are there any  
22    questions or comments regarding 2.29? All those in favour?

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1 Any opposed? We're now on the top of page 19, and we're  
2 looking at clause 2.30, which is titled, "Committees". Are  
3 there any questions or comments in regards to clause 2.30?

4 All those in favour? Any opposed? We're now-, we remain  
5 on page 19, but we skip to Section 3. We're going to start  
6 part 3, by looking at clause 3.1. Clause 3.1 is titled,  
7 "Commission is an agency of the Nunatsiavut Government".

8 Are there any questions or comments arising from clause  
9 3.1? All those in favour? Opposed? Moving on to clause 3.2  
10 on the bottom of page 19. Clause 3.2 is titled, "General".

11 Are there any comments or questions arising from clause  
12 3.2-, or more correctly, the portion of 3.2 which is found on  
13 the bottom of page 19. Comments or questions? All those

14 in favour? Opposed? Now looking at page 20, and if you  
15 look at the top of page 20, there's a small continuation of  
16 clause 3.2. It's simply a number of sentences, there. Any

17 questions or comments regarding the continuation of clause  
18 3.2? All those in favour? Opposed? On to clause 3.3.

19 Clause 3.3 as found on page 20, is titled, "Commission May  
20 Supply Housing". Any questions or comments regarding

21 clause 3.3? All those in favour? Oh, did you ask-, have-, do  
22 you have a comment, AngajukKâk Dicker? Please, proceed.

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1 **MR. DICKER:**

This clause to me, is saying that this Commission is now  
2 stating right there, that it's the housing entity of  
3 Nunatsiavut Government. I don't know if I missed it  
4 anywhere, but if they're going to acquire, construct,  
develop,  
5 maintain, manage and supply in Nunatsiavut, for Inuit  
6 families and individuals, they need to hire staff. Is that  
7 taken care of, in there?

8 **MS. PAIN:**

Yeah. We'll get to that section a little later on.

9 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

AngajukKâk Dicker, or anyone else, for that matter. Do you  
10 have any questions or concerns or comments, regarding  
11 clause 3.3? All those in favour? Any opposed? On to  
12 clause 3.4. Clause 3.4 on page 20, is titled, "Housing for Inuit  
13 who are Members of a Vulnerable Group". Are there any  
14 questions or comments arising from clause 3.4? All those in  
15 favour? Opposed? On to clause 3.5 which is titled,  
16 "Consistency in Programs and Services". Are there any  
17 questions or comments arising from clause 3.5? All those in  
18 favour? Any opposed? On to clause 3.6-, 2.6 as found on  
19 page 20, is titled, Nunatsiavut Government Housing. Are  
20 there any comments or questions arising from clause 3.6?  
21 All those in favour? Oh, my apologies, AngajukKâk Dicker,  
22 you had a comment or a question?

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1           **MR. DICKER:**                    Thank you, 3.6 and 3.3, what's the difference between these  
2    two, like could you elaborate a little more, please?

3           **MR. GILLETTE:**                  3.6, I call it the staff housing clause. So currently, the  
4    Nunatsiavut Government operates, maintains housing for  
5    staff in various communities. So essentially, with the  
6    passage of this Act, the Commission will now be responsible  
7    for staff-, for those staff housing units and any additional  
8    units created for Nunatsiavut Government staff housing.

9           **MR. DICKER:**                    I was a bit confused there because it says there, housing  
10     needs of Members or staff and thought that Members were  
11     anybody within Nunatsiavut that are Members of the  
12     beneficiary of the *Land Claims Agreement*. So thank you, for  
13     clarifying that.

14          **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**                Are there any other comments or questions regarding clause  
15     3.6? All those in favour? Opposed? On to clause 3.7. We  
16     remain on page 20. Clause 3.7 is entitled, "Powers of  
17     Commission". Are there any comments or concerns or  
18     questions arising from clause 3.7, or the beginning of clause  
19     3.7? All those in favour? Opposed? Turning our attention  
20     to page 21. Oh-, I apologize. I missed you. Did you have a  
21     question regarding clause 3.7?

22          **MS. WHEELER:**                    Yes.

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1 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Okay. I will turn back the hands of time about 30 seconds  
2 and we'll go back. And I apologize. I must have missed you.  
3 I apologize, Ordinary Member Wheeler. Go ahead.

4 **MS. WHEELER:**

Okay, sorry. I'd just like-, it's just maybe a bit of a  
5 clarification, but it says-, I just lost it, sorry. Under 3.7(a) it  
6 says, purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire-, it says, or  
7 interest in them. So is that opening it up to possible  
8 partnerships with other entities?

9 **MR. GILLETTE:**

I'm taking interest to mean the legal term of interest, which  
10 means the interest in the land or in a building. So like to  
11 purchase a building, to own a building is in law an interest in  
12 building. To have a legal interest in building is some sort of  
13 title to it. A lease is a different type of a legal interest in  
14 building. It's a lease hold is a-, without getting into first year  
15 property law, it's a certain right or title that you have to a  
16 particular piece of property. So ownership can be one. We  
17 call that fee simple interest. A lease hold could be another.  
18 A permit could be another. I think that's what is intended  
19 by the term, interest, there.

20 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other comments or questions regarding clause  
21 3.7? The beginning of clause 3.7, as found on the bottom of  
22 page 20? And it appears I jumped the gun on the vote the



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1 last time, so I'll pardon, yeah. No, that's entirely my fault,  
2 Ordinary Member Wheeler. All those in favour of 3.7? Any  
3 opposed? Now turning our attention to the top of page 21.  
4 Page 21, in its entirety is concerned with the continuation of  
5 clause 3.7, which for the sake of clarity, again, I will repeat  
6 the title, which is called, "Powers of Commission". It's a  
7 rather lengthy piece, so I will allow a couple of moments. I'll  
8 allow a couple of moments to read through it. I just saw a  
9 lot of ears perk up.

10 **MS. SILLETT:** A plane.

11 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Are there any questions or comments arising from clause  
12 3.7, as found on page 21? All those in favour? Oh, I  
13 apologize. AngajukKâk Dicker.

14 **MR. DICKER:** On the clause(f) it mentions "subject to prior written  
15 approval of the Minister, enter agreements-, or cost-sharing  
16 agreements with other governments and government  
17 agencies, including Labrador-, Newfoundland and Labrador  
18 Housing". Does that mean this clause here is saying that the  
19 Nunatsiavut Housing Commission can take over the NLHC  
20 Housing in the Communities?

21 **MR. GILLETTE:** It says enter agreements, including cost-sharing agreements  
22 with other governments or government agencies. I think it's

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1 fairly open-ended. It's not specifically, about that, no. But  
2 it-, essentially, what-, section 3.7 is doing over two and a  
3 half pages, is specifying what the legal powers are of the  
4 Commission as a legal entity-, what it has powers to do and,  
5 by exclusion, what it's not able to do. Generally, it's  
6 speaking to what laws apply to it, what powers it has in  
7 order to make contracts, and that is essentially, what  
8 section (f) is getting to, that it has the ability to enter into  
9 agreements with either a Provincial Housing Agency or a  
10 Federal Housing Agency-, that it has ability to enter into  
11 such agreements. What those types of agreements are is  
12 not specified in that section.

13 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

14 Are there any other comments or questions regarding clause  
15 3.7 as found on page 21? All those in favour? Opposed?  
16 We're going to continue on clause 3.7 which is found on  
17 page  
18 22. And clause 3.7 continues to deal with the title of  
19 "Powers of Commission". Again, we're looking at page 22.  
20 The entirety of page 22 is the continuation of clause 3.7.  
21 AngajukKâk Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

(Inaudible.) Under (n), I wanted to know what "sinking fees,  
revolving fees and reserve fees-, funds" are?

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1 **MR. GILLETTE:**

I'm not a financial expert. So I can't give you a specific answer about what those specific things are, but generally, what this clause is talking about is various types of mortgage funds. Okay? Generally, this section is-, I can't give you a specific definition of what a sinking fund is or a revolving fund is. I'd have to have someone with some more financial expertise than I have (inaudible) to give you a precise definition of what those are. But generally, what the section is talking about, or the subsection is talking about, is mortgage funds and mortgage insurance-type of funds and it's the power-, it's prescribing a power to the Commission to be able to enter into those types of homes if it thinks it's necessary.

14 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other comments or questions arising from clause 3.7 as found on page 22? All those in favour? Any opposed? On to page 23, and the clause 3.8. Clause 3.8 is titled, "Real Property to be held in the name of Nunatsiavut Government". Are there any comments or questions regarding section-, clause 3.8? All those in favour? Opposed? Remaining on page 23, but moving on to clause 3.9-, 3.9 is titled, "Executive Council Approval of Commission Debt". It's somewhat lengthy. I will allow a brief time to read through it. Are there any comments or questions

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1 arising from section 3.9? All those in favour? Any opposed?

2 On to page 24, we'll review-, section 3.9 is continued and  
3 again, for the sake of clarity, I'll repeat the title of section  
4 3.9. It is titled, "Executive Council Approval of Commission  
5 Debt". Are there any questions or comments arising from  
6 the second portion of clause 3.9 as found on page 24? All  
7 those in favour? Any opposed? On to section 3.10, which is  
8 the bottom half of page 24. Clause 3.10 is titled, "Lending  
9 Must be Authorized by Executive Council". Are there any  
10 questions or comments arising from section 3.10-, clause  
11 3.10? All those in favour? Opposed? At the top of page 25,  
12 we have one section of clause 3.10. Just one simple,  
13 subsection. Again, it's titled, Lending must be authorized by  
14 Executive Council. Any comments or questions arising form  
15 the continuation of clause 3.10 as found on the top of page  
16 25? Comments or questions? All those in favour? Any  
17 opposed? On to clause 3.11-, again, found on page 25. It's  
18 titled, "Intergovernmental Agreements". Are there any  
19 questions or comments arising from clause 3.11?  
20 AngajukKâk Dicker.

21 **MR. DICKER:**

22 At some point, witnesses, will 3.11 be taken out when we  
23 become a self-government on our own, totally on our own?  
Like is-, or are we subject to some municipal Acts or laws of

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1 the Provincial and Federal Government that we still are  
2 involved with them?

3 **MS. PAIN:** What section 3.11 does is provide that the Executive Council  
4 can continue to negotiate agreements, financial and funding  
5 arrangements with Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador  
6 with respect to housing. Currently, our housing dollars are  
7 coming through our Fiscal Financing Arrangement and we're  
8 anticipating that, that would continue through this, so we're  
9 providing NAC the authority to continue to do that.

10 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Are there other comments or questions arising from 3.11?  
11 All those in favour? Any opposed? On to clause 3.12-, 3.12,  
12 again, is found on page 25 and it's titled, Financial Matters.  
13 It's rather lengthy. I will allow some time to review. Are  
14 there any comments or questions arising from section 3.12?  
15 Ordinary Member Wheeler.

16 **MS. WHEELER:** I guess it's more, maybe of a housekeeping or if you look at  
17 the numbers, it goes, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7. So I don't know if 6 is  
18 missing or if it's just a numerical issue with the bullets?

19 **MR. GILLETTE:** That's a typographical error, yeah.

20 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Minister Mitchell-, First Minister Mitchell, I guess we should  
21 just make note in our discussions, that there was a typo, and  
22 that the typo would be corrected in the final version of the

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1 bill, right? So let's note-, just note that for the record, and  
2 that we-, when we do vote, we'll vote upon the bill,  
3 assuming that the numerics have been corrected. Are there  
4 any other comments or questions regarding section 3.12?  
5 All those in favour? Any opposed? 3.12 has been passed  
6 with the caveat that the numerics will be corrected. On to  
7 page 26, which is a continuation of section 3.12. Again,  
8 section 3.12, is entitled, "Financial Matters". As noted  
9 previously, the numbering of the bullet points will be  
10 corrected in the final document. Are there any questions or  
11 concerns arising from the continuation of clause 3.12 as  
12 found on the top of page 26? All those in favour? Any  
13 opposed? On to clause 3.13, found in the middle of page 26,  
14 clause 3.13 is titled, "Procurement". Are there any  
15 questions or comments regarding section 3.13? All those in  
16 favour? Opposed? On to-, we turn our attention to clause  
17 3.14, found on the bottom of page 26. 3.14 is titled,  
18 "Commission may Make Regulations". Are there any  
19 questions or comments regarding clause 3.14? All those in  
20 favour? Any opposed? We're now looking at page 27 and  
21 on to part four of the bill. And we'll start with clause 4.1,  
22 which is titled, "Director of Housing". Are there any  
23 questions or comments arising from clause 4.1? All those in

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1 favour? Any opposed? On to clause 4.2. 4.2 is the bottom  
2 half of page 27 and clause 4.2 is titled, "Duties and Functions  
3 of the Director of Nunatsiavut Housing". Are there any  
4 comments or questions in regards to clause 4.2? All those in  
5 favour? Any opposed? Now, on to page 28, with the  
6 continuation of clause 4.2. There's one subsection on the  
7 top of page 28 and for clarity, I'll repeat the title of the  
8 section is called, "Duties and Functions of the Director of  
9 Nunatsiavut Housing". Are there any questions or  
10 comments in regards to the continuation of clause 4.2 as  
11 found on the page, at the top of page 28? All those in  
12 favour? Any nays? On to clause 4.3. Clause 4.3 is found on  
13 page 28, and is titled, "Financial Officer and Other Staff".  
14 Are there any questions or comments arising from clause  
15 4.3? AngajukKâk Dicker.

16 **MR. DICKER:**

Just I guess, part 4, of 4.1 to 4.3 answered my question I had  
17 earlier. Am I correct? Yes. Okay, thank you.

18 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

19 Are there any other questions or comments in regards to  
20 clause 4.3? All those in favour? Any opposed? On to part  
21 five, as found on page 28. Clause 5.1 is titled, "Community  
Housing Committees Established".

22 **MS. SILLETT:**

Kate wants to say something.

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

First Minister?

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Okay, when we did our consultations, section 5.12, there was a-, we had discussion in quite a few of the communities about the number of people that would establish Housing Committees. And I think what it reads there, a committee consists of no less than three and no more than five members, as determined by the relevant Inuit Community Government. I think the recommendation there, was that it be no less than five, and no more than seven members. And that would be because our communities and small and the people would be declaring a conflict of interest, and the other thing was that not all, you know, people travel a lot and things like that. So to ensure that there was a quorum for the meetings. I think that was the recommendation that came forward.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I apologize. So the recommendation that came forward is one as presented in this bill, or you're suggesting that it should be something different to what we see in the bill?

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Yes. What I'm suggesting is that it should read, a committee consists of no less than five and no more than seven members, instead of the three and five that's included in that bill.



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1 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

That's fine, but what will be required would be a mover from  
2 somewhere on this Assembly floor to make an amendment  
3 to this line item, a seconder, and then we can vote as an  
4 Assembly, should someone wish to put it forward. Someone  
5 could put it forward as an amendment to this exact-, to 5.1,  
6 subsection 2. But what you're looking for right now is a  
7 sponsor for that amendment. I just have to remind myself,  
8 because I'm pretty sure that the original mover and  
9 seconder cannot be involved in the moving or seconding of  
10 an amendment. Remind me, Minister Andersen, were you  
11 the seconder of the original bill? AngajukKâk Dicker.  
12 AngajukKâk Dicker, and perhaps we can get the clerk of the  
13 Assembly to repeat the...

14 **MS. SILLETT:**

I wasn't here, because they told me the plane's leaving.

15 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Go ahead. So are you clear on what the First Minister is  
16 proposing and what you want to say, AngajukKâk Dicker? So  
17 go ahead.

18 **MR. DICKER:**

I make the motion to amend part five of the Act on the  
19 Community Housing Committees under the heading 5.12,  
20 subject to subsection 5.1(3) and 5.1(4) a committee consists  
21 of no less than five and no more than seven members, as  
22 determined by their relevant Inuit Community Government.

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1           **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**           The motion is on the floor. Do I have a seconder? Seconded  
2   by-, I see the first had that went up was Mr. Glen Sheppard,  
3   the seconder. Are there any other questions or comments  
4   in regards to the amended clause 5.1, section 2. AngajukKâk  
5   Flowers.

6           **MS. FLOWERS:**           I believe he said 5.2?

7           **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**           5.1 section 2, I believe, was the verbiage.

8           **MR. DICKER:**           Section 5.

9           **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**           Are there any other comments or questions in regards to  
10    the amended-, again, we're going to consider 5.1 in it's-, 5.1  
  as  
11    presented on 28, with the amended subsection two. That's  
12    what I'm asking the Members to look at right now. Are  
13    there any other comments or questions regarding clause 5.1  
14    with the amendment, as found on the bottom of page 28.  
15    Again, for clarity, it's titled, "Community Housing  
16    Committee's Established". All those in favour? Any  
17    opposed? So clause 5.1 has been passed, as amended, for  
18    the notes. We'll now continue on to page 29, which is a  
19    continuation of clause 5.1. Are there any questions or  
20    comments arising from the continuation of 5.1 as found on  
21    page 29 of the bill? Comments or questions? All those in  
22    favour? Any opposed? On to clause 5.2. Clause 5.2 is found

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1 on page 29 and is titled, "Committee Chairperson". I'll allow  
2 a brief moment for review. Tell the Pilots to wait can we do  
that? Any questions or  
3 comments arising from clause 5.2 as found on page 29?  
4 Comments or questions? All those in favour? Any opposed?  
5 On to clause 5.3 as found on page 29. It's relatively brief.  
6 It's title, for the record, "Committee meetings". Any  
7 comments or questions arising from clause 5.3? All those in  
8 favour? Any opposed? Moving to clause 5.4, titled,  
9 "Committee Quorum". It's simply a one-line clause. Any  
10 questions or comments arising from clause 5.4? All those in  
11 favour? Any opposed? On to page 30. We're examining  
12 right now, clause 5.5, which is titled, "Committee  
13 Compensation". Are there any comments or questions in  
14 regards-, First Minister.

**MS. MITCHELL:**

15 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Okay, 5.5.1, the Executive Council  
16 may, on the advice of the Minister and after consulting the  
17 Commission, authorize payments of remuneration or  
18 honoraria, and expenses to some of the-, or all committee  
19 members. I would like to recommend that that be changed  
20 to "shall" instead of "may". First Minister, I will remind you  
21 of the process. As the mover of this piece of legislation, you  
22 are not able to make an amendment but you certainly can  
23 canvas the floor looking for a sponsor to make such an

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1 amendment and we can entertain it, at that time. First  
2 Minister. No, of course. And I respect that, First Minister. I  
3 was just speaking, purely for the purposes of our records to  
4 make sure that everything is done as by-the-book as we  
5 possibly can. Can we have someone-, First Minister, can you  
6 find someone to read the amended motion? Honourable  
7 Minister Lyall, could you repeat-, for the purposes of the  
8 record, could you read aloud the amended motion?

9 **MR. LYALL:** Yeah. Do you want me to read it?

10 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Read the amended motion?

11 **MR. LYALL:** I move that under section 5.5 of the-, what is it called? A bill  
12 acting the housing-, respecting housing in Nunatsiavut, that  
13 the we amend the "Executive Council" change the reading  
14 from "may" to "shall" on the advice of the Minister and after  
15 consulting the Commission, authorize a payment or  
16 remuneration or honoraria, and (inaudible) it to some or all  
17 committee members.

18 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Do we have a seconder for the amended motion? The  
19 speaker-, seconded by Mr. Barry-, Barry Andersen. Are  
20 there any questions or comments regarding clause 5.5,  
21 subsection 1, in its amended form? Again, we're looking at  
22 the amended form. AngajukKâk Dicker.

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1 **MR. DICKER:**

I understand this committee is a committee on its own, but  
2 it's also another committee of the-, the way I understand it  
3 now, it's a committee of the Community Government. We  
4 had different committees on our Community Government.  
5 We had municipal, personal finance, and water, sewer.  
6 These committees are members of the council, are not  
7 compensated to be on these committees. And if we form a  
8 committee here now, and agree with this, this means that  
9 these committees who are not compensated to be on other  
10 committees, are now going to be compensated to sit on a  
11 housing committee. That creates a problem for us.

12 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Would you care to field that, Ms. Pain?

13 **MS. PAIN:**

14 Yes, thanks. I think if you read the wording, it would now  
15 say, "the executive council shall, on the advice of the  
16 Minister, after consulting the Commission, authorize the  
17 payment of remuneration or honoraria in expenses, to some  
18 or all committee members". So if it's a challenge for the  
19 ICG's and not having your appointees on committees, get  
20 remunerated, at all, that could be covered here. So they  
21 would only have to do it if the Minister recommends some  
22 of the committee members. Does that make it any clearer  
23 to you? The Minister would not-, so basically, it's "The  
executive council shall, on the advice of the Minister"-, so

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1 the Minister would have to recommend to the NEC, that the  
2 Members would be covered-, would be provided  
3 remuneration or honoraria, and the Minister could  
4 recommend or provide advice that all members who are not  
5 representatives of ICG's as an example. I think that would  
6 be permitted, under this particular clause the way it is  
7 worded.

8 **MR. DICKER:**

Yes, as long as it's clear that the, the committee members  
9 appointed by the Community Governments are identified as  
10 not getting compensated for that particular meeting. Thank  
11 you.

12 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other comments or concerns or questions  
13 arriving from clause 5.1, subsection one in it's amended  
14 form? All those in favour? Any opposed? Clause 5.5 is  
15 approved in its amended format. On to clause 5.6. Clause  
16 5.6 is entitled, "Committee Functions and Duties". Again,  
17 we're looking at the middle of page 30. Committee  
18 functions and duties, clause 5.6. Are there any questions or  
19 comments in regards to clause 5.6? All those in favour? Any  
20 opposed? On to page-, so I'm remaining on page 30, clause  
21 5.7. And 5.7 seems absent a title. Section 5.7 My  
22 apologies. Committee-, clause 5.7 is still under "Committee  
23 Functions and Duties). Are there any questions or concerns

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or comments regarding clause 5.7, as found on page 30? All those in favour? Any opposed? On to page 31, clause 6.1. This is the first clause of Section-, part six, "Appeal of Housing Program Decisions". Clause 6.1 is entitled, "Appeal of Committee Decision". Again, we're looking at the top of page 31. Are there any comments or questions, regarding clause 6.1? All those in favour? Any opposed? On to clause 6.2. 6.2 is titled, "Appeal of commission, Commission Decisions". And again, we're looking at the middle of page 31. Any questions or comments regarding clause 6.2? All those in favour? Any opposed? On to part seven which is found on the bottom third of page 31. Part seven is titled, "Regulations, Transitional and Miscellaneous". We're looking for specifically at clause 7.1, which is titled, "Executive Council May Make Regulations". Are there any questions or comments regarding clause 7.1? Hearing none, All those in favour? Any opposed? On to clause 7.2-, or is this 7.1 continued? I apologize. I apologize. The continuation clause 7.1. It's found on page 32. It's titled, "Executive Council may Make Regulations". Are there any comments or questions regarding the continuation of clause 7.1 as found on page 32? All those in favour? Opposed? Clause 7.2 is found at the bottom of page 32. Clause 7.2 is

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1 titled, "Arrangements respecting Torngat Regional Housing  
2 Association":. Are there any questions or comments  
3 regarding clause 7.2? All those in favour?

4 **MR. DICKER:** I think we need to continue to the next page before I can  
5 ask a question. 7.2 continues. It doesn't finish.

6 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** That has been...

7 **MR. DICKER:** Sub-section (a) should be just voted on now, not the whole  
8 thing.

9 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** So you're asking for us to consider 7.2 in its entirety? Was  
10 that your request, AngajukKâk Dicker? I'm going to  
ask

11 everyone to accommodate AngajukKâk Dicker, to look at  
12 both the bottom of page 32, and the top of page 33, so that  
13 everyone can look at clause 7.2 in its entirety. First  
14 Minister.

15 **MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Since we're looking at 7.2 in its  
16 entirety, I would like to bring to your attention, 7.2(b) on the  
17 top of page 33. There is a typo there. And actually, what it  
18 should read-, okay, the Executive council, may, in its  
19 discretion, enter into negotiations and an agreement with  
20 Torngat Regional Housing Association, with respect to any  
21 and all matters referred to in paragraph-, well, it states here,  
22 7.1(1) (a). That should actually, be 7.2(1)(a). And that is a





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1 them, we would want that changed to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021,  
2 because given-, when this bill was drafted, we had hoped to  
3 get it in, in the last calendar year, and we didn't. So that's  
4 just a recommendation if anybody would like to make a  
5 motion to that effect.

6 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Do we have a mover? So moved by AngajukKâk Joe Dicker.  
7 Honourable Minister Edmunds.

8 **MR. EDMUNDS:** Just to ask a question, we would still-, there's no intention  
9 to change the next sub-clause, number 4, and that would  
10 mean that funding could continue till March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022? Is  
11 that? Okay, thank you.

12 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** First Minister.

13 **MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you for your question. The thing about it, is if that's  
14 changed to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, then there is no date in that-,  
15 in number 4, so there would be no reason to change it,  
16 because all number 4 says is that "Executive Council may, by  
17 order, extend the period under subsections 7.1(3) for  
18 additional period not exceeding one year. So to me, that  
19 would-, it would just flow through. Thank you.

20 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** AngajukKâk Dicker?

21 **MR. DICKER:** Just a point, there, Mr. Chair. Shouldn't it read, under  
22 section 4.7.2(3).

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1       **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**           I apologize. You lost me there, AngajukKâk Dicker. What  
2   were you...

3       **MR. DICKER:**           Sub-section 4, the subsection 7.1 should follow with the  
4   others. Should be 7.2(3) rather than 7.1(3).

5       **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**           Noted. Again, so for the record, clause 7.2, subsection 4,  
6   should-, the numerical subsection which is contained in 7.2  
7   subsection 4 should read, "7.2(3)". And again, this is a typo.  
8   It doesn't change the nature of the motion, so I will not  
9   require a motion for that. However, that being said, I will  
10    require a motion to deal with the change as put forward by  
11    the First Minister. AngajukKâk Dicker, are you still  
12    comfortable making that motion? Do we have a seconder?  
13    For the sake of expeditious, I will read out the amended  
14    motion as I see it. "Despite"-, I'm now reading section  
15    7.2(3), will now read as follows, and this re-read will be the  
16    version which is actually voted on by the Assembly  
17    Members. "Despite anything in this act to the contrary, but  
18    subject to appropriations, Torngat Regional Housing  
19    Association is eligible to receive funding from the  
20    Nunatsiavut Government for purposes of its activities in  
21    Nunatsiavut and to carry out housing programs on behalf of  
22    the Nunatsiavut Government, for the period ending March  
23    31<sup>st</sup>, 2021." Are there any other questions or comments in

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1 regards to this-, just section 7.2? All those in favour? Any  
2 opposed? We're now dealing with clause 7.3 on page 33-  
3 7.3 is titled, "Consequential Amendment to *Labrador Inuit*  
4 *Lands Act.*" Are there any comments or questions regarding  
5 clause 7.3? AngajukKâk Flowers.

6 **MS. FLOWERS:**

7 Thank you, Mr. Chair. My question is under this section 4.1,  
8 if-, and it says that if prior to this, that a non-beneficiary may  
9 have a house. Does this mean that they can be eligible for  
10 the house but they can't-, they don't have free title to the  
land?

11 **MR. GILLETTE:**

12 No, it's two separate issues. What section 4.3 of the  
13 *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*, deals with is, who is-, who-, what  
14 entities are able to own Inuit or freehold title.  
15 We're not talking about allocation of houses, as was talked  
16 about in the other section. This is talking about Inuit  
17 Freehold Title is a type of title-, a type of ownership to  
18 Labrador Inuit Lands that's set out in the *Labrador Inuit*  
19 *Lands Act. And Land Claim Agreement*, and really can only  
20 be held by Inuit. The other section deal with allocations  
21 wither regards to housing or possibility of allocation with  
22 regards to housing in communities, which is a separate  
issue. It's not-, so this is not related to that provision.

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1 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other comments or questions regarding clause 7.3? All those in favour? Opposed? On to clause 7.4-, 7.4 is titled, "Consequential Amendment to Mandate of Joint Management Committee". Are there any questions or comments regarding clause 7.4? Hearing none, all those in favour? Opposed? Final clause, clause 7.5. Again, on the bottom of page 33, is titled, "Effective Date". Any comments? It's pretty short, so I'll go right to the chase. Are there any comments or questions regarding clause 7.5? All those in favour? Opposed? That concludes the page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of the bill. Does the First Minister wish to conclude the debate?

13 **MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to conclude debate.

14 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you. That concludes debate. All those in favour of second reading of Bill 2019-03? All those in favour? Any opposed? Accordingly, Bill 2019-03, a bill for an Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut and to establish a Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, as amended, has had second reading. I would like to thank the First Minister, and we're now back in full Assembly and I thank you, our guests, and want to excuse our guests. Thank you, Ms. Pain and thank you, Ms. Pain.

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[Applause.]

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I'd like to extend my-, you know, I was not involved in any aspect of the housing bill, but by reading this substantial piece of legislation, it's quite apparent that this represents a significant body of work, and I can only imagine the hours that have gone in behind-, into the effort, which puts this document in front of us today and I certainly want to commend and congratulate the First Minister and our entire staff who put together such an impressive and substantial document. On to Item 18 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Assent to bills". Honourable President, the Assembly has given second reading to Bill 2019-02, the budget bill of 2019, and also to Bill 2019-03, a bill for an Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut and to establish a Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, and I wish to present them for assent.

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**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek, Uhatik*, [Speaks in Inuttitut]. As president of Nunatsiavut, I wish to assent to bill 2019-02, the Budget Bill 2019, and Bill 2019-03, a bill for an Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut and to establish a Nunatsiavut Housing Commission. I hereby sign them into law. *Nakummek, Uhatik*.

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1 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

2 *Nakummek*, President Lampe. We'll now go on to Item  
3 number 19, and the final item on the *Orders of the Day*, an  
4 adjournment. I'd like to thank everyone for-, this has been a  
5 very unique Assembly sitting and we've dealt with some  
6 issues that, you know, fortunately, only arise on a very  
7 occasional basis. It's been a very trying experience, but it  
8 certainly seems a lot was accomplished over the past two  
9 days. I want to thank Johansi, and Mr. Barbour in the back,  
10 there, and Gus Semigak, Christine Lampe, and Ches  
11 Evans for all the work they did on our behalf. Our Assembly  
12 staff came in, as I said, yesterday, but I wanted to say it  
13 again. They came in to work in exceptionally, trying  
14 circumstances, and helped us get through the business of  
15 our Assembly, so thank you, to them. And with that, I will  
16 call an adjournment to this session, and I look forward to  
17 seeing you all, at the June sitting.

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