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**PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

**March 4 - 5, 2014**

**In Attendance:**

**Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Honorable Patricia Ford**

**President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Sarah Leo**

**First Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Honorable Darryl Shiwak**

**Minister of Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Honorable Daniel Pottle**

**Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Johannes Lampe**

**Minister of Health and Social Development, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Honorable Patricia Kemuksigak**

**Minister of Education and Economic Development, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Honorable Gary Mitchell**

**Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Deputy Speaker, Denise Lane**

**Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard**

**Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour**

**Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak**

**AngajukKâk for Nain, Anthony Andersen**

**AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear**

**AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque**

**AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy**

**AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey**

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

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

**Director of Communications, Bert Pomeroy**

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

**Deputy Minister of Finance and Human Resources, Information Technology, Rexanne  
Crawford**

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

**Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Carl McLean**

**Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin**

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

**Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett**

**Absent:**

**Deputy Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Dave Lough**

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

**The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings**

**were recorded in Inuktitut and English.**

**March 4, 2014**

**Assembly commenced at 9:00 a.m. on March 4, 2014**

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ullâkut Illonasi. I would like to call to order, the spring session of the  
12th Session of the Second Nunatsiavut Assembly, and ask Wilson  
Jararuse to say the opening prayer.

**MR. JARARUSE:** Prayer recited.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Wilson. On Friday, February 28th, 2014, we spoke to the  
mother of Loretta Saunders, Miriam Saunders, (nee Terriak) and she gave

permission to the Nunatsiavut Assembly to pay tribute to her daughter. Since her disappearance on February 13th the provincial and national news coverage made it very clear that the public everywhere had fallen in love with Loretta Saunders. She was a beautiful, bright, young Inuk woman with the promise of a great future. She would have been graduating from St. Mary's university this year and her honour's thesis was about missing and murdered Aboriginal women. Loretta Saunders has a strong family and friend network. She was not alone in the world and all prayed for her safe return until we were overcome with sadness to learn of her brutal and senseless fate. Everyone was touched by Loretta Saunders, and no one can go anywhere without being heartbroken about her fate. Loretta was one of us. She was an Inuk with roots in Nunatsiavut and her mother is from Hopedale. It seems fitting for this Assembly, the Nunatsiavut Assembly, to pay tribute to Loretta and her family by standing in a moment of silence. We recognize those family and friends who are in the gallery today. We end by remembering Loretta in the best way possible and to pray for her family's and friends' continuing strength in the days to come. Let us stand in a moment of silence. Nakummek. I would now like to recognize the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Sarah Leo, to give her opening address.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I want to thank the Speaker and the other members of the Assembly for honouring Loretta, but also at the same time remembering the Members of our table who this hits a little close to home for, and I want to pay my respects to them and their

families as well. I think we all sit today here with heavy hearts filled with sorrow for the family of the loved ones, of Loretta Saunders, who was taken away from us on February 13th in such a brutal and senseless act of violence. None of us around this table will ever need reminding again as to why violence against women is such an important and serious issue, particularly amongst Aboriginal women. The stats speak for themselves, Madam Speaker. Aboriginal Canadian women are five times more likely to be violently attacked than non-Aboriginal women, and there are reports of over 800 cases of missing or murdered Aboriginal women in this country. And those are only the ones that are reported. There are probably many others that we don't know about, and behind those stories are women that are familiar to us, such as Loretta, such as other family members of our fellow Assembly Members. Their daughters, sisters, mothers, granddaughters, nieces and friends. But in Loretta we have lost a wonderful young woman in the prime of her life, someone who had goals and dreams and hope for her future. And, again, I want to thank the Assembly Members for honouring Loretta this morning. Through all of this the Status of Women Canada has been very active in raising awareness of violence against women. We have a court monitoring program in Nain and Hopedale with aims to complete an assessment of the court circuit practises with a focus on cases against violence against women. This program is ongoing with the goal of putting forward recommendations on how to improve services for victims of crimes. There are plans to hire a co-ordinator to make the I Am A Kind Man program Inuit-specific. The purpose of this program which has been implemented in other parts of the

country is to engage men to speak out against all forms of abuse towards Aboriginal women. Consultations will be held with elders, community members, as well as different agencies, such as Child Youth Family Services, Justice, Mental Health and Addictions to develop programs to meet our specific needs. Last month the Silent Witness exhibit travelled from Happy Valley, Goose Bay to Makkovik and Nain. The exhibit features life-sized red wooden silhouettes, each representing a woman who was murdered by a current or former husband, partner, or acquaintance. The National Initiative aims to remember and create awareness and promote action on violence against women. Status of Women Canada also provides a self-defence course in Makkovik and Hopedale. While this course is meant to help women learn simple self-defence moves, it also focuses on empowering them to realize their own strength by learning tools to protect themselves. The division also plays an active role in Take Back the Night marches in September and Sisters In Spirit vigils in October. I want to take this time to commend the Status of Women and the work they're doing to raise awareness of violence against women. But we also need to support all of Nunatsiavummiut if we're to put an end to this in our homes and our communities. Madam Speaker, this will be the last time we will gather before the election as this Assembly. The elections are going to be held in May for Ordinary Members. For those of you that are seeking re-election, please accept my best wishes. I want to wish you all the best in the upcoming election and the campaign. For those of you that are not running, I want to thank you for your service you've put in to the Nunatsiavut Government in

working for all of Nunatsiavummiut. I understand the tremendous effort it takes, the commitment and the dedication that you've all put into this, and you should all be commended for taking on that challenge. With respect to the upcoming election, the Communications Department will be developing a public awareness campaign with regards to the election aimed at attracting more people to offer themselves as candidates, as well as to encourage more Nunatsiavummiut to vote. In addition to the regulars PSA's that we will be putting out, we'll be using media such as radio. We also intend to use social media and web-based programs such as Twitter, Facebook, Youtube for the election so that I think we've all heard in previous elections, a lot of people say they didn't realize there was an election going on or they didn't hear about the election. So we want to take care of that, make sure Nunatsiavummiut, wherever they may live, know that there is an election. One of the other things we're also going to be trying, and don't get too nervous about this, but we may try robocalling, and that's where, you know, numbers are picked and computer dials a number and says we have an election coming up on this day, and that sort of thing. The details are still to be worked out. Hopefully we won't run into the same issues that some of the other elections have with robocalling. The members of the Executive Council and me have been pretty busy over the last several months with different meetings, but we have made progress with those meetings on many fronts. While we're in Ottawa for Northern Lights, we took advantage of being in Ottawa and meeting with several key federal ministers. Our meetings focused on getting extra resources and funding for housing, for

infrastructure and Illusuak. Other important meetings were also held during Northern Lights where they focused on fishery, the overlap with the Innu, and businesses and Economic Development. The Northern Lights Conference, Madam Speaker, attracted some hundred and fifty exhibitors and more than thirteen hundred delegates. While our government participated in this event since its inception in 2008 at different levels, this year we were pleased to be a diamond sponsor. Our \$10,000 contribution allowed us to sponsor two sessions of which the Honourable First Minister as well as the Honourable Minister of Culture and Recreation and Tourism gave presentations. The Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism presented on tourism and regional opportunities and did a beautiful presentation on the tourism opportunities that exist within our beautiful land. The First Minister presented on northern infrastructure and the effect of climate change on who we are up here. We also sponsored a health nutrition break as well as a luncheon with key note speaker, the Honourable Charlene Johnson, Minister of Finance and Treasury Board President with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. A detailed report of Northern Lights and the activities will be presented during this section, but I would say like previous Northern Lights and all of the Ministers that attended as well as the delegates, I think it was very beneficial for us to be there. As well while we were only there in very small numbers compared to the rest of the delegates that were there I think we had the biggest impact. Everybody knew we were there. We had so many meetings. We took advantage of the opportunity to make ourselves known and to put Nunatsiavut on the map. As you're all aware,



Madam Speaker, this government has spent a considerable amount of time finding ways to deal with the housing situation that exists. As noted, while we were in Ottawa we met with Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, Minister Bernard Valcourt, our own Federal Regional Minister Rob Moore and with Environment Minister and Chair of the Arctic Council, Leona Aglukkaq. The Government of Canada is very well aware of our concerns, Madam Speaker. We remain hopeful that some action will be taken, particularly in light of the results of the Housing Needs Assessment are now coming out, and I believe the First Minister will be giving a more detailed report on the housing situation. While I was in Ottawa I also, as a board member for ITK and ITC, we held our board meetings there. I believe the Assembly is aware that we had nominated Udloriak Hanson as the ICC Chair. She was not successful in getting it. It was a very close vote. The board had decided to go with Okalik Eegeesiak from Nunavut and she will be acclaimed, I guess, as the Arctic ICC Chair at the ICC General Assembly in Inuvik in July. At the same time I would like to thank, I want to congratulate Okalik on her chairmanship, her upcoming chairmanship, but at the same time I want to thank the outgoing, Aqqaluk Lyngé who is from Greenland, for the work he has done to advance the interest of Inuit around the world. Just as a note to that I believe at the last sitting I had said that the ICC Executive Council would be meeting in Nain for one of their meetings. Unfortunately, because of weather delays, not in Nunatsiavut but, actually, in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland they didn't make it into Nunatsiavut so they ended up holding their meetings in Goose Bay, but they wanted to pass on their apologies to

Nunatsiavummiut for not making it in, and as part of their latest meeting they made it a commitment that they will be holding a further meeting in Nunatsiavut at some point down the road. In continuing with our meetings we've been busy meeting with the province as well. We've insured that the housing issue is on the provincial radar last month during a meeting with Minister Kevin O'Brien, who, I believe I had told everyone had been up to Nain in the fall. We had a meeting with him while in St. John's, and I believe the overall trip had quite an impact on Minister O'Brien. He was able to see first-hand, the housing situation in Nunatsiavut. He also spent some time in Upper Lake Melville where we have a lot of beneficiaries there as well that are facing the housing crisis. But during that meeting with Minister O'Brien, he shared a willingness to work with Nunatsiavut on solving some of our housing issues, and it was very positive and we're really looking forward to some announcement in the provincial budget with regards to housing and the province's willingness to work with us. We have also written a letter to the Federal Minister responsible for housing, Jason Kenney, requesting that the Government of Canada also work with us and the province in addressing our housing situation within Nunatsiavut. I also had the opportunity to briefly meet with our new Premier, the Honourable Tom Marshall. It was more of just an introductory meeting, but it was very productive and Premier Marshall seemed very positive and very willing to work with the Nunatsiavut Government in our commitments to advance issues. And, again, I'm remaining hopeful that that wasn't just lip service and he actually was genuinely interested and it was a positive meeting. Before I conclude,

Madam Speaker, I just want to say as President I am extremely comfortable of where we are as a government in moving forward. We have made significant progress. While we sit around this table we hear some of the challenges that are faced within Nunatsiavut amongst Nunatsiavummiut, and while we can't always come out and say yes, we have this done and that done, there is so much being done to make sure that we're doing it the right way, and I think we are certainly on the right track in moving forward. We have done so much together, but I look forward to the new session, and many of you will probably be back when we continue with that work. Our efforts, Madam Speaker, have the potential to positively transform the lives of Nunatsiavummiut, and I believe that's the track we're at for Nunatsiavummiut and our communities, wherever they may be. I'm excited about the future and I look forward to our next sitting with the new government. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Madam President. For the information of the Assembly, the pages are Colin Hunter and Joshua Jararuse. The interpreter/translators are Rita Andersen, Augusta Erving and Wilson Jararuse. Robert Ford is the IT staff helping out for this Assembly. As well, we would like to recognize the OkâlaKatiget staff, Simone Kolmeister and Johansi Tuglavina. I would like to welcome those in the gallery today and thank you for your interest in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. If there are any questions around travel and logistics, please see Hilda Hunter. Are there any members wishing to recognize visitors in the public gallery today?

Then we'll move down to the next item on our list which is, "Minister Statements?" Are there any Minister Statements? I'd like to recognize the Honourable Gary Mitchell, Minister of Education, Economic Development.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. First of all I'd just like to say I'm glad that the Assembly has recognized the tragic death of Loretta Saunders, and we have come together as one to acknowledge that this morning, and I pay tribute. I, myself, was not involved too much with the family, but I was involved in a couple events in Goose-Bay. I was part of the vigil that paid tribute to Loretta and also at a fundraiser that we had. So I'd like to acknowledge Patricia whose department has been more hands with the family members in helping to comfort them and be there. So I'd like to acknowledge Patricia and her department for that. This morning I'm just going to read two reports, one is from the Inuit Pathways and the other one's from the Economic Development division. I will save the education report and LAMP report for tomorrow. Inuit Pathways Assembly Update for March, 2014. Since the last update to the Assembly Inuit Pathways had six students graduate from the Heavy Equipment Operator program from the Central Training Academy in Badger. This is a great institution that offers training in different types of heavy equipment that is very costly. The tuition cost is very high as this is a private institution. But as the public institution has such a high intake and waiting list, Inuit Pathways will fund this program at this institution as a last resort. This institution has a great employment field so we're hopeful that these students will gain employment in the heavy equipment field. Our work experience projects

are still ongoing and working great. Some of these are due to be completed by the end of March, 2014, while others continue into the new fiscal year, all of which will gain permanent employment once the work experience project is complete. The Marine Emergency Duties. A1 and Marine Basic First Aid courses were a great successful with all 19 complete. Due to the high demand for the course and the previous clients needing the course renewal, the Marine Basic First Aid was offered in two offerings. One was in Goose Bay on the 20th and 21st of February, and one will be in Makkovik March 11th and 12th. Total number of beneficiaries to do the MBFA in two offerings in 39. That's a high number of people doing that project. In recent conversations with our current partnership, CIA Marine, Nunatsiavut Marine, and knowing that we are training our beneficiaries for the marine field and hopeful employment on the Northern Ranger or Sir Robert Bond, we have decided to offer the Passenger Safety Management course in Makkovik as well. In order to gain employment on these vessels the candidate must have this course. This is also in partnership with the Marine Institute in St. John's. They have agreed to come to Makkovik and offer the program and our beneficiaries in this field. This is being offered in Makkovik as most of the beneficiaries are from this community, but some of them will be travelling from other north coast communities and Upper Lake Melville. This course will be held on March 5th and 6th. That's tomorrow and Thursday. CAI Nunatsiavut Marine has committed to hiring a number of these graduates as stewards, along with two cooks who have completed the cook program who also have the marine training. We are also partnering with them to

ensure two current oilers gain the certification needed to continue to work in the engine room. CAI will train them, while Inuit Pathways will cover the certification costs. In the past few years there has been some interest from the Inuit Community Governments in Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet that they would like the Trappers Education course to be offered. This year there were enough names to offer the course in both communities as well as Rigolet. A partnership with Nunatsiavut Government's Department of Lands and Resources to conservation officer from Rigolet who is trained as a Trapper's Education instructor, travelled to each community and offered the course to our beneficiaries. These beneficiaries are now licensed trappers and are able to personally sell their furs to market. Service Canada was into Makkovik to do their quarterly monitoring of files from February 25th to 27th. At this time they have reviewed current/file management and financial management classes. They have also reviewed the draft of our annual operating plan, expenditure plan for the next fiscal year, which will be our last year of this Agreement. This is due by March 31st. The AOP/AEP will cover off the final year of our current agreement. Therefore we refer back to our strategic business plan to ensure all of our activities had been followed through. Our Inuit Pathways program director, Roberta Baikie Andersen, has been on sick leave since December. We wish her a complete recovery and hope to have her back soon. That's from Inuit Pathways, the office in Makkovik. The Economic Development Division. The Atlantic Opportunities Agency, the first year of the contribution agreement with ACOA is coming to a close on March 31st. The Economic Development Division is working closely with finance

to maximize the returns on expenditures. An annual report is being prepared for ACOA. The division will catch up on deliverables in the last year of the agreement ending on March 31st, 2015. Delays in hiring created some delays in activities being put in place. Service Canada. The Nain Virtual Service Pilot Project is progressing slowly. Security clearance for Joe Dicker may take up to 90 days. There are also some delays in the Service Canada procurement process and material being delivered to Nain as equipment for the office. The Community Economic Development Program. The review committee has received a number of projects for review, but the committee has not met since the last Assembly. The Northern Lights 2014. Documents for a Nunatsiavut Inuit Business Trade Mission to Northern Lights 2014 in Ottawa from 28th of January to February 1st were finalized. A proposal was submitted to the National Research Council of Canada through their Industrial Research Assistance Program for a cost share project should bring up to eight business owners to the business and cultural showcase. So some of the people that went to Northern Lights were covered by a grant that was received from the research council. The Economic Development Division had a booth at the tradeshow during Northern Lights to promote Inuit businesses. The Economic Development team accommodated the trade mission participants to Northern Lights 2014. A workshop on how to get the most out of networking opportunities was proposed to the trade mission participants to enhance their Northern Lights 2014 business experience. However, due to bad weather, this session did not go ahead in Goose Bay as was planned. Each member of the Economic

Development team will report on their experience at Northern Lights 2014, and I say these reports are going to be compiled into one annual report that everybody can avail of once it's finalized. Economic Development Summit in Hopedale. A first draft of the Economic Development Summit has been submitted and a final version expected by the end of this fiscal year a community tourist plan for early 2014-15 to present the results of the summit and discuss Economic Development priorities in Nunatsiavut. The document will be available for distribution at that time. Regional Workshop in partnership with the Harris Centre. Talks are ongoing between the division and the Leslie Harris Centre of regional policy and development for regional workshop in Nunatsiavut from April 30th to May 2nd. An organizing committee is to be put in place for this workshop. The exploration of potential partnerships for Pauktuutit. Molly Shiwak and Francine Couture met with Zippora Nochasak and Darlene White from the national organization to explore potential partnership with Pauktuutit. The organization has a number of workshops that could be offered to Inuit women in Nunatsiavut. Discussions also looked at how Economic Development Division could play a bigger role in Molly Shiwak and Francine Couture met with Zippora Nochasak and Darlene White from the national organization to explore potential partnership with Pauktuutit and the dialogue is still ongoing. Youth Venture. The Economic Development Division is looking to the possibility of partnership with Happy Valley, Goose Bay Community Business Development Corporation to offer the Youth Venture Program to Nunatsiavut youth in 2014-2015. Consultations are continuing and a final decision should be coming soon.



This will give young people the opportunity to start some business for themselves, if this goes ahead. So that's an opportunity for young people that might want to get into the business field. The Economic Development Division is also involved in discussion with Vale to look at the business development opportunities offered by the Voisey's Bay Project and the anticipated underground mining project. There have been some meetings with regard to the Voisey's Bay proposed Voisey's Bay underground project, and our Economic Development Division has been a big part of that and we've been meeting with the Innu on this to prepare ourselves for training for upcoming Voisey's Bay jobs. And while we're in the Northern Lights conference in Ottawa, we met with Director General Jim Sutherland with Service Canada, the people who's going to be administering funding for the program. So we stressed it on that we want to jump on this early, get our people trained early so that we can get the construction jobs at Voisey's Bay once they start up and we'll be ready for these jobs. So we're working with the Innu in regard to moving on that project together for training hours. We're not sure if it's going to come to a program like LATP or will be a new program for training for Voisey's Bay. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, too, would like to send my condolences to the Saunders/Terriak family, and also to the Millie/Onalik family on their

recent loss. I would like to thank our staff at DHSD for providing support to the families, as when we experience loss it's very difficult. And also today I'm going to do a quick overview for the Youth Division and also a very short update on the Status of Women, and I'd like to thank the President for giving a very thorough update on the Status of Women Canada as that is an important area within our government. Madam Speaker, I'm going to first start with the Youth Division. From January 13th to the 17th an atigik making workshop was held in Nain where seven youth between the ages of 18 and 30 were taught how to complete a three-layer atigik that comprised of quilted lining, duffel and commander cloth, finished with fur around the hood. It is hoped that youth will continue to learn through practise and then teach others. All seven completed their project. This project was also taught in Makkovik from February 10th to the 14th where four young women also were taught how to make an atigik comprised of the three layers. This project is very well received and money adults often ask if they could take part. They are planning to offer the same workshop in Hopedale within the next couple of weeks. A marketing component of the Labrador Tea Soap-making Workshop was delivered to the participants involved in the soap-making in Nain by Gros Morne Parks Canada marketing specialists. The session was specific from our land that would help participants to discover what brand marketing is, why branding is more than just a logo. They are also taught how to create a branding campaign through social media such as Facebook and develop strategies for branding plus a marketing plan leading to labelling and packaging of our products. Madam Speaker,

travelling on the north coast has its challenges, especially with the high cost of living. Many youth and community members have difficulty when travelling in making arrangement to obtain a photo for a passport, firearms or photo ID. The Youth Division was able to contract Michelle Baikie to travel to Nain and Hopedale to take photos for passport applications and, if necessary, a firearm certification. It is also planned that Michelle will travel to Makkovik, Postville, and Rigolet to take passport pictures in the next few weeks. Planning is underway for the Youth Symposium that will take place in Rigolet on March 17th to the 21st. I just wanted to give a quick update on the Status of Women co-ordinator. So I won't go over what the President had updated on, but I'll do a couple of new things. The Status of Women co-ordinator participated in consultation with Public Legal Information Association of Newfoundland and Labrador in Happy Valley, Goose Bay on February 19th to discuss a healthy relationship workshop aimed at young Aboriginal women and girls. Status of Women co-ordinator partnered with AT co-ordinator on February 28th to do a public service announcement on the local radio in Makkovik and on OkâlaKatiget on violence prevention and the death of Loretta Saunders. And Status of Women and AT wants to pledge their support behind the efforts calling for a national inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women. The Status of Women Canada co-ordinator and I will be travelling to Pauktuutit's AGM in Ottawa next week, and it's also the 30th anniversary of Pauktuutit and I want to thank them too for their hard work they have done over the years to try to address violence against women. We, as a government, will be forwarding correspondence to request a

national inquiry on missing and murdered Inuit, First Nations and Metis women, and also to ask for more funding to address violence against women in our Aboriginal populations. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I would now like to recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, First Minister, Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, today I'll give a short update from both Nunatsiavut Affairs and Department of Lands and Natural Resources. Madam Speaker, from Nunatsiavut Affairs, my statement today will focus on housing, specifically, the housing assessment. As the AngajukKâk from Nain, Mr. Tony Andersen, so gracefully reminded us of the importance of getting this information out to the communities at the last sitting, we are trying very hard to get that data out to the communities, and I'm very pleased to announce that the Housing Committee is now ready to share some of the findings from the housing needs assessment. As you are aware the housing needs assessment was conducted in 2012 through a tri-part type agreement between the Nunatsiavut Government, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Government of Canada. The assessment was an unparalleled success. The study achieved a response rate of over 90 percent and provided the latest and most accurate information regarding housing needs in Nunatsiavut. It identifies individual and family housing needs, allows comparisons between the housing needs of Nunatsiavut residents and the residents of other regions in Canada. And supplies

communities with data on current housing conditions. We have started working with the data and it is clear that findings from the assessment confirmed the stark reality of the housing crisis with Nunatsiavut. We have started our analysis by focusing on areas of the survey that will help us understand overcrowding and homelessness in our communities, as they are issues that concern us all very deeply. Madam Speaker, I would like to share some of these findings with the House of Assembly now.

**Overcrowding.** Overcrowding is defined by Statistics Canada as more than one person per room, not including bathrooms, vestibules, bedrooms used for business purposes. Based on this definition, 15 percent of the households in Nain and 14 percent of the households in Hopedale are overcrowded. This is roughly five times higher than the national average. Postville, Rigolet, Makkovik have overcrowding rates less than five percent. At the time of the survey, Madam Speaker, there were up to eight people living in a single home in Nain and Hopedale.

**Homelessness.** A family unit is defined as a single person aged 18 or over with or without children, or a couple aged 18 or over with or without children. There are at least 196 family units in Nunatsiavut in need of housing. These families are currently living with other families because they can't afford their own dwelling or because there are a lack of dwellings available. The majority of these family units, 76 percent, live in Nain and Hopedale. There are also 50 individuals in the region that are identified as temporary residents without a home elsewhere. This is commonly referred to as the hidden homeless. They are temporarily staying with family or friends, often on couches while they try to work out

more permanent housing situations for themselves. This group of temporary residents are dominantly young people and children, 32 percent between the age of one month and four years old. More than half, 54 percent are under the age of 20, 80 percent are under the age of 30. There are no temporary residents in need of housing, age 60 and over from the survey, Madam Speaker. The largest portion of temporary residents are single, including 54 percent, while 38 percent are living common law, 8 percent are legally married. Almost half, 46 percent of these temporary residents live in Nain, another 46 percent live in Hopedale with 1 or 2 individuals living in Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet. Madam Speaker, these findings were not surprising many people as Nunatsiavummiut have been drawing attention to our crowding housing conditions and the homelessness problem for a number of years. Having these numbers will help us to continue to target housing problems and develop a housing strategy to address these pressing issues. We are beginning to take action on housing issues right now, Madam Speaker. In March we will be holding Nunatsiavut's first housing design workshop where residents can discuss the housing needs with the Sustainable Communities Initiative team. And with architects that are being contracted to design a sustainable multi-unit dwelling for Nunatsiavut. This first dwelling will be built in Nain, to Nain to replicate, to model and build homes from these designs in many Nunatsiavut communities in the future. While these finds from the housing needs assessment make it clear that it will take time and care to address Nunatsiavut's housing needs, we are certainly trying to make progress and our first steps are well underway.

Please understand, Madam Speaker that this is not meant to be a detailed explanation of the results of the assessment. It is but a snapshot. The assessment is very complicated; Madam Speaker, and very complex and we're working our way through it. We plan to ensure that the data is released from the housing needs assessment in a timely manner and focusing on specific issues. Working out a plan through the Housing Committee, we wanted to have a plan in place that ensures that issue continues to gain momentum no matter who is in this seat, or who is in this Assembly or in the Executive Council. We want to ensure that this plan continues to move well into the future, and with the President continuing on we are insured that it will. We have the info and can extract specifics, if you know what to look for. For example, we can work with other departments or the ICG's or the members of this Assembly if you are looking for information out of the data, and you have to have that information for certain things. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Department of Lands and Natural Resources Renewable Resource Division. Madam Speaker, the polar bear harvest is well underway. To date, 11 of the 12 licences have been filled. One bear remains to be harvested from the Rigolet allocation. The moose hunt in Nunatsiavut is currently well underway. Of the 35 moose licences that we have for this year's hunt, 13 have been harvested to date, 6 moose have been harvested in Nain, five in Hopedale, 2 in Upper Lake Melville. Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet have yet to harvest any of their moose. Madam Speaker, in mid-February I met with Minister Shea, Minister McGraw and Minister King. At the time of the meeting Minister King said the province had 10 enforcement

officers on the ground in Labrador that have completed intelligence gathering and helicopter patrols. They said they are waiting for new equipment to conduct patrols on ice. Next week senior level staff from the Newfoundland and Labrador Environment and Conservation Division and Newfoundland and Labrador Justice and our Department will hold public meetings in each Nunatsiavut community on the George River Caribou. I encourage all of their interested beneficiaries to attend these meetings. For this year's commercial fishery plans have designated allocations for the 2014 quotas to be sent to our fisheries this month. Non-renewable Resources. As some of you may have heard Paladin Energy have made a decision to shut down their mine in Africa as the spot price for uranium has gone well below the production cost and they're losing way too much money. The production rates at the mine are about 40 to \$45 per pound. The spot price is only \$35 per pound. The shutdown began last month with full closing in May. The Paladin team working on the Aurora Project feel that this may be good news for the exploration, as they may have more dollars available to them. The plans right now are to have summer including drilling and winter drilling program for the Mission Project subject to their budget. This work plan was recently amended to include geophysical survey. Madam Speaker, several years back the Nunatsiavut Government and the Province began discussions on drafting quarry standards for the Province. We are pleased to hear that the province finally agreed to work with us towards finalizing standards over the next number of months. From the Lands Division, I am pleased to report that the Lands Division have finally started to issue certificates of Inuit freehold



title for the land applications that were approved under judicial tender process. They will start mailing the certificates of title this month. They continue to provide ongoing support to the NG Department for GIS and mapping requests. Environment Division. The Lower Churchill Lake Melville. Madam Speaker, departmental staff met with Nalcor staff to update them on a research and monitoring program and get the latest information from Nalcor on the monitoring baseline data collection downstream in Lake Melville. We continued to request for financial contribution to our program, and for them to fully clear cut the vegetation from the proposed reservoir area. Additionally, I have written to Nalcor asking them to work with us on the human health risk assessment that we will be undertaking. They having acknowledged receipt of the request and are considering participation. And the Hopedale file, Madam Speaker, I met with Minister Shea, Newfoundland and Labrador Environment Conservation to discuss the Hopedale contamination file. We made it very clear our position that a renewed commitment is needed for a full clean-up of Hopedale including the harbour. Minister Shea indicated that they can't make any commitments until their budgeting process is complete. She also said that she would travel to the community to discuss the file once the budget is confirmed. Sustainable Communities Initiative. We continue to develop phase two of the Sustainable Communities Initiative. We are making progress in the areas of sustainable community development. In addressing the energy security needs on Nunatsiavut's coast, we have also contracted an energy security advisor who will help guide the development of Nunatsiavut's first Energy

Security Strategy and Implementation Plan. Voisey's Bay. Madam Speaker, on February 15th at the Voisey's Bay site a spill of copper concentrate/dusts occurred while loading concentrate aboard the Umiak. Our environmental monitor's on site and our staff in the Environment Division and Non-renewable Resources Division monitored the situation and reviewed all reports and updates from the company. Although the province has jurisdiction over the spill in this area, we have identified gaps in the information we have received, and we have requested the company to provide further information on the incident. We will continue to work on this file and monitor the progress as follow-up with Vale. Impact Benefit Agreement. Madam Speaker, the Parks Co-Management Board held meetings on February 19th and 20th. At this meeting Jim Igloliorte announced his resignation as Chair of the Board. He will stay on until a replacement has been appointed. The chair position will have to be approved by all three parties. Parks Canada has hired two more permanent staff from Nain, Jenna Andersen as Promotions Officer and Martin Lougheed as Resource Conservation Officer. In addition to this there are two seasonal employees in kANGIDLUASUK, one seasonal employee in Nain. There will be one more seasonal position in Nain as well. At least five research programs planned within the department this year including ecological integrity monitoring, archaeology in North Arm and survey of the Torngat Caribou Herd. This piece of documentation is Stekker River area and a bird survey. The North Arm survey has grades and artefacts, tent rings, hunting casts, stones slabs of approximately 3 to 4,000 years old, and there's evidence of some disturbance by visitors. As

a result North Arm will no longer be a satellite camp for overnight visitors, and there will be guided walking tours in the area instead. Finally, Madam Speaker, I'd like to mention that departmental staff will be holding a team building meeting in Nain in two weeks' time to look at our priorities for next year and discuss best options for moving forward in line with the NG strategic plan. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The standing orders allow us for 35 minutes for Minister Statements and we'd like to hear from another Minister. Does the Assembly agree to proceed past 35 minutes to hear another Minister Statement?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Then I'd like to recognize the Honourable Dan Pottle, Minister of Finance, Human Resources Information Technology.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Very briefly the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology is pleased to announce that the new website for the Nunatsiavut Government will be launched by the end of this week. The developers, Madam Speaker, are in the process of uploading the final documents and images for the website. Once these are completed 95 percent of the information will be on line on our website. Madam Speaker, the new website will include a new career section, Inuit Business Directory, a blog from the President's Office, copies of Inuit laws and links to affiliated sites such as the Torngat Mountain Basecamp and the research centre. We would like to thank our staff in the Information Technology Division and the Communications

Divisions of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat for their dedication to this project. As well, Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the Nunatsiavut Assembly, the members of the civil service, and beneficiaries for their continued patience in waiting for the launch of the new website. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Honourable Johannes Lampe, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek UKâtik. April and May of 2010 was an important time for me as I decided to put forth my name as a candidate as Ordinary Member for Nain. I was honoured to be elected and then appointed as Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. It has been an honour and a privilege which I am thankful for every day (almost) The opportunity to work to improve the lives of beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claim and to work to ensure that our children and grandchildren grow up to be proud of their Inuit heritage and provide a new generation of leadership for "Our Beautiful Land". It has been four years of learning and working to make a positive contribution to our Government and the wellbeing of Labrador Inuit. I have learned a lot about our heritage and culture in my time as Minister. The sad stories of the removal of Inuit remains and the forced relocation from Hebron and Nutak needed closure .In 2011 standing at Zoar for the Repatriation of twenty two remains with a large gathering was a National News story and for us it was reclaiming our history. Sandy Goudie of Postville said it was his proudest moment in his dress uniform.

In 2012 we gathered elders at Nutak and completed the 2005 Apology. Key to both these events were the key role youth and elders played. Madam Speaker, I would like to thank all of you who have put the revitalization of Inuit culture and language as a priority in our government's 2012 to 2015 strategic plan. I am pleased with the progress we see in our government in the schools and in the communities. Pride and celebration of the Labrador Inuit can be seen by all ages in all places. Madam Speaker, I have learned a lot about our heritage and culture in my time. Past Minister, the sad stories of the removal of Inuit remains and the forced relocation from Hebron and Nutak needed closure. In 2011 standing at Zoar with the repatriation of 22 remains with the large gathering was a national news story and for us it was reclaiming our history. Sandy Goudie of Postville said it was his proudest moment in his dress uniform. In 2012 we got our dealers at Nutak and completed the 2005 apology. Key to both these events were the key role youth and elders played. Madam Speaker, I would also like to thank this Assembly for their support for our new cultural centre to be named Illusuak, which means sod house. It is one of the great accomplishments of this Assembly. Twenty years ago the director of Torngasok Cultural Centre said in an interview with the Inuit Art Quarterly, we need a cultural centre. Todd Saunders designed an iconic building and we now have a powerful exhibit plan. The next elected officials will be able to be part of the opening of Illusuak where our stories will be told and Inuit culture celebrated. I am proud to speak to you in our language and I am even prouder to hear young people in our communities now speaking Inuktitut. I

hear songs and stories and laughter as we keep our language alive and see it returning slowly to use in everyday life. But we have much more to do to ensure the Inuktitut Language survives and that we truly become a bilingual territory. I would like to thank our language staff, our schools, OKâlaKatiget Society and our community champions who work every day in Inuktitut. Madam Speaker, in June we will have our fifth Nunatsiavut Heritage Forum. Each year we have seen a high level of information sharing and planning going into preserving and presenting our heritage. In each community we are seeing new efforts through local heritage groups, community governments and heritage experts to celebrate our historic places and stories. We owe a lot to the community volunteers who are guardians of our heritage. Archaeology is an important mandate of our department as we are entrusted to manage our abundant heritage resources. Our office is working with research partners on new projects but also on improved archival management and better access to artefacts and ethnographic materials. Policy development on historic resource management is a department priority. In Hebron our ambassadors the Merkuratsuk family not only protect this significant site, but they are incredible hosts, and each summer we get notes from visitors who tell of the amazing experience in Hebron and the great work of our ambassadors. In the life of this Assembly we have seen the Torngat Mountains National Park and the basecamp become part of this province's ad campaign and a member of the elite Canadian Signature Experience collection. Nunatsiavut on the adventures and mysteries of the Labrador Inuit are becoming increasingly known in key markets. We

are refreshing our tourism strategy and will be beginning some new tourism initiatives this year. Tourism is benefitting from the good work of Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. NGC with its airline, Air Labrador, helicopter and marine and basecamp operation capacity is a big player in tourism development. The Torngat Recreation Commission is an important champion of community recreation and sport travel. We know that good recreation programs are key to the well-being as skills development of our youth. We will work further with Torngat Recreation Commission to improve programs and labour more funds from other sources. The community recreation fund is a small but important supporter of community-based initiatives. Small amounts of funds with a good volunteer base is going a long way to provide community cultural and recreational events each year. UKâtik I am proud of our accomplishments but also humbled by the challenges we face to do so much more to improve the lives of many of our beneficiaries who are facing challenges. We have to do more to address poverty, lack of employment in our communities, addictions and especially the rights of children to grow up with love and opportunities. We have worked hard but we have to work harder to improve individual and community wellbeing. It has been an honour and a privilege to have been a part of this Assembly. I look forward to contributing again in some way after our elections in May. Nakummek, UKâtik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. We'll now move down to the next item on our agenda which is, "Member Statements." Do we have any member statements? I'd like to recognize Ed Tuttauk, Chair of Sivunivut.

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Lake Melville School 15 and under girls volleyball team who will be representing Labrador at the upcoming Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games on March 6th in Clarenville. The regional qualifier was played on January 18th in Goose Bay. The girls won all their games at the tournament, but a protest by an opposing coach disqualified the girls due to having less than the required nine players. The girls and parents are very upset by this as they had done such a remarkable job during the tournament. This disqualification was later overruled by the provincial sports authorities, and the ruling that the tournament should be re-played in its entirety. On February 8th the team travelled to Churchill Falls for the re-match. The girls again defeated Goose Bay and Lab City to finally claim the title of Labrador champions. During this whole process the team, parents, and community were very courteous and professional. They handled the unfair ruling in a very dignified manner and with great sportsmanship. Because of our small school size, the team is made up of girls aged 12 to 15. Even though we have a young team they were able to defeat much larger schools made up of much older students. I'd like to congratulate the Lake Melville Lady Titans volleyball team, McKenzie Hutchings, Danielle Cole, Faith Butt, Willa Nielsen, Dasi Obed, Kelly Butt, Alice Michelin and Coach Desmond Montaque. I would like to wish them



the best of luck, and I'm sure they'll be great ambassadors for Labrador at the upcoming Newfoundland Labrador Winter Games. Nakummek.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Chair of Sivunivut. I'd now like to recognize Herb Jacque, AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd just like to express gratitude to the Inuit Pathways for offering the trappers course in Makkovik on behalf of the trappers there. Congratulate them for completing the course and acknowledging Dave Wolfrey, the Conservation Officer from Rigolet who conducted the course, and I'd just like to acknowledge Team Makkovik and Cain's Quest Roy Martin and Errol Andersen, and wish them the best of luck on behalf of my community. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I'd now like to recognize Dan Pottle, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. On behalf of the constituency of Canada and beneficiaries residing across the country we, too, would like to offer our sincere condolences to the Saunders/Terriak family in the tragic loss of Loretta. Loretta's death has touched many, and I'm sure the family is grateful for the outpouring of support that has been shown over the last couple weeks as a result of Loretta's untimely death. We hope, Madam Speaker, that the messages and support shown throughout the country, not only from beneficiaries to the Land Claims Agreement, will provide the family its much needed comfort as they move through the grieving process on the tragic loss of their beautiful daughter. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. I'd now like to recognize Susan Nochasak, Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

**MS NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to also send out my deepest condolences to Agnes and David Millie family as well as Miriam and Clayton Saunders and family. My prayers are with you all. I would also like to wish all the Cain's Quest racers safe journeys, especially the teams from all Nunatsiavut. Madam Speaker, there is not only a whole lot of new updates from my community at this time. As Ordinary Member I continue to push and lobby for our Moravian Mission Adaptive Reuse Master Plan. I believe that this project is very important to the growth of Hopedale, not only for tourism but, most importantly, for employment. Madam Speaker, in order for the Assembly Members to fully understand what the Adaptive Reuse Master Plan actually is about, I would like to invite all the Assembly Members to participate in a presentation that I have before you all depart Hopedale at this sitting. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Nochasak. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to take this time to congratulate some of the teens and youth who have been travelling to other communities for different sporting events and venues. Our floor hockey team recently travelled to Makkovik to take part in a regional tournament, and I think Rigolet brought home the silver. Postville beat them out for the gold. Two of our youth, Makayla Flowers and Hailey Flowers took part in

the *Inuttitut* speak-off and we're very proud of them for making an effort to learn *Inuttitut* because in Rigolet, it's almost gone. So we're really proud that they could do that. We had a dart team travel to Happy Valley, Goose Bay to take part in a dart tournament. While they didn't bring home any medals, they placed really well. In a team of 29, I think, they came in around 10th or 11th. So that was good standing and good representation from Rigolet. And we had a choir too that travelled to Goose Bay to take part in a Labrador music festival. I'm not sure what it was called. There's also our recreation director who's leaving us. We had her for six years. It was Carlene Palliser. I guess she would probably do the work of what anyone would do in 12 years, but we're really sad to see her leave. She accomplished very much for our community in regards to recreation, but we'd like to wish her good luck in her future endeavours. And I left this for last because it's from my heart and it's really hard, but I want to offer my condolences to Miriam and Clayton and their families in their tragic loss. It's certainly something that I can relate to. I guess to just say that this tragedy is once again bringing attention to violence against women, and I'm really glad that we're starting to move towards having more programming to help people, and especially to help men in our society to understand some of the, I guess, marginalization and abuse and stuff like that that women endure. I hope that the movement that started on Facebook that people are saying we've got to do something. We want to continue the fight that Loretta started. I hope that that's a real movement towards keeping the attention on destroying violence against

women and on hurting Aboriginal women and girls and missing and murdered Aboriginal women. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I'd just like to let the house know that I returned with fellow AngajukKaat from three other communities last week from the 42nd Annual Combine Councils of Labrador. And we had a really good meeting. We had a good session with municipalities, Newfoundland and Labrador. But, briefly, what I want to say today is the more I travel with the combined councils and with municipal Newfoundland and Labrador and even at meetings that I've attended for the Federation of Canadian municipalities, it has become so clear that since 2005 how amazing and how good it is to have a Regional Inuit Government, that little towns can I should say that understands and knows little towns and is able to support them. I believe that we are moving miles ahead of other communities in Labrador and other communities in outport Newfoundland and Labrador because we have a regional government that I know that we don't always agree that they are doing everything they can, but they are doing stuff. And I think us working together, the stronger we get the stronger our communities will become, the stronger our people will become. And I know that I, for one, don't let any off on the other side without questioning and trying to get the best I can from the departments, but I had to say that, Madam Speaker, because I think it's something that I've been a part of, I've been a part of

since the days of LIA, and it is something that we can all share and something that we can build on. And I also have to say that, yeah, I, too, congratulations to the Nunatsiavut teams in Cain's Quest, and especially the team from Nain. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk from Hopedale, Wayne Piercy.

**MR. PIERCY:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I'd like to pass along condolences to David and Agnes and their families, and Miriam and Clayton and their families. I guess, where you came through yesterday, I guess you took notice that in some places that you're staying the water pressure is dropping again. Come to find out for the last couple of days we've been having some trouble again with our water system. So at the moment I think we're running at 50 PSI and we're running usually up to about a hundred to a hundred and four PSI. So just take notice that again Hopedale is faced with another issue with our water crisis. So hopefully within the next hour I'll have another update as to how far we are along with trying to resolve the issues. If not I'll probably be excusing myself later on this afternoon to declare a state of emergency. Nakummek.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk from Hopedale. I'd now like to recognize Glen Sheppard, Ordinary Member for Postville.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I know I remember statements are limited to five minutes. Over the last 3 years, 3 years and 10 months I could stand here probably 5 hours and just talk about issues that we have been dealing with in the past, but, Madam Speaker, I'd like to say this

morning first that, you know, I'm sure we would all have to agree this morning that we could sense and feel around the table and in this room the importance of the fight against the violence against our Inuit women. As not being a relative of this family, not in my community, but I have to say, Madam Speaker, that there were a couple of nights that I spent sleepless thinking of the brutality that somebody could take out on our people. Not only our people, but on a woman. Madam Speaker, as I stand here this morning, I'd like to say that in the last 3 years and 10 months it's been a real privilege to get to know these people sitting around the table. There were times, Madam Speaker, that we had to agree to disagree, which is a normal process as a government, and a government taking action on taking the responsibility and fighting the battles of the challenges of our people. Madam Speaker, one thing that I will always remember as not specifically being a Minister in the government, but as, more or less, an Ordinary Member, I will never, never forget as long as I live and that is to listen to an Inuit elder lady basically break down and cry on the phone, sob, because of her identification of needs and the necessities of our people living in Nunatsiavut. Not so much a want, but needs that our Inuit people are faced with and challenges day to day that our people don't have such things as, you know, in some cases firewood. It could be other cases of, you know, just the basic necessities of life. I will always remember that part as being an Ordinary Member. And as I stand, before I sit I would like to say for those who are putting their names forward as a candidate in the upcoming election I give you a pat on the back and I support you all the way for doing this. For those who are not

putting your name forward for the upcoming election, it's been good to get to know you. It's been good to hear your concerns. It's been good to hear you speak on behalf of your community for a better way of life for your people in your communities. So, Madam Speaker, in saying that I will take my seat, but I would like to say, you know, finally say that, the challenges we are facing is great, but if we look back, the accomplishments has been great as well. You know, many times we're prone to complain, but again that's part of the process as a government, but, you know, their accomplishments has been great, and I have to say to the Ministers who's going to be holding their seats and, Madam Speaker, including you and the President, until election time, you know, I fully support you for what you are doing and you did a good job no matter how many times I've ratted on your door, and some of you might have said, not out loudly, but please go away, but that's part of it. So, Madam Speaker, I'd like to once again show appreciation for getting to know everybody around this table. Not just around the table. We have people in our audience who've, you know, whether you're a Deputy Minister or legal counsel, whatever, we have been dealing with on a day-to-day basis. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Sheppard. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek UKâlatik. I just want to echo some words that have been said. My condolences go to the Saunders family, the Terriak family. It does touch, personally. For me, personally, I went to high school with

Miriam. So my condolence to that family. But also second condolence from me, an elder passed away in Nain in this past weekend, Joas Igloliorte. He had been diagnosed with an illness that was incurable while he was in St. John's. Not going to die in St. John's. I want to go back home and die. So my condolences to that family. Nakummek UKâlatik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Barbour. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear.

**MS GEAR:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, too, want to send my condolences to the Terriak and the Saunders family. Our thoughts and prayers go out with them at this time, and in the days ahead I'm sure that they'll have many trying days, but if we all pray and keep them in our thoughts each and every day I'm sure that they will come through. I want to make mention too of our community too, holding a Carl Memorial Ball Hockey Team and, unfortunately, it was in Postville that won, it was Makkovik, and Postville come in second, Natuashish third. And I want to wish all the Cain's Quest teams good luck on their journey, and I hope that they won't have it too cold. I'd rather them than me out there this morning. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Diane. Do we have any more Member Statements? I'd like to recognize Johannes Lampe, Ordinary Member for Nain.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek UKâtik. I also would like to mention about the subject that is being talked about this morning and I also want to send my condolences to families who have lost their loved ones. We will pray for you, we will not forget you and we all love you. Days like this will all come to us. We



all have to help each other in this kind of tragedy, that's a part of our Inuit way of life. No matter where we are we have to think about them and we have to love them, pray for them even if we don't know who they are. We know that it is a human being so we have to help each other like William said. We heard that William Barbour mentioned that Joas Igloliorte had passed away, an elder. A lot of elders said I don't want to die in the hospital, I want to finish my days at my hometown and we have to think about those wishes of our Inuit elders and we hope that our Inuit elder we just brought home know that the doctors or nurses can't help them anymore. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Johannes. Do we have any more Member Statements? If not then we'll take a break now for 25 minutes.

(Recess)

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I'd like to call the Assembly back to order, please. Going down through our Orders of the Day, we are on item number six, "Returns to Oral Questions." On January 21, 2014, AngajukKâk Herb Jacque directed this question to the Minister of Finance. We know that there was money set aside for a seniors home within Nunatsiavut, is the money still there? What is the holdup, and has action been taken lately or any discussion? What's the latest status? Is the Minister of Finance prepared to respond? Go ahead.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Under the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* there was 3.5 million dollars set aside for a seniors home. To date, these funds have not been drawn upon and they are still to be allocated by the

Trustees to address seniors housing. Madam Speaker, as we all are aware, the results from the housing needs assessment have been received by the Nunatsiavut Government, and the data is being analyzed by the Inter-departmental Housing Committee. We do know that regionally the most popular choices for housing options are a seniors complex, 82.3 percent of the respondents in the survey identified that and affordable public housing rentals, 79.5 percent of the respondents hoped that that would identified that as a need as part of the housing assessment. The Inter-departmental Housing Committee meets on a regular basis, continuing to develop the housing strategy. We must note that, Madam Speaker, while 3.5 million dollars is a significant amount of funds, it is not enough to address the seniors' need for housing in all our communities. In pre-budget submissions to the Newfoundland Government for the last two years the Nunatsiavut Government has requested that the province be a 50/50 partner on this initiative. It also remains a topic to be discussed at all ministerial meetings between the First Minister and the Provincial Minister responsible for Newfoundland and Labrador housing. I guess just to sum up, Madam Speaker, the money is still to be allocated and the trustees will release that money at the request of the individual department or the government when we start implementing the housing strategy. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The other question was asked by the Ordinary Member for Postville to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. The question was related to the provincial ban on caribou

harvesting. Mr. Sheppard asked how much time, money and energy has been put into lobbying the provincial government to enforce the ban so that it is effective on everybody in Labrador? Is the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources prepared to respond?

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to say that the enforcement of the caribou ban has always been a concern to Nunatsiavut Government, as it's one of the reasons why we had recommended to the province to ban all non-Aboriginal harvesting and leave the Aboriginal harvest up to the Aboriginal groups to manage. In our recent meeting with the Minister of Justice and Minister of Conservation, it was our message to them, ban without enforcement is not a ban, and the Minister agreed. Early on we recognized the complexity of the issues of enforcing such a ban and we have brought that message to and we continue to bring it to the provincial government on their ban. It is very difficult to manage. It's going to be very difficult to manage, and the best way to manage George River Caribou is leave it up to the Aboriginal groups. Having said that, our government, at all levels, including the Director, DM levels and my level and the President's level have raised the ban enforcement issue on many occasions with the Newfoundland government. In recent meetings with Minister Hedderson, Minister Collins, Minister McGraw, in 2013 it was raised. The ban and enforcement issue was raised with the Aboriginal Caribou Round Table meetings in Kuujjuak in January, 2013, and Sept Isle in April, 2013 and Nain in September, 2013. On a teleconference with Minister King in March 15th, 2013, to discuss the ban and enforcement

issues. In May in 2013 the issue was raised in the cabinet meeting in St. John's. In February, 2014 I met with Minister McGraw, Minister King and Minister Shea to discuss the caribou ban and the lack of enforcement. In addition to these contacts I have sent the following correspondence to Minister Hedderson: In 2012, Minister Hedderson in 2013, Minister Shea in 2014. The cost of all of the above were covered out of the department's travel and salary budget that has been approved by the Assembly. I also want to add that the Wildlife Manager, Director of Renewable Resources Deputy Minister have made several contacts with the staff at their level to discuss the issues. Further, the President has communicated our concerns over the ban enforcement of the ban on several occasions with our provincial counterpart. We will continue to raise our concerns on the issue with our provincial counterparts every opportunity. I hope that answers your question, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. We're now down to number seven on our Orders of the Day, "Oral Questions." Each member is allowed two questions each day and members allowed the initial question and two supplementary questions. Do we have any oral questions? I'd like to recognize Glen Sheppard, Ordinary Member for Postville.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question's directed to the Minister responsible for Lands and Resources and it's related to research work going on within Nunatsiavut, specifically, the counting fence at English River near Postville. We all understand and heard over the past year or two of DFO's cuts in programs and projects within Nunatsiavut. My

question for the Minister would be is your department or more specific, I guess, is NG prepared to pick up the slack if need be, if DFO do not come across with the necessary funds for this specific project, English River counting fence near Postville. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Lands.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, and the Ordinary Member for Postville is correct that the DFO has been making cuts with regards to a lot of areas and they have indicated to us that the English River is part of it. Our position with DFO is that this is their commitment. They have to commit to this project and we will continue to meet with them to ensure that they do commit to this project. Its valuable data for Northern Labrador, as it is the only counting fence in Northern Labrador, and that data is very important. As well, that counting fence is important to the community of Postville for the jobs that it provides, but to answer your question, yes, NG is committed to English River. We're committed to ensuring that English River continues because, like I say, we feel the data is extremely important data that we need, that this area needs, and that we are committed to ensure that project continues and that we keep committed to get that data for not only Nunatsiavut, Nunatsiavut Government, and for all of Canada. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question, I guess is more of a concern than a question, but I'm going to direct it to the Minister of Health in regards to Department of Health and Social Services, Social

Development, I'm sorry. In the community of Makkovik when some of the homecare workers are on leave or sick, there's no replacement, and there's no casual call-ins, and it's a concern. Just wondering if anything can be done about this. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Health.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you for bringing the concern forward, AngajukKâk Jacque. I will look into that we should have casual home support workers and I will look into that because it's very important to keep consistent programming for people such as our elders who need home support so they are able to continue to stay in their home. So I will look into and ask that we put out a call for a casual call in-home support workers and thank you for bringing it forward.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Education, Economic Development. My first part of the question is on the *Inuttitut* teacher bonus. So I was wondering, has this been accomplished? And the second part of my question is on the mobile teaching unit that the Department of Education was researching the last couple of years, I was wondering if there's an update on that project. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Education.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I missed the first part of your question, your first question.

**MS NOCHASAK:** The first part of my question was an update on the Native teacher incentive bonus that we were discussing.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. With regard to the information on the diploma incentive for Native teachers, this draft has not been finalized. This has gone to legal counsel and with all the other things that legal counsel has been involved with the draft is still in his hands, Mark Gillette, so we're waiting on him to finalize the draft and send that off to Treasury Board and the Department of Education for their approval. As we head, just for the record and from past information, the Diploma Incentive Program was sent to school board who in turn took it to Treasury Board, and they have, in principle, approved that the Diploma Incentive Program will be issued to Native teachers with a diploma. The only thing is we have to word the draft in the proper way so the wording is there. But from what we understand from talking to the school board, the Diploma Incentive Program will be given to the Native teachers that had diploma. It's just a matter of getting the wording right and hopefully we'll get the draft finalized and onto Treasury Board so we can get the funding approved for Native teachers incentive program funding. The second part of your question, the mobile teaching unit. Are you talking about the curriculum centre?

**MS NOCHASAK:** No.

**MR. MITCHELL:** No.

**MS NOCHASAK:** Madam Speaker, the question I'm asking about a mobile teaching unit, the Department of Education a couple years ago did some research in hopes of bringing a mobile teaching unit to have training and opportunities for education programs in Nunatsiavut rather than having the students go to MUN and Goose Bay and travel elsewhere. The research was in hopes of having a unit that was mobile to go into the different communities in Nunatsiavut to offer programs to the people in Nunatsiavut rather than having them travel. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Yes, I've had this conversation on that particular topic with Deputy Minister McNeill, but there's been no updates on with regard to the movement on the mobile teaching unit. I will discuss this again with the Deputy Minister Tim McNeill to see if there's any movement being made on it and find out if we're going to move on that particular issue. But it's not a current file that I'm up to date on at the time. I'm sorry. With regard to training on the coast Nunatsiavut we are talking to LATP to try to get some training for the upcoming courses in Hopedale and Nain for the jobs at Muskrat Falls. I think there's some rebar work or some concrete courses are coming up fairly shortly and we're hoping to get the classroom work done in Hopedale and Nain and they'll be putting out a call soon to look for applicants for these courses. The practical stuff will have to be done in Goose Bay because we can't bring the equipment out to Nunatsiavut. However, we're hoping to get the classroom work done, and some of the students can stay in their communities for some



part of the courses that are going to be offered by LAMP. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy.

**MR. PIERCY:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. My question is to Minister Kemuksigak. As you know the weather temperature today is we're reaching about minus 36 with the wind chill, and the blowing snow conditions we have school closed from K to 12 and it was brought up to me this morning before I came into the Assembly that the day care is still open. So I was wondering if you could have a look into that because if kids from K to 12 is to stay home out of the weather, but we're still able to take our children to day care. So that's something for you to look into. And I sent an email out and I think you were cc'd after about some complaints with our community clinics, and I was hoping to get a meeting together and I was just wondering if you could update me on any of that. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker and thank you, AngajukKâk Piercy. I will look into our policies around day care closures as I'm not always up on all the policies that we have. I do know at times when the day cares have closed because school have closed there have been complaints from parents because they weren't able to find the childcare for their children. So sometimes it's that you get complaints if you do close, you get complaints if you don't close so. But I will look into the policy and have it reviewed. Well, but the Deputy Minister is trying to set up a meeting with Labrador Grenfell Health key officials on the complaints on the Hopedale

clinic, and she is going to try to work around your schedule so that you and council members can be included as well. So maybe it might be in Hopedale. So she's working on it with the key officials in Labrador-Grenfell Health, but no update on a date as of yet. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Do we have any more oral questions? Susan, you had two questions the last time you went in with your question. So that was your two questions per day. You're allowed two questions per day. Is this a supplementary to anything that you asked? Then maybe you can get to ask your other question tomorrow. I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is to the Honourable First Minister. Is the housing survey results ready for us to have in our hands now?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Not quite at the moment. What we are trying to do is just to analyzing the data and trying to extrapolate the data as we move forward on certain issues. Like I said in my statement, it's fairly complex. The data is fairly complex and we have to be very careful because if you take certain pieces of the data and pull it out on its own without knowing how it impacts the rest of the survey, it could give you a false sense of what that data means. So we're being very careful on how it's coming out. Like the one we're focusing on right now is homelessness and that issue so we can identify - we'll release data on that issue. But like I said in the

statement, if there's a certain issue that you need addressed then you can contact our department of the environment and Christina and see if we can extract that data and if there's an issue that you want to address right now. But right now there's so much data there that we're still analyzing and making sure that it's presented in the right format when we do present it out. We want to get it out as quick as possible but, again, we're being careful that we do it in the right way. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Are there any more oral questions? Charlotte Wolfrey, AngajukKâk for Rigolet. Is this a supplementary or a different question?

**MS WOLFREY:** No another one.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Do you have a question, go ahead.

**MS WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm directing my question to the Minister responsible for Culture and Tourism. And I'm not sure if it's to the right person or not, so if it's to the wrong person then can you tell me to redirect it. It's on the Rosetta Stone second launch of the second piece of the Rosetta Stone, is the right person? Okay. So I'm just wondering and I want to preface my question, though, with these remarks. I, like everyone else, is concerned that *Inuttitut*, Labrador *Inuttitut* is, you know, there's a need for concern around our language. And I know that the second part of the Rosetta Stone is launched, but I was just wondering, are we going to have any kind of evaluation to see if that's the best method to go about this? And I ask this question because I know I just seen a piece somewhere in a paper about the Innu and how they're progressing with their language, and I know that there's apps that are developed so that

you can download it on your whatever it is, those little iPads or whatever, and you can learn, Innu from those apps. So I'm just wondering if we're going to have any kind of evaluation if the continuation of the Rosetta Stone project is where we need to go, or do we need to look at something else, or is there a way that, you know, we can make apps because everybody is into them nowadays. So I'm just wondering what are your feelings on an evaluation. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Culture.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek UKâtik. The answer to the question of the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Rosetta Stone Level 2 is just one of a number of tools that we use to promote, preserve and to protect *Inuttitut*, especially Labrador *Inuttitut*, and we have a committee that does look at the work that we are doing to promote, to protect and to preserve *Inuttitut* and Rosetta Stone Level 2 is just one of those tools that we will keep an eye on and to see if it is making progress. We feel that the Rosetta Stone Level 1 and Level 2, both are, you know, very important tools help Labrador Inuit move with the *Inuttitut* language preservation and protection. And we do have a committee that looks like the work that we are doing and right now we are doing work to plan and to develop, but we are pretty near in doing the actual work of promoting and preserving and protecting *Inuttitut*. And yes, we are evaluating the work that we are doing as a department.

Nakummek UKâtik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** You don't have a supplementary, do you?

**MS WOLFREY:** Yes.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** You do? Well, go ahead.

**MS WOLFREY:** You know, like when I look at myself, when Rosetta Stone first came out I was all excited. I put it in my computer and I started practising *Inuttitut*. And then as time wore on, I didn't have time, or whatever, but that's what I was wondering is how many people are doing the same thing that I'm doing, and how can we try to find that out? And then try to evaluate whether or not we should try to have more things that would encourage people to use it? And might need to be an independent evaluation because to us, that could be near and dear to our hearts, but if we had someone independent looking at is it really used, to what benefit is it, and things like that. You know, and should there be, like, is there, I'd like to know is there any way that what we got can be transferred elsewhere, like into those *Acts* or whatever. And if there isn't going to be an evaluation I hope there is and I hope that it takes a real good look at it, because we have, I know in these tapes or disks we have preserved a lot of *Inuttitut* and that they'll always be there like that, which is a real good thing. But I'm just wondering if we'd try to find out. And I'm not sure you answered my question about whether or not there's going to be an evaluation to see how people are using it and if it's the best form of what we've got. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Culture.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek UKâtik. You are correct, AngajukKâk. We do as Labrador Inuit, we, you know, when we want something, we put our heart and soul and determination into what it is that we want or want to do, and Rosetta

Stone Level 1 and Level 2 are just that. It depends on each individual of how much they want to learn *Inuttitut* whether it's the Rosetta Stone Levels 1 and 2, or the different tools that the department uses. And you're right that evaluation is important. And I believe that individual Inuit can evaluate themselves, and at the same time we, as a department, can also look at maybe contracting an individual to do an evaluation of how much the program or project is moving forward. And certainly I will put your question to my staff, and our language co-ordinator suggested that maybe she and others, a team with her, can visit communities and to help on how to use the programs, Rosetta Stone Level 1 and Level 2. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just for the record, I guess, and I would like to ask the question, and the question is directed to the Minister responsible for Economic Development, the Honourable Gary Mitchell. And we have been in some brief discussions, but as following an exchange in some emails that I've been having with NGC, our business arm, and it's related to the supply of firewood for Nunatsiavut communities, and it's my understanding from NGC that there is no guarantee of the supply of firewood to the north coast. No guarantee, mind you, beyond 2014. So that would include Nain and Hopedale. But I guess my question for the Minister would be, it's maybe at the early stages, but have your department or you, specifically, had any discussion

with NGC on what might be happening in the future related to the supply of firewood for Nunatsiavut? Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister for Economic Development.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek. For your question, with regard to the firewood, I saw the email there that came from NGC, and the comment was that we have looked past 2014; something to the effect of we have not looked past 2014 for the supply of firewood to the Nunatsiavut communities. My department has not been in discussion with NGC regarding the availability of firewood after 2014, or if NGC would be responsible for supplying firewood after 2014. We have had no official word on it, so that's certainly an issue that we'll be discussing with NGC in the near future to see what the long-term plans are for supplying firewood to Nunatsiavut communities. Other than that I can't tell you anything except what came out in the email, which we were unaware that they weren't looking past 2014. That may not be a problem if the statement was made in the email, but we'll certainly do a follow-up on that particular statement that came out from them. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek. Supplementary? That's good? I'd like to now recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacques.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. My concern, I guess, or issue is going to be directed to the Minister responsible for Lands and Resources regarding trapping and snaring within community boundaries, or town boundaries. We have no bylaws in place, but I'm wondering if there's anything in the

*Constitution*, or how can we deal with this issue? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I certainly don't have that, answer to that question here in front of me today. I will have a return for the AngajukKâk for Makkovik for tomorrow's sitting in the House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek. Do we have any more questions? If not, we'll move down to our next item on our agenda, "Written Questions." Do we have any written questions? Okay. The page can pick it up and have it delivered to the clerk, please. This written question is for the Minister of Finance. I would like to know if our government would entertain and discuss the possibility of setting up a Grievance Fund for each community. At the moment there are no avenues of assistance from our government. As elected officials, we get calls every time there is a death, calls from beneficiaries looking for assistance from our government. At the moment all we can say is that our government cannot help in this manner. Thank you, Ordinary Member, Susan Nochasak. Are there any more written questions? Is it a written question? It comes here through the clerk. This question is directed to the Minister for Lands and Natural Resources. It's on moose management. Is the Department of Lands and Natural Resources under any discussion on a long-term moose management plan? I see moose as becoming a real issue in the near future related to non-harvested to date either Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet, and this is



from Glen Sheppard, Ordinary Member for Postville. I'm going to read you the part from the Standing Orders on written questions. Under the item, written questions, "Written questions may be asked of the President and Ministers, a question which would likely to require a detailed or complex answer or which would not reasonably be assumed to be within the present knowledge of the Minister should be posed as written questions. All written questions shall be filed with the clerk who shall endorse the date of filing and provide copies to all members." Do we have any more written questions? We'll go down to the next item on our Orders of the Day, "Returns to Written Questions," are there any returns today? No returns today. "Petitions," are there any petitions? Number 11 is, "Responses to Petitions," there will be no responses today. We'll go down to the next item on our agenda which is, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." I would like to recognize Charlotte Wolfrey, the AngajukKâk for Rigolet to give a verbal report as the Chair for the Standing Committee on Alcohol and Drugs.

**MS WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have a short oral report or update from the Alcohol and Drug Committee. We had a meeting in November, 2012, and some of the decisions and actions that came from the meeting are as follows: We did make plans for something to happen in each of the Nunatsiavut communities in December. We wrote and distributed a newsletter. It was the first thing that we sent out before Christmas, and each of the AngajukKâk committee members were to choose a venue to deliver a message regarding responsible drinking and remembering the

importance of the Christmas Season and what is special to us. And I think the other AngajukKâk who weren't on the committee were given something, I think. We wanted to somehow give something to people in our communities at these venues, and what we did was we distributed socks. We had, because we've noticed, or what was noticed that in some of the things that have been happening, some of the functions that DHSD has anyway, not all the children had socks on. So we thought if we had a bunch of socks there we could give them away and I think, well, I can speak for Rigolet that was well received. All the socks were distributed at a supper that we had. We made a call for role models and for Inuit who live healthy lifestyles so that we could highlight them in our newsletters. I'm not sure that we had a lot of response to that, but we did have some response, and we also made a call for submissions for a new name for our committee, but we only had one submission for a new name so we're going to re-advertise that. We did have a request to meet with the local Nain Alcohol Committee; however, we felt that it was a bit early to commit to that meeting as we still we didn't have terms of reference for our committee. And the terms of reference we felt would better clarify what role and responsibility we have as a Standing Committee to meet with other committees and the like. And, Madam Speaker, we have not planned a date for our next meeting partially because of the upcoming elections. But I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their contributions to the committee; Wayne, Herb, Johannes and also Deputy Minister Michelle Kinney, are on the committee and time on. Nakummek.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. I would now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard, to provide a report from the Member Services Committee.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Report from the Member Service Committee to Nunatsiavut Assembly regarding the responses of the Inuit public to the proposed severance package amendments for elected officials. As required under Inuit law, the Member Service Committee of the Nunatsiavut Assembly are expected to consult and seek feedback from the Inuit before the Nunatsiavut Assembly can agree to salary and benefits for elected officials. The Member Service Committee did identify an issue with the severance package provision of the Elected Officials Benefits Policy Manual. On February the 19th, 2014, the speaker, as Chair of the Member Service Committee issued a public announcement as required under Inuit law. The announcement stated that the Member Service Committee proposed the following clarification of the severance payment payable to elected officials. The current policy governing an entitlement of elected officials to severance pay says 1(c) Severance Payment. "(1) A severance payment equal to one month's salary for every full year served in elected office calculated on the elected officials base salary is provided upon termination of holding elected office." The intent of this subsection was to provide for the amount that would be paid on severance. The intent was not to prevent an elected official from receiving severance, if they did not serve a full year. The Member Service Committee of the Nunatsiavut Assembly is proposing, and will

recommend to the Assembly that the policy on severance be clarified in three respects, namely, that elected officials are entitled to prorated severance pay for service for a period of less than one full year. Periods of leave without pay are not to be considered as service for purposes of calculating the severance entitlement. And elected officials who are removed from office are not eligible for any severance unless the Nunatsiavut Assembly decides otherwise. On February the 19th, 2014 the Member Service Committee did issue a public consultation document requesting the Inuit public to comment on the proposed amendment to the severance provision for elected officials with a deadline of noon on March the 3rd, 2014. This announcement was translated into *Inuttitut* and posted in each community and constituency office. It was mailed to the NGNA distribution network and it was posted on the Nunatsiavut Government website. One Nunatsiavut beneficiary wrote to express her viewpoint. She wanted clarification because it seemed that a civil servant, he or she would have to work 20 years to earn what an elected official did in 5 years. The speaker and chair of the Member Service Committee detailed what the severance package provision for civil servants is that after five years of continuous service they were eligible at a rate of one week for each of completed year service. Also she noted that elected officials' benefits may differ from civil servants, but it should be recognized that their terms are for four years. Permanent civil servants positions are much more secure and long-term. The MSC will be proposing a motion to amend the severance package provision to the elected officials' benefits

policy manual at the appropriate time during this Assembly sitting. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Sheppard. I think from here we're going to break for lunch and we're going to meet back here at 1:30.

(Recess)

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I now call the Assembly back to order. On our Orders of the Day we are down to item number 13, "Tabling of Documents." I would like to recognize the Minister of Finance and the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. As required by Labrador Inuit *Constitution*, I am pleased to table the Nunatsiavut Government's Financial Plan for 2014/15. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. This document will be tabled as number 1-2(12). I, again, recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to table the following documents. The first is the amendments to the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust Fund, Trust Indenture* and memorandum dated February 28th, 2014 from Burnet, Duckworth and Palmer, and the second document is the proposed amended *Tasiujatsoak Trust Deed* and memorandum, again dated February 20th, 2014 from Burnet, Duckworth and Palmer. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. These two will be numbered as tabled documents 2-2(12) and 3-2(12). Are there any other tabling of

documents? Then we'll move down to item number 14 on our Orders of the Day, "Notices of Motion." I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, March 5th I will move the following motion that's Section 1.(c) of the Elected Officials Policy Manual be amended by adding the following subsection immediately following subsection 1.(c)(1). (2) For the purposes of subsection 1.(c)(1)(a) an elected official will be paid a prorated amount for a partial year of service calculated as the number of days served divided by 365 and multiplied by the amount of one month's base salary. (V) All periods of unpaid leave are ineligible for inclusion in calculating an elected official's period of service. (C) An elected official who is removed from office in accordance with the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* is not eligible to receive any severance unless the resolution of the Assembly, removing that person from office provides otherwise. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Nochasak. I now recognize the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, March 5th I will move the following motions that tabled document 2-2(12) and 3-2(12), amendments to the *Trust Deeds* be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration and further, that witnesses be invited to participate in the Committee of the Whole. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I understand you have another notice of motion.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik. I give notice that on Wednesday, March 5th I will move that tabled document 1-2(12) the Financial Plan 2014-15 be moved into the Committee of the Whole for discussion in conjunction with Bill 2014-02 the *Budget Act* 2014. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any other notices of motion? Then we'll move down to item number 15 on our orders of the day, "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills." I recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday March 5th I will move first reading of Bill 2014-02 of the *Budget Act* 2014. Nakummek.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I would like to recognize Mr. Tony Andersen, the AngajukKâk for Nain.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, March 5th, 2014, I will move first reading of Bill 2014-03, a Bill to amend the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act* IL2009-08.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Andersen. We'll move down to item number 16, "Motions." Ms Nochasak, I understand you wish to proceed with the motion you gave notice to earlier.

**MS NOCHASAK:** Yes, Madam Speaker. I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with the motion dealing with the amendments to the Elected Officials Benefit Policy Manual.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak, is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with her motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Ms Nochasak, you may proceed.

**MS NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Members. Whereas the Member Services Committee as Part XI of the *Nunatsiavut Elections Assembly Act* is responsible for recommending salaries, allowances, expenses and benefits for elected officials. And whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly approved the Elected Officials Benefit Policy Manual proposed by the Member Services Committee on December 13th, 2011 and whereas the Member Services Committee agreed by motion on that there was a need to clarify the severance provision of the Elected Officials Benefits Policy which Nunatsiavut Assembly approved in its Assembly sitting on December 13th, 2011. And whereas Section 80 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* requires the Member Services Committee to give at least 10 days' notice to the Inuk public of all amounts proposed for recommendation. And whereas this notice period has been fulfilled and the responses of the Inuit public presented to the Nunatsiavut Assembly on reports of Standing and Special Committees on. Now therefore I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard, that Section 1.c of the Elected Officials Policy Manual be amended by adding the following subsection immediately following subsection 1.c(1). "Number two, for the purposes of subsection 1.c(1) (a) an elected official will be paid a prorated amount for the partial year of service calculated as number of days served divided by 365 and multiplied by the amount of



one month's base salary. (b) All periods of unpaid leave are ineligible for inclusion in calculating an elected official's period of service. (c) An elected official who is removed from office in accordance with the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* is not eligible to receive any severance unless the resolution of the Assembly removing that person from office provides other ways." Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Nochasak. The motion is in order. Would you like to speak to the motion?

**MS NOCHASAK:** No, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Would the Ordinary Member for Hopedale like to make final comments or close debate?

**MS NOCHASAK:** No, Madam Speaker. I don't have any final comments. I'd like to close debate.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any opposed? The motion is carried. I recognize the Minister of Finance. I understand you wish to proceed with the motion you gave notice to earlier.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with a motion dealing with the amendments to the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* and the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* to the Committee of the Whole. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Minister of Finance is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Minister, you may proceed.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker and Assembly Members. Whereas as the Nunatsiavut Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution on September the 11th, 2013, that the *Trust Deeds* be amended to remove elected officials as Trustees, and whereas the resolution stated that the amendments should include that the two new Trustees be beneficiaries with at least one residing in the *Labrador Inuit Settlement Area* and two of the five Trustees being non-elected government officials. Whereas it is directed by the President and Treasurer to remain as Trustees until new Trustees are appointed by the appropriate authorities. Whereas legal counsel for the trust has prepared the required amendment to the respective trust for review by the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And whereas the amended *Trust Deeds* have been tabled in the Assembly as tabled documents 2-2(12) and 3-2(12) and should be reviewed by the Committee of the Whole. Therefore, Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the First Minister Darryl Shiwak, that tabled documents 2-2(12) and 3-2(12) amended *Trust Deeds* be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further consideration, and furthermore that witnesses be invited to participate in the Committee of the Whole. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. Would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Just very briefly, again, as I have stated in the motion the Assembly directed the Trustees and legal counsel for the Trust to put forth the amendments that were approved by the Assembly in September of this past year. Therefore, I would just like to have the Committee of the Whole and witnesses address these matters and that we do so today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Does the Minister wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MR. POTTLE:** I have no final comments, Madam Speaker. I wish to close debate. Nakummek.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Opposed? The motion is carried. The Assembly is now in Committee of the Whole to consider the amendments to the *Trust Deeds* and the Honourable Minister of Finance, would you like to name who would be joining us at the table for Committee of the Whole today.

**MR. POTTLE:** Yes, Madam Speaker. We'd like to call to the table the Trustees, Isabella Pain and Rexanne Crawford.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister, you may proceed. We are now in Committee of the Whole.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a point of clarification. I'm going to ask legal counsel, Loretta Michelin, to come to the table just to explain the

subtle differences between the *Settlement Trust* and the Trustees and the Assembly's responsibility for both. It's a little bit...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay, sure.

**MR. POTTLE:** I think it needs to be explained so that all the members are aware of their roles as...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay, then...

**MR. POTTLE:** ...representatives...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** ..and we'll also invite Loretta to the table.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Madam Chair. We will be dealing with the *Settlement Trust* first because the Assembly has the authority to make the amendments to the *Settlement Trust*. There's a little bit of difference with respect to the amending process as set out in the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. We're supposed to convene as representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries to make the amendments to the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* versus an Assembly making those amendments. So I just wanted to have the Assembly Members clear on those two subtle differences. Advisory Committee for *Tasiujatsoak Trust* versus the Assembly for the *Settlement Trust*. So I'm going to turn it over to Isabella to explain the amendments that's being proposed to the Assembly for the *Settlement Trust*.

**MS PAIN:** Okay, thank you, Minister. In front of you, you should have a memo from Burnet, Duckworth and Palmer. I'm going to start with the memo that we have in front of us because the job that was requested was to simply find replacement *Trustees* for elected officials on the Trust. So we started

from the position of looking at the clause that would need to be amended, which is 5(1). And so what we discussed was how we would replace those particular Trustees. The wording that you see there in 5(1) in the memo, we're asking or recommending that Section 5(1) be amended to read as follows: "Number and term. There shall be five Trustees of the fund. The Trustees of the fund shall be comprised of at least three Trustees who shall represent the eligible beneficiaries hereafter referred to as representative trustees, and at least one Trustee who is not an eligible beneficiary, hereafter referred to as arm's length trustee. The term of office of each trustee commences on the date on which its election or appointment becomes effective and continues until the earlier of the date of determination of the fund, the date on which the Trustee's resignation is effective in accordance with Section 5(4), or the date when the removal of the Trustee by the Nunatsiavut Assembly is effective in accordance with Section 5(4). Within one year from the date of this Trust Indenture, the initial trustees shall prepare upon the list of qualified nominees for election as Trustees by the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Upon the election of Trustees by the Nunatsiavut Assembly in the elected Trustees becoming parties to this Trust Indenture in accordance with the terms hereof, the initial Trustee shall resign or be removed pursuant to Section 5(4)." So we're asking that that be the wording. If you want to flip through to the actual document, itself, it's on page 14 of the document that it's attached to. And what we've provided for you is a copy of a black line document, and the reason we did that is so you can see what the actual wording changes are between the two sections. So you can see where it is that we're

recommending changes be made. So in Section 5(1) itself, there are very few changes that we're actually making except for in the very first line, first paragraph that I read. So we're saying that we need to add the words, "the Trustees of the fund shall be comprised of at least three Trustees who shall represent the eligible beneficiaries and at least one Trustee who is not an eligible beneficiary." So those will be the new words in Section 5(1) that we would require amendment. The second section is to say who would those people be? What qualifications would they have? And for that we need to go to...

**MR. ANDERSEN:** It reads that at least three Trustees who shall represent eligible beneficiaries. Does that mean that they are, themselves, eligible beneficiaries? Hey, that's not...

**MS PAIN:** Yes.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** That's what it means. Doesn't say that, but that's what it means. It just says who represents. Okay. But that's my question, anyway.

**MS PAIN:** Yes. Who shall represent the eligible beneficiaries. So maybe if you want to refine that, we intend these people to be eligible beneficiaries and we have a definition of eligible beneficiaries. So they have to be beneficiaries of the *Land Claim Agreement*. It clarifies when we get to the qualifications.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Oh, yes. Okay.

**MS PAIN:** So, like, we want to go to Section 5(2). We're requesting that Section 5(2) be amended to read as follows: "Qualification of the trustees. The

Trustees shall be persons who are at all times a resident of Canada for the purposes of the *Income Tax Act* and who are considered to be of sound mind, responsible and possess good judgment. The Trustees shall at all times include the Deputy Minister of Finance, and shall include at least one male and one female. The representative Trustees shall (a) all be Inuit, (b) include at least one individual who resides in the *Labrador Inuit Settlement Area* and (c) not include any individual who is sitting as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly." So if you want to go and look at what the differences are between what we're proposing and what is currently there, it's on page 14 under Section 5.2, and you'll notice we deleted two sections which are (a) originally or what we have currently is the three individuals who from time to time occupy the offices of President of Nunatsiavut, Nunatsiavut Treasurer and the Deputy Minister of Finance. So that's where we're deleting the elected officials from the qualifications to serve. We're recommending keeping the Deputy Minister of Finance on this particular trust so whoever's in that role should be a Trustee. We're also deleting the words, "two other individuals, at least one Trustee shall be an individual who is not an eligible beneficiary and at least one Trustee shall be male and at least one Trustee shall be female." So we're just editing those words to make sure that we have people who are not eligible beneficiaries who are still on the Trust. So we do still want to have some arm's length Trustees, and we describe below how they would be selected, or what their qualifications are. So those were the two main amendments that we see in terms of meeting the request of the

Assembly to remove elected officials from the Trust. You'll notice that we gave you...

**MR MITCHELL:** Can I just ask a question? With regard to the Trustees, including the Deputy Minister of Finance, that doesn't include the representative Trustees, is it correct?

**MS PAIN:** No, that's...

**MR MITCHELL:** That's aside from the representative Trustees. Okay, thank you.

**MS PAIN:** That position may actually be a beneficiary at some point. We don't know, but that person doesn't have to be a beneficiary. It's by virtue of that position we think who is ever in that position needs to be on this particular Trust. I just want to bring to your attention a couple of things. You'll notice that we've given you the entire *Trust Deed*. Those are the two relevant sections that amendments are required to be made to 5(1) and 5(2), but because we're making changes there, there are some changes, you'll notice throughout some small changes that are consequential amendments because of those particular amendments. So, as an example, if you go to page three of the document, you'll notice we deleted a definition. Government person is no longer a term we're using. And so we had to delete that. We're proposing that you delete that particular definition. So there are just a couple of things throughout. The 5(1) and 5(2) are the major changes. Anything else you see in here are simply consequential.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** The Assembly gave the Trustees a pretty wide bar. They basically said they wanted the elected officials off of the Trusts and replaced. And this



is what we came up with, and I think it pretty well captures that William has been asking about for a long time.

**MS WOLFREY:** Isabella, I've got a question. It's with regards to one of the Trustees having to live in Nunatsiavut. Did I see that somewhere? And I'm just wondering was that the case all the time, and if it was then if we're removing the President then was there all the time two people from Nunatsiavut sitting on that *Trust*? And should we go there?

**MS PAIN:** There was a person who was from the *Labrador Inuit Settlement Area* already on the Trust in addition to the President.

**MS CRAWFORD:** But it wasn't written that it had to be. When we went through looking at the *Settlement Trust* and how you would amend to remove the President or the treasurer, one of the things that we looked at was that the President always resides in *Labrador Inuit Settlement Area*, and we did not want to lose that so that's why now there is a very clear qualification that says one of the Trustees has to reside in the *Labrador Inuit Settlement Area*.

**MS WOLFREY:** I know. That's why I'm wondering should it be two, because if it was one all the time just because that was by virtue of who was on there, then I'm wondering should it be two, but that's because we did - the President was always going to be residing in Nain, actually, so it was always a...

**PRESIDENT LEO:** And that's a good point, but and I think as Isabelle mentioned when she first started talking that these are the recommended changes. So if the Assembly, any of the Assembly Members here, from what I understand, want to see a way to make it so that there are two Trustees residing within the *Labrador Settlement Area*, this can be done by the Assembly, right?

Or is it the Trustees that approves these changes? The Assembly approves them. So the Assembly, if the Assembly feels that two of these Trustees should be from the *Labrador Settlement Area*, that been meant - because this is just a draft. This hasn't gone anywhere. This is what the Trustees are presenting to the Assembly for approval. Yes, and if the Assembly feels that they would prefer to have two of the Trustees come from the *Labrador Inuit Settlement Area*, then that can be put in there before it's adopted.

**MS PAIN:**

We put that in there and currently there were two of us who were residing in the settlement area who were there, myself and the President. We thought that one of the things that's really important for the *Settlement Trust* is to have the Deputy Minister of Finance because that is a key role in government and understanding all of the *Settlement Trust* finances, understanding government's needs. We also thought, and you'll notice we have in here, one male and one female. The requirement previously was for a female, but just when you looked at our Trust, we were more women than men and so we wanted to ensure that both voices were equally recommended. One of our challenges is to try to meet all of the criteria without making it so strict that you can't have some flexibility. So if you have to have a man and a woman and somebody in the settlement area and the Deputy Minister of Finance and also eligible representatives, or representatives of the eligible beneficiaries, we're starting to get a very small group of people when you look at the whole balance when also one

arm's length Trustee, but absolutely this is the time to have the discussion if we want to look at the different possibilities.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I think one of the other things to keep in mind is while, and I'm sort of maybe stepping outside a little bit, I'm out on a limb, but it's always understood that eventually Nunatsiavut employees would reside in Nunatsiavut. Therefore it can stand to reason that at some point the Deputy Minister of Finance will be a resident of Nunatsiavut.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** William, go ahead.

**MR. BARBOUR:** And, again, it just goes back a couple years now, and maybe more, Danny, three years, I think the whole intent, it was never talking about removing Sarah Leo from the Trust or removing Dan Pottle from the Trust. It was removing the political pressure of spending money versus making hard, blunt business decisions, and I think this is where it's trying to lead. And once we heard that from your predecessor, Sarah, and from the present Minister that I realize that especially when Mike Flatters reported to the Assembly about a Samson Indian Band in Alberta about the *NTI Trust* in Nunatsiavut, once they removed the elected representatives from those Trusts, the business people took it over and made blunt business decisions and those trusts started to move forward, and I think that was the only intent and nothing more than that. And I think I've said that for a couple years now.

**MS PAIN:** I think the one thing we've tried to do here is we do want to ask per the Assembly's direction, remove elected officials; we still want to have beneficiaries of the *Land Claim Agreement* to our eligible Trustees here.

So we still would like to have a majority of representative Trustees so that we're not removing all power from Inuit, we're just removing it from elected officials. So you'll notice we want to still have up to three representative beneficiaries who are still on this trust. So it'll still be Inuit involved in making all decisions around this trust and not completely removed from Nunatsiavut.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I just want to comment on what William had said. One of the things as a trustee that you learn real quickly is you really have to have almost a strong business sense. You have to have a good financial head to be able to sit on a trust and make the right decisions based on what the Trusts were intended for and where the Trusts are going with regard to what's in them. And I think it's really important, you know, when William had mentioned the First Nations in Alberta and NTI with regards to their Trust and how having the right people on the Trust made a difference. When you look at having the President or the Treasurer on the Trust you're looking at a turnover on the Trustees every two years. That's a lot to take in. There's a lot. I really can't stress enough how much there is to learn as a Trustee. You know, you're dealing with all sorts of stuff, but it's understanding the *Trust Deed* as well, and I think with these changes we can get very good trustees in these two positions that'll certainly be very beneficial to the Trust, will be beneficial to the other Trustees, and in the long run, you know, be there for the beneficiaries of the trust. So I think it's long overdue, actually, because I think at one point during some Trust meetings you talk about where the Minister of Finance had changed four

times in two years. That's a lot of inconsistency with a Trust, and when you're looking at the amount of money that's in these Trusts, you don't need that inconsistency.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions?

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Madam Chair. If there's no more discussion, I would like to move, seconded by Sarah Leo that the Assembly accept the amendments as proposed by the Trustees for removal of the President and the Treasurer of Nunatsiavut from the *Labrador Inuit Settlement Trust*. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The motion is in order. Would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. POTTLE:** No, Madam Speaker, other than to say thank you for the Assembly Members for your input into the amendments as proposed and your patience, I think, for waiting for these amendments to come to fruition for the last two or three years. As Mr. Barbour had reiterated this has been on the table for quite some time and just to, I mean, support some of the things that President Leo said with respect to the composition of the Trust in having people move in and out of these Trusts. I mean, you know, it doesn't, I don't think, bode well for the overall effective functionality of the trust and the decisions that has to be made, especially when Trust members are coming and going, and then there's a certain period of time that the Trustees need to then put into orientating and bringing and educating new trustees so that everybody's on a level playing field. So that's all I have to say. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Would anyone else like to speak to the motion? Does the Minister wish to close debate?

**MR. POTTLE:** Yes, thank you, Madam Chair.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** All in favour of the motion?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any nays? The motion is carried.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** If we're sitting as an advisory committee, or if we're sitting as the Assembly, and we just need to get clarification on that.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** So can we take, like, five minutes?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay, we'll take five minutes.

(Recess)

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. Are you ready for the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*?

**MS MICHELIN:** Yes.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay then, go ahead.

**MS MICHELIN:** Under the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, if you notice under definitions there is a definition of representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries, and that is Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. If you look to the amending formula for the *Trust Deed*, 17(2), it says that this *Trust Deed* may be amended by a three-fourth's majority decision of the representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries. So basically all that means is that before you go into discussion about this Trust, the Assembly has to adjourn as

the Assembly and you can reconvene right away as representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries to discuss amendments to this *Trust Deed*. Everything should be done as representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries. One other thing under the *Settlement Trust* the amendments to the *Settlement Trust* should have been done by special resolution. Basically, we can draft up a special resolution during the break, basically, adopting the motion that was adopted, but it should just be done in the form of a special resolution of the Assembly, okay? All right. You have to adjourn the Assembly and then you could right away reconvene as representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries. So as speaker...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Are we adjourning the Assembly now?

**MS MICHELIN:** Yes.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** And for how long?

**MS MICHELIN:** Until you deal with the amendments to the *Trust Deed* because it's like the Assembly's taking off their Assembly hat, and they're putting on their hat as representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries to deal with the amendments to the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. As soon as they've done that then you can adjourn as representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries and reconvene as the Assembly. So it's because the Assembly has a dual role, when it comes to the *Tasiujatsoak Trusts*, you deal with it as representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries, not as the Assembly.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. So the Assembly is now adjourned, and we will go into Committee of the Whole.

**MS MICHELIN:** And we reconvene as representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries for the purposes of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** For the purposes of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*.

**MS MICHELIN:** Trust, yeah.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. So here we are.

**MR. POTTLE:** We'll ask Isabella as Trustee of *Tasiujatsoak Trust* to explain in detail the amendments, and as Trustees we'll answer questions as they come forward.

**MS PAIN:** Okay, thank you. We'll do what we did for the last *Trust Deed*. We'll go through using the memo from Burnet, Duckworth and Palmer, because it lays out again the amendments that we're proposing to be made and once we finish doing that we'll go to the actual document, itself, so you can see the changes that we're proposing be made in the context of the full document. So in relation to what the Assembly requested, again, we requested to remove elected representatives from the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. So in order to do this we need to amend Section 1 to be amended to read as follows: "In creating the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* the settlor has specifically selected three Trustees who shall represent the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries herein after referred to as representatives Trustees, and two Trustees who are not Eligible Trust Beneficiaries, hereafter referred to as arm's length trustee, and have specifically included a woman as one of the Trustees so selected." Section 8(2) to be amended to read as follows: "The representative Trustees shall include at least one woman, all be Inuit, include at least one individual who resides in the *Labrador Inuit*



*Settlement Area* and not include any individual who is sitting as an elected member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly." The third amendment is that Section 8(3) would be amended to read as follows: "At all times two of the Trustees shall be individuals, each of whom is a member of senior management of the Nunatsiavut Government with one of them being either a member of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat or a member of the Finance Division of the Nunatsiavut Government." So if you want to go to the particular section, Section 8(1), oh, and this one doesn't have pages. You can see the sections that we're amending. We haven't changed 8(1). We've left 8(1) as it initially was, but Section 8(2) we've deleted the requirement for people who are in the offices of the President of the Labrador Inuit Association or thereafter the President of Nunatsiavut, and we've deleted the reference to the secretary/treasurer of the Labrador Inuit Association and the treasurer of the Nunatsiavut Government. And then in Section 8(3) we have added a line to say that, "At all times two of the Trustees shall be individuals, each of whom is a member of senior management of the Nunatsiavut Government, with one of them being either a member of Nunatsiavut Secretariat or a member of the Finance Division of Nunatsiavut Government." There are a number, again, of other amendments throughout this document, but they are consequential amendments based on those amendments being approved. We've deleted references to Labrador Inuit Association. So you'll see some of those amendments going through. I would like to speak to the issue of having management, senior management of Nunatsiavut Government. That's a new addition. When the Trustees were discussing this particular

- how we'd replace the role that the President and the Minister of Finance have played on the Trust, it was felt that it was very valuable input that the President and the Minister of Finance were able to bring. Because of their knowledge of what government was actually doing, knowledge of what government priorities were, and so that viewpoint was brought to the table. We believe that going forward; we think that there should be representatives from government still on the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* to bring forward government positions, government priorities. That doesn't mean in people's roles as trustees that what government wants is always what's going to be approved, but at least people are aware of where Nunatsiavut Government is trying to go, what its priorities are and understanding some of those particular viewpoints. And so we have changed it to include that there be two senior managers from Nunatsiavut Government on the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go ahead, Darryl.

**MR. SHIWAK:** When you say senior management, what level are you talking about?

**MS PAIN:** Director and above.

**MR. POTTLE:** With the discussion on who should be with respect to senior management, we went back to the civil service policies related to and the definition of a senior public servant has to be at the director level or higher, so we're keeping with those provisions, I guess, within the laws regarding the civil service.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Tony, go ahead.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** I suppose there is some difference if you're replacing elected officials with bureaucrats, but it's not that much difference. Those senior officials are still directly influenced by the people they're replacing, probably. I can see quite often that the senior official could be - well, someone in your position and someone in Rexanne position qualified, but very much influenced by the very people that they're replacing. So, you know, that's still not forgetting the wise words of my friend from Nain in the last discussion we had, you know. So that would be my concern, you know, are we doing then by replacing those elected officials with bureaucrat psychologists but, you know. Are we asking what the Assembly wanted to do was get rid of that influence on the Trust.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I think we are. I think what Mr. Barbour had alluded to was political interference. I kind of understand what you're saying, but I think where we were coming at is the prime example is what's happening with the community governments. Either the Deputy Minister of Finance or the Deputy Minister of the Secretariat sits on the Joint Management Committee. Without having that understanding of the Joint Management and what's happening with the community governments when proposals are coming in to the *T Trust*, it gives them a better understanding of what's happening within the communities and within Nunatsiavut with regards to particular applications that do come in. That's not saying they all come in from the community governments, but if a department within Nunatsiavut is submitting a proposal to the *T Trust*, generally it's one of those positions that are aware of what's happening within that department

financially, and if it's something that is within either the strategic plan of the government or the mandate of the government at that point, if you had somebody in that position that didn't really understand what was going on in the government, I'll put out a really extreme example. Right now we're facing a crisis with the George River Caribou Herd and we have a ban on caribou hunting. If we did not have somebody who was familiar with where the government's position on caribou, and a submission came in from a Trustee or an eligible beneficiary requesting that they be allowed to go on a hunt to provide meat to Nunatsiavummiut without understanding what the government's position is on that, that proposal could be approved, and then here we have the trust going against where the government stands on certain positions, or in which direction the government may be moving, and that's one of the reason why we felt that was important for one of those two positions to remain as part of the Trust. I think I pretty well got it.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go ahead, Gary.

**MR. MITCHELL:** I'd just like to make a comment in regard to what the AngajukKâk for Nain mentioned. I don't think that bureaucrats should be influenced by elected officials. Elected officials represent a body of people, an area. Bureaucrats don't. I think they have to look after their own job if they want to play the game fair. I, sincerely, I don't think that they'd be influenced. I just want to make that comment.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** They should listen to their boss.

**MS PAIN:** Yes, I guess in response to that one of the things that we all take very seriously is when you take on the role of a Trustee you're directed to follow the *Trust Deed* and that's it. And so when you come to sit as a Trustee, that's what you look at. You look at what your guidebook, your rulebook tells you, and so whether or not your boss is sitting there as the case, it doesn't mean we always agree on what should be. It's based on our view of what the *Trust Deed* is telling us to do, and so I think everybody shows up at the table as equals as trustees, not as bosses and employees. It's as we're taken this duty very seriously. We understand what the rules are telling us, and that's how we all look at it. So it's not as if one person thinks they have to do it because their boss might want them to do something else, and you have to be able to set that aside while you're acting in your capacity as a Trustee.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Yes, okay, and that's good and I, you know, again I believe that they're going to be - and I wonder what we have meant is get rid of the - to have a Trust that's free of government, and whether you're elected or you're a high level official you're still very much a part of that government. So, yes, I wonder, and how many new trustees again are there? Five. Two out of five.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** No, it's just one.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** One?

**PRESIDENT LEO:** It's either/or. It's not both. It's either or.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Oh, I'm sorry. Yes, okay. Thanks for clearing that up. Yeah, that's only half as bad.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Patricia.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** I'm a bit unclear as well as my counterpart. And it says at times two of the Trustees shall be individuals each of whom is a member of the senior management. So that's the Part II.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go ahead, Sarah.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** You are right. It's either one of the Deputy Ministers is one of the senior civil servants and there's still another civil servant. So there's two senior management positions out of the five on the Trust. This is how the makeup is. And, again, like I said with the *Settlement Trust*, this is just a draft coming for the, I guess in this case, the representative of the Trusts, and it's up to the representative of the trust if they want to change the composition then they could do it now. But again I'm going to put my Trustee hat on for a minute and take my President hat off, and when you're sitting on the Trust, and you see the applications come in, the first thing you do when you get the application is you look and you see, like Isabelle said, the *Trust Deed* is what guides you. The Trust tells you what you can and can't do. As a Trustee, what you can and can't approve, I guess, for lack of a better word because that's basically what you're doing, more particularly with the *T Trust* because that's where a lot of the applications come in. But it really clearly guides, it really clearly defines what you can and can't do as a Trustee. The Nunatsiavut Government is a beneficiary of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. And I think the history has shown that the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* has supported a lot of initiatives of the Nunatsiavut Government over the past several years. And I think it's

important to have that understanding of somebody from the government side, while they're sitting there as a Trustee, not to make the decision based on their position as a senior person, but to bring their knowledge and information to the Trustees with regards to certain proposals or certain projects or certain, I guess, expenditures that the Trust may be making. And that's why we felt it was important to keep those and, again, I'll say it again, as representatives or whatever the term is of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* the Assembly can amend, if they decide that maybe we shouldn't have senior management and have no representative, no representation from government on this trust then that, you know, then that can be amended as well.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** I'm not totally opposed to that. Just, it was a concern and I thought I should raise it. I suppose there is an answer to letting the Trustees know what, you know, government believes the direction they should take is. I take it's probably again under number 11.1 definitions advisory committee. And I know that in the lifetime of this Trust, I don't know that the Trust had ever received advice from a committee of the Assembly from time to time, and advisory committee that may from time to time be established, you know, for a purpose of providing advice to the Trustees. That is another place where they could get almost some good direction on, you know, if we wanted to have, I don't know, some kind of stuff but no, I'm not, and you made good arguments, I'm not going to.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Sarah.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** And I think Tony brought up a good point of how the advisory committee had never been involved with the *T Trust*, and maybe it would be a good time to say, you know what? Well, maybe there should be a little more interaction between the *T Trust* and the advisory committee as a whole. You know, maybe it's a good time, like, all it says is right here is that the advisory committee may from time to time be established for the purpose of providing advice. I think the only time right now that the advisory committee has been convened is when the audit, I believe, is tabled and that's it. That's after the money is spent, you know. Maybe that's something that can be looked at as well, as what part does the advisory committee play with regards to the *T Trust*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Gary.

**MR. MITCHELL:** I think we've opened up something here that's very interesting because as you know the NGC gets money from the Trust, but we've never been a part of that decision making as to where NGC spends their money. And I think maybe it's time that the Assembly got in on the act and started making some decisions on is NGC making the right decisions? Are they spending money in the right place that will benefit beneficiaries for what the Trust was intended?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Sarah.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** The Assembly would not be able to make the decisions. That's Trustees that make the decision. All the same the Assembly can advise but, again, a lot of the decisions kind of bounce from one to the other. I'm not familiar with the LICST, but most of the NGC is run through the LICST, not the *T*



*Trust*. While the *T Trust* has supported the LICST in some ventures, but it would be by having this advisory committee the advisory committee would not have decision making power with regards to the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. It would only be an advisory committee and that's up to the Trustees to make the decisions.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Gary.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Yes, I'd just like to know at what point would be the Assembly be brought in to play an advisory role? You know, because we never have, so what would constitute us being brought in as an advisory role?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Sarah.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** And I think that's what I was trying to get at. It's never been brought in and maybe this is a good time to maybe say, you know, once a year the advisory committee of the trust convenes to provide advice to the trustees. Maybe this is the time do it because it's never - it's done for the audit and that's it.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Charlotte.

**MS WOLFREY:** I might be a little bit late in my comment, but I was going to tell Gary if we start getting involved that's going to be political interference, isn't it, if we're involved in trying to - I mean, I can see giving advice to some of the stuff, but not when we're going to be looking at the advice about the proposal that's in, because I'd certainly be trying to politically influence what would happen in Rigolet. I'm just kind of just putting some fun in it,

but really, though, like, I think there's an advisory role wouldn't be involved in looking at some of the proposals or anything like that.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Glen.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Yes, I guess it was some time ago that I asked a question in the house about the advisory committee related to the *T Trust* and listened to the discussion. That was pretty interesting. I did hear the President say, well, maybe it's time for us to get more involved or meet once a year. I guess my question for the trust is, the first question is, how many times a year, is it once a year that you have a deadline for applications? Is it twice a year? Okay, it's twice a year. So I would feel if I'm going to be part of an advisory committee I would feel more comfortable having an advisory meeting with the trust twice a year, if you have two separate deadlines for applications to be received. That's just my thoughts.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Danny.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just one thing I think that's important is that I believe that as eligible Trust representatives, I think I got the term right, I mean, there needs to be some further discussion, I think, at this level outside of a meeting like this to fully understand the roles of the Assembly Members when it comes to your role and responsibility as being Eligible Trust Beneficiaries. I think I got the terminology right. But do you see where I'm going? I mean, you know. There needs - and there never has been in my time as an elected official, a discussion of all the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* relative to this or any other discussion. So I think that that's timely and forthcoming. It should be forthcoming as well outside of

what we're proposing today for these amendments. I think it's an education piece that needs to be looked at and given some further consideration.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Charlotte.

**MS WOLFREY:** So not too, too long ago, a couple of Assemblies ago, I remember asking a question about and I'm just wondering as the eligible - what our role is here, Trust beneficiaries. Now okay I remember asking and trying to talk about how the community Trust Funds, you know, how the money that they get is a hundred thousand dollars and the requests that they get is 400,000, and I remember asking a question about has it ever been looked at? Would it ever be raised or anything like that, and I got the answer of no, but is it in this kind of a thing where we could talk about that? Like in this as an advisory - and I'm not saying right now, but in another time as an advisory committee could we talk about something like that, or is that going to be - would that totally be left up to the Trustees?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Loretta.

**MS MICHELIN:** The Assembly has to understand that when it comes to the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, the Assembly wears two different hats. One is as an advisory committee and the other is as representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries. As the advisory committee, the advisory committee advice to the Trust is laid out in Section 611 and basically the role of the advisory committee in relation to the Trust is for purposes of determining the annual amount or amounts, if any, to be allocated, paid or transferred to Eligible Trust Beneficiaries. So it is not the, you know, how much is going

to go here, who's going to get it? It's the annual amount. That's the advice that the advisory committee can give to the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*.

**MS PAIN:**

Just a comment to your question, Charlotte. This *Trust Deed* actually requires that each community volunteer centre gets a hundred thousand a year, so that's one of the first calls on any amounts coming in on an annual basis to the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. Volunteer centres have been set up in each community, and what we do is we - they provide us with annual reports so that we know what they're doing. As long as it falls in line with their bylaws and the bylaws each of the volunteer centres has created, we don't interfere because they have submitted to us copies of all of their bylaws so we know the kinds of things they can fund, and we don't see them as contrary to what our bylaws are. So other than making sure that they're not spending money on something that's not within their bylaws, we don't say you should be doing something different because as Trustees, I'm not in Rigolet to know what Rigolet's priorities are as an example, which is one of the reasons we have volunteer centres in each community so each community can decide some of its own priorities.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Sarah.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I just sort of want to pick up on what Danny had talked about and where we were going with when we started discussing the advisory committee and the, I guess, the interaction between the Assembly and the advisory committee or the beneficiaries of the Trust, and I think that's one thing that's really important maybe once after the election and we have people around this table, whether it's the same people or new people, is one of

the things is basically Trust 101. These are the Trusts that the Nunatsiavut Government or beneficiaries of the Land Claims - what am I looking for? Representatives of the Trust. This is what they're responsible for. This is what the Trusts are for. This is what the *Trust Deed* says and this is what the makeup of the Trust is. This is how appointments are made to the Trusts, that sort of thing. Just a basic Trust 101 because I know at some point I could have used that and was a fast learning curve once you're actually a Trustee, but even as an Assembly Member, I think we should all be aware of what *Trusts* are out there, you know, what's the difference between the *Settlement Trust*, the *Implementation Trust* and the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* and the *Capital Investment Strategy Trust*? You know, those are important things because I think, too, as elected officials, we're often called out on what decisions the Trusts have made and, you know, if we understand how the Trusts are made up and why there are certain Trusts for certain things, I think it would make everybody's life a lot easier, and certainly be great information for Assembly Members to understand that. And then also it would help with understanding what is the role of the Assembly as the advisory committee with regards to the *T Trust*? You know, what's with regards to the *Implementation Trust*, where does the Nunatsiavut Government fall into that? I think those are important things. But right now we're just dealing with the changes on the *T Trust*, but it certainly brings a lot of discussion about *Trusts* in general.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions or comments? Go ahead, Patricia.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you. Because we had a little bit of a discussion earlier on two senior management positions with Nunatsiavut Government, I would like to suggest we change 8.3 to say at least one of the Trustees shall be an individual who was a member of senior management of the Nunatsiavut Government with one of them being either a member of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat or a member of the Finance Division of Nunatsiavut Government because sometimes there might be two, but if you say at least one, I don't know, that's just a thought. Because I'm a little bit concerned too where there's only five Trustees and two of them will be Nunatsiavut Government senior management.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Sarah.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** So what you're recommending is that there'll be one senior management and that senior management will either be the Deputy Minister of Finance or the Deputy Minister of the Secretariat. Is that what you're saying?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Wayne.

**MR. PIERCY:** I'd have to disagree with that, I think, because then it takes away from what we talked about earlier of having knowledge of what's going on within our government. So I think I would have to disagree with that part of it.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Herb.

**MR. JACQUE:** Yes, I'm just wondering now if, say, Inuit Community Government was waiting on the decision from the Trust and there was a vacancy, do you

have a number that you would have to have a quorum or how does it work? Thanks.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Section 9 deals with meetings of Trustees quorums and decisions and 9.1 says "The majority of the trustees will constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Trustees provided, however, that two of the representative Trustees and one arm's length Trustees form part of that quorum."

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Tony, did you have your hand up?

**MR. ANDERSEN:** I was going to ask only that three have to represent Eligible Trust Beneficiaries. And two are not. The two have to be arm's length width, but then when you bring in those two from the government then it's going to complicate things from time to time, hey, because sometimes it might be a beneficiary, sometimes it might not be, and it might be male or female, and sometimes it might be a male that represents arm's length and the next day it could be a female that represents. It's a little bit tricky there, no? How do you - or that you don't see that as being going to complicate this into. It's quite clear, like, it says three who represent eligible beneficiaries and two arm's length, right?

**MS PAIN:** I think it could get tricky and complicated, but I think that what you always have to do is meet the fact that two have to be arm's length, and then two or one, whatever the decision is who are senior officials of Nunatsiavut Government, but then you also have to ensure that at least one is a woman, that the representative ones are all beneficiaries, they're all Inuit and that one has to reside in LISA. So however you're looking at the composition you have to have those minimum requirements as well, so

that may require juggling, or it may be that one person is a beneficiary, is in the settlement area and is a woman who can - you still - it doesn't have to be that you have to have separate people be all these three things. You just need to have those voices there and one person can be one or two or three of those things at times, but it could be very complicated and tricky when you have one person who may leave or resign or whatever that when you think of your next person you'd have to take into account what categories you'd need to have.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more comments or questions? If not I think we'll take a 25-minute break.

(Recess)

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. We're still in sitting as Eligible Trust Beneficiaries to the *Tasiujatsoak Trust Deed*. So I'll recognize Danny again.

**MR. POTTLE:** Sorry, can you repeat your directive? Can you repeat your direction. I was in a sidebar conversation with another member. I didn't quite hear you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** We're still in the meeting of *Tasiujatsoak Trust Deed* as Eligible Trust Beneficiaries. So are you prepared to make a motion? Okay. Then, go ahead.

**MR. POTTLE:** I move, seconded by Sarah Leo, that resolution of the representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries to amend the *Tasiujatsoak Trust Deed*. Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution on September the 11th, 2013 that the *Trust Deed* be amended to remove



elected officials as Trustees, and whereas it directed that the President and treasurer remain as trustees until new Trustees are appointed by the appropriate authority, and whereas legal counsel has prepared the required amendment to the *Trust Deed* for review by the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries, and whereas the amended *Trust Deed* has been tabled in the Assembly as tabled document 3-12-2 and has been reviewed by representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries. Be it resolved that the representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries adopt the amendment to the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* as tabled.

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Point of order.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Pardon me?

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Point of order.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Point of order? Okay, state your point.

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Just a clarification, Minister. Your document should be 3-2(12) instead of 3-122.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you for that correction and it's duly noted that the document is 3-212.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** So it's just that the top of the page should be 3-212.

**MR. POTTLE:** Shall I read it again?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. Did you want to read it again.

**MR. POTTLE:** I move, seconded by Sarah Leo, that the resolution of the representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries to amend the *Tasiujatsoak Trust Deed*. Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution on

September 11th, 2013, that the *Trust Deed* be amended to remove elected officials as Trustees. And whereas it directed that the President and treasurer remain as Trustees until new Trustees are appointed by the appropriate authority. And whereas legal counsel has prepared the required amendment to the *Trust Deed* for review by representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries. And whereas the amended *Trust Deed* has been tabled in the Assembly as tabled document 3-2(12) and has been reviewed by representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries. Be it resolved that the representatives of the Eligible Trust Beneficiaries adopt the amendments to the *Tasiujatsoak Trust Deed* as tabled.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The motion is in order. Would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. POTTLE:** No, Madam Chair, not at this time. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Would anyone else wish to speak to the motion? All those in favour?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any nays? The motion is passed. We will come back into the Assembly. Yes.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Are we still in a Committee of the Whole?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Yes. We can be in Committee of the Whole because yes, we're in a Committee of the Whole right now. We're not into the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. So we're in a Committee as a Whole and where we agreed on the motion on the *Land Claims Settlement Trust*, I just want to say this was a special resolution, so I'll just read to you the special resolution that we had passed earlier. Special resolution of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims*

*Settlement Trust* March 4, 2014. Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution on September 11, 2013 that *Trust Deed* be amended to remove elected officials as Trustees and whereas the resolution that the amendment should include that the two new Trustees be beneficiaries with at least one residing in the *Labrador Inuit Settlement Area* and two of the five Trustees being non-elected government officials. And whereas it directed that the President and treasurer remain as Trustees until new Trustees are appointed by the appropriate authority. And whereas legal counsel has prepared the required amendment to the *Trust Deed* for review by the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And whereas the amended *Trust Deed* has been tabled in the Assembly as tabled document 2-2(12) and has been reviewed in Committee of the Whole, now therefore be it resolved that I move, seconded by the President, that tabled document 2-2(12) the *Labrador Inuit Claims Settlement Trust Deed* be adopted as tabled. So this was the special resolution that we agreed to earlier before we went into the other *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. Everybody understood? So now we're going to come out of the Committee of the Whole and go back into Assembly. One moment, five minutes.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ullâkut Illonasi I'd like to call the Assembly to order. If you could stand for the prayer, please. Loving heavenly father, we come to you this hour, asking for your blessing and help as we are gathered together. We pray for guidance in the matters at hand, and ask that you would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Give us the desire to find ways to excel in our work. Help us to work together and

encourage each other to excellence. We ask that we would challenge each other to reach higher and further to be the best we can be. We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

**ASSEMBLY:** Amen.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** We'll go down to number three, "Minister Statements," are there any Minister Statements? I'd like to recognize the Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll do a very brief statement from Nunatsiavut Affairs and, again, a very brief statement from Lands and Natural Resources. Nunatsiavut Affairs Implementation. The Implementation Committee met with the board chairs and executive director on January 28th, 2014 to discuss the final drafting of the proposed 2014-2015 Board Budgets and Funding Agreements. Follow-up work has been done by conference and we will have the *Board Funding Agreement* signed by March, 2014. The next face-to-face meeting is scheduled for Nain in late May, 2014. The fiscal negotiators are scheduled to meet by conference the week of March 17th to discuss the process and schedule for the 10-year implementation plan renewal negotiation. Infrastructure. The NG staff moved from the Markland building in Makkovik to the new office complex on February 2nd, 2014. Minor deficiencies are being completed, and staffs are excited to be finally in their new work place. The NG has purchased what is currently the DFO office building in Rigolet. NG will take possession of this building on April 1st, 2014. However, we would require renovations, several which will result in adequate office building for NG staff. The NG is still

reviewing options for purchase of an additional office building for here in Hopedale. NLHC has agreed to transfer a house located here in Hopedale to the NG to support the DHSD Supportive Living Program. Housing. On February 12th President Leo and myself, as she said yesterday, met with Minister Kevin O'Brien and discussed the housing needs within Nunatsiavut, the Nunatsiavut Housing Needs Assessment and the need for a joint press release and the appointment of a working group to commence work on a strategy for implementation of the assessment recommendations. We have a very positive response from the Minister on these issues, and we'll work very hard to ensure that progress is made sooner rather than later on those issues.

Transportation. On February 11th I met with Minister McGraw to discuss marine transportation in the Nain airstrip. The RFP closes for the new transportation vessel April 30th, 2014, but the province says it's still committed to having the replacement vessel in operation in 2016.

Concerns were brought forward. Minister McGraw stated these issues will be reviewed. Then we know exactly the type of, the size of vessel that will replace the Northern Ranger. He did state, however, that eliminating Lewisporte is the province's preference and is compliant with the province's policy that road connections will eliminate those ferry services. Minister McGraw committed to keeping the NG informed on the progress of the RFP and the issue of necessary new structure to accommodate the new vessel. The Northern Ranger and the Astron will be on the same schedule as last year, however, the province is still looking for a backup freight vessel to support the Astron if and when necessary. The Northern

Ranger is currently on dry dock and undergoing complete refit, and will be ready for the start of the marine service whenever ice conditions permit.

The province will keep the NG updated on these issues. The Nain Airstrip. The exact location for the proposed Nain airstrip has not yet been confirmed and the weather study results are still being reviewed.

The province and the federal government still continue to discuss possible funding arrangement for this project. Lands and Natural Resources.

There will be a public notice going out today regarding George River Caribou information forums. It will read, please be advised that officials from the provincial department of the environment and conservation and the Department of Justice will hold a series of public forums to provide information on the latest data on the George River Caribou Herd. The forms will also allow an opportunity to hear concerns from the public with respect to current provincial harvesting ban. Officials from the

Nunatsiavut Department of Lands and Natural Resources will be present at the forums. Forums will be held in the communities on March 10th,

Nain, Nunatsiavut Government boardroom, March 11th, Hopedale, Nunatsiavut Assembly building, March 12th, Postville, Community

Recreation Hall, March 13th, Makkovik Community Hall, March 14th in Rigolet in the Inuit Community Government boardroom. All forums will

begin at 7:00 p.m. I would like to stress that even though this is going out on Nunatsiavut Government letterhead, we had to do this at short notice.

This is not our meeting. For complications within the provincial system, they could not put out this notice as quick as we could. We want to stress that we had to do this at the 11th hour, but it is their meeting, but we

encourage everybody to attend, and encourage your constituents to attend and let them know that this is a provincial government meeting, but we will be in attendance at the meeting. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you. The Honourable Minister of Education.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I have a couple of short reports this morning to read. The first one is from the Department of Education or the Education Division from the PSSSP Program updated February 25th, 2014. Start-up numbers for January showed that we had 181 students registered, 153 full-time and 28 part-time in our PSSSP Program. During the fall we had 3 students discontinue for medical reasons, 6 graduated and 14 discontinued for personal or other reasons. The winter semester has been progressing well. We did an interruption of studies at two institutions due to strikes, but both were settled within a few weeks. We're in contact with the affected students, encouraged them to continue with their studies and assignments during the down time. Both institutions have indicated there is no need for extensions on the term, and completion dates will remain the same as our recent plan. I believe universities have gone back and the strikes are over, to my knowledge. The deadline for applications for the 2014-15 academic years was March 1st. Applications were coming in daily and we expect over the next few weeks the number of applicants would increase significantly. Jodie's been continuing with community visits and reminding students of the deadline. And I might add, Jodie Lane is now Education Manager with our division, has moved on from the education counsellor that she was, the

position she had, and she's taking on her responsibilities with the Education Division. Sophia Semigak started work with the PSSSP office in January in St. John's in the secretary/receptionist position. She's a maternity replacement until the fall. Communications with MUN has been ongoing for the Inuit Bachelor of Education Program, and we hope to do another recruiting campaign in the coming weeks. At this point we are still hoping for a start date for September, 2014. Now I just had an update to that. The information sessions regarding the teacher training program, the Bachelor of Education Program, you might want to call it. We are holding information sessions on the Bachelor of Education Program due to start in Happy Valley, Goose Bay at the Friendship Centre starting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 10th. Representatives of Memorial University, the Labrador Institute as well as Nunatsiavut Government will be in attendance at this session. Applications will be made available at this time for anyone interested in applying for the teaching program. You may pass this message on to anybody in Upper Lake Melville who may be interested. Also, if they can't make it to that meeting on Monday, Jodie and Lucy Brennan will be in Happy Valley, Goose Bay and Upper Lake Melville area for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings as well, and we'll talk to students who might be interested. Jodie and Memorial University representatives will be doing a circuit of all Nunatsiavut communities in the coming weeks to do information sessions on the teaching program and see how many people are interested in applying for the teaching program. So update from LAMP, although we're LAMP is not under us, we're a partner with LAMP, so we ask for a report, short report, on what



the activities are with LATP. This was updated on March 3rd. The LATP has progressed significantly over the past couple months towards the start-up of training programs. The College of the North Atlantic has been awarded training contracts in the areas of re-bar, power steel assembler, construction craft worker, commercial truck driver, cement truck driver programs and scaffolding, all of which will commence on or before March 31st and occur in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. In addition, pressure pipe and steel fabrication will be offering some training in the area of rebar at their shop in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. Finally, we are offering a Construction Craft Worker Program in the community of Nain. The focus of the program will be on cement work and, as a result, the theory portion will be held in Nain while the practical portion will be held at the campus in Happy Valley. The LATP has also and are continuing to sponsor a number of safety-related safe training bundle packages consisting of standard first aid, confined space, fire protection, WHMIS, traffic control and power line hazards, the most common components required for work at the Lower Churchill Project as devised by Nalcor. These training programs, hopefully, will take place somewhere on the north coast. We'll be looking at Hopedale. We haven't decided on a place yet or a community building. It's in Happy Valley. The LATP is currently seeking candidates for these and other training programs we offer. The councillors, both in Nain and Happy Valley, have been working diligently to recruit individuals and selection of these candidates will be occurring in the year future. I understand that yesterday there was a new list of students that came through to our office, and shows that there are a

number of applicants that are coming from the north coast and hopefully they will get through the programs and get jobs at Muskrat Falls. And I think the beauty of this is they can get training for work at Muskrat Falls, and the training that they get the LATP can also take them into the Voisey's Bay project and it looks like that's going to be a goal, like the underground mining so they can move into jobs at Voisey's Bay where we have an IBA and, you know, with an IBA you're guaranteed a better chance of getting jobs there, but hopefully the training jobs for LATP will - they'll gain some employment for the Lower Churchill jobs from our Nunatsiavut communities. Nakummek.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Do we have any more Minister Statements? I'd like to recognize the Honourable President, Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just have a couple of points outside of this that basically come from the Secretariat. The first one is throughout the tragedy around the death of Loretta Saunders we've been focusing on the family and the support for the family, but at this time I want to acknowledge the support that our Department of Health and Social Development did in supporting the family, themselves. I think they provided a lot of support. Patricia was in touch with me throughout from the time she went missing till even up till today as to what's happening, but I think it just goes to show the commitment from the staff and the department from the Minister down that was provided to the Saunders family through all of this, and I want to acknowledge that. On to another point. Darryl mentioned the George River information sessions. Again, I

only want to stress that I think while this is a meeting that is being conducted by the province, I think it's important that we, as elected officials, are there to hear what our beneficiaries have to say and I'm sure they'll probably be questions about our own actions up to this point. So if at all possible I would really encourage all the elected officials to be at these meetings. Just recently you're all familiar with the UPCART and where we've been going with that. We had planned a meeting for April, but due to everybody's schedules that's been postponed now to possibly the 19th of May. Up till now we have not engaged with either the province of Newfoundland or the province of Quebec because we felt at this point we wanted to leave it as an Aboriginal round table. Mostly because we didn't see either province doing anything with regards to any sort of management plan or working on the conservation and preservation of our valued George River Caribou Herd. Just this week the UPCART had received a letter jointly from the provinces of Quebec and Newfoundland acknowledging the UPCART, acknowledging the importance of the UPCART and that the provinces are jointly working on a management plan and they want to set up a liaison committee between the UPCART and the provinces to work on this management plan. We think that right now the initial response is finally they're looking at a management plan for the George River Herd. The UPCART, obviously, has to discuss the letter because timing of getting the governments involved in what we are doing as Aboriginal leaders is very - it's always been something that's been discussed at the UPCART, but everybody's feeling at this point around the UPCART, itself, was we're not ready to have the governments involved.

They weren't involved before we were ready to move ahead. We have the draft outline of the management plan done. So it'll be interesting to see where the other members of the UPCART want to proceed with the letter. I see it as very positive. I see it as very encouraging that the two provinces are actually talking about a management plan and that they recognize the UPCART as being part of that plan. So they'll be more to follow on that. On one final note I have to acknowledge the Nunatsiavut teams that were part of Cain's Quest. Unfortunately Errol Andersen and Roy Martin couldn't complete the race, but I think what they've done, they've done really well and they should be proud of themselves. We have Joey Angnatok and Sidney Dicker of Nain still in the race. Hopefully they'll be here this afternoon and I want to say hats off to them for making Nunatsiavut proud in doing so well in the race. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek. I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Health, Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. This morning I'll do a couple of brief highlights from the Health Department. A Trauma and Addictions two-week program was held in Nain in January and was very successful. During the month of February the team has been focusing on landbased outings for men at the Labrador Correctional Centre. There was also an event in Goose Bay for elder men where several men took part in some training and landbased outings so they would be more comfortable sharing with participants back in their own home communities. A planning

circle meeting with Child Youth and Family Services was held in January and since that time meetings have been held related to cultural training for social workers and foster parents in the Roddickton area, as well as Happy Valley, Goose Bay. Meetings are scheduled to review all children currently in the Roddickton area. There are currently 26 Inuit children in this area which is greatly reduced to at one time there was 44. There have been no Inuit children from Nunatsiavut placed in Roddickton area since in the last 18 months, but we still want to strive to bring our children home. We have finally hired an elder co-ordinator, Doris Flowers, and we are very pleased. Doris comes with much experience, traditional knowledge and *Inuttitut* language. We are very pleased to have her on our team. We have finally completed the residential school banners. There will be two banners for each community with survivors highlighted. They are expected to be completed within six weeks. There will be community events to launch the banners and raise awareness of residential schools. I want to thank the Resource Centre for their patience in this project. Department of Health in Rigolet and the English school board partnered to have residential school survivors and school children come together on Family Literacy Day and the residential school survivors shared their experience of attending school. This was a very huge success and the residential school survivors in Rigolet wanted to have a banner erected in the school with all the residential school survivors in Rigolet's name on it, and it's going to be put in a library so that people who visit the library will remember the residential school survivors, and

that came from the survivor group in Rigolet and I thought that was a really excellent idea. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Any more Minister Statements? Then we'll move down to the next item on our list, "Member Statements," are there any Member Statements? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canadian Constituency, Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. On behalf of the Canadian Constituency I would like to extend our thanks to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism for holding engagement sessions in St. John's to ensure that beneficiaries had the opportunity to provide input into developing the story lines for Illusuak. The other beneficiaries in Canada, Madam Speaker, will have the opportunity to provide input into developing the story lines through email or regular post to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. The department will provide information on Illusuak to the Canadian Constituency Office to be distributed to the Canadian Constituency in our next mail out scheduled for next week. On behalf of the Canadian Constituency, Madam Speaker, I would like to thank beneficiaries, the elected officials and the Nunatsiavut Civil Service for your support to elected officials representing Canada for the past four years. I would like also, on behalf of the Canadian Constituency, Madam Speaker, to wish all those seeking election all the best during the upcoming election for Ordinary Members. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Chair of NunaKâtiget, Max Winters.

**MR. WINTERS:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation we pass on our sincere sympathy to the Saunders-Terriak family. We hope that the family will find comfort in knowing that our prayers and thoughts are with them in this time of sorrow. Also I would fully support a Grieving Committee in this community to support the families in their time of need. At this time on behalf of my family and I, I would like to thank this Assembly for all the care and kindness given to me while I am in this position. I'm not going to give out yet, but on behalf of my family, it's very much appreciated. A special thank you to Minister Kemuksigak and Mr. Mitchell for the time they found in their busy schedule to address the issues that I had brought forward to them. Also to Ed Tuttauk for knocking on my door at meal times. All this was very much appreciated by me and my family. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Winters. I'd now like to recognize the Chair of Sivunivut, Ed Tuttauk.

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. In 1973 the Government of Newfoundland asked the citizens of the province to develop special projects to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Newfoundland's 1949 Confederation with Canada. Michael S. Martin, the member of the House of Assembly for the District of Labrador South took this as an opportunity to do something significant to celebrate Labrador's distinct heritage by developing the Labrador flag. I'd like to quote Mr. Martin. "We needed colours that represented elements of our land and an emblem that

represented all parts of the country and all ethnic races. The final outcome was a tri-colour white, green, blue, in horizontal bars and the top staff corner a star lights twig of the black spruce, the tree that is found in all parts of the country and had played a central role in our lives in history. The top white bar of the flag represents the snows, the one element which more than any other coloured our culture and dictated our lifestyles. The bottom blue bar represents the waters of our rivers, lakes and oceans. The waters, like the snows of winter, have been our highways and nurtured our fishing wildlife that was our sustenance and the basis of our economy. The centre beam bar represents the land, the green and bountiful land which is a connecting element that unites our three diverse cultures. The twig of the black spruce tree in two-year growths represents the past and the future. The shorter growth of the inner twig represents the hard times of the past, while the longer outer twigs speak of our hopes for the future. The twig is typically in three branches and represents here the three original founding races of modern Labrador, the Innu, the Inuit, and the white settlor. The three branches emerging from a common stalk represents the commonality of all humankind, regardless of race." Our intention was that this would be simply a celebration project and I expected nothing further to come of it. March 31st will be the 40th anniversary of the Labrador flag, and I encourage every Labradorian regardless of where they reside they celebrate the one symbol that has brought all Labradorians together since it was first unveiled. Nakummek.



**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Tuttauq. Are there any more Member Statements? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I make my last Member Statement today as Ordinary Member for Hopedale, and as elected official for Nunatsiavut Government. The past few years sure has been educational, an experience I'll always remember. Madam Speaker, our region has many accomplishments and our government, as young as it is, has made many differences. As time goes on, Madam Speaker, I would only hope that the new members of the house continue to fight for the betterment of our people and our residents to push for all departments to be relocated to Nunatsiavut to enforce a plan for housing of all levels to sustain our communities. Madam Speaker, as an elected official of Nunatsiavut I have taken pride in representing all Inuit. And I would like to wish all members around this table the best of luck in all their future endeavours seeking re-election or not. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Nochasak. Are there any more Member Statements? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I just have a few words to say on as well as to thank the Assembly and the Civil Service for their support while I was one of the members representing Upper Lake Melville. I really enjoyed my term. We went into head long and there was a lot of work involved, and hopefully we've laid some ground work while we were sitting as the Assembly. We never always got the answers that we wanted, or

issues dealt with in the way we wanted, but we have some successes, yes, and we've laid some ground work which we can take with us into the next sitting or whoever is in the next sitting, take that and build onto that because we have a lot of future ahead of us, a lot of people depending on us to come up with the answers they're looking for to help them get a better way of life, and I wish everybody much success in their campaign as you go out and meet the people and talk to the people about the issues that they might want to help with. I'd like to thank the voters of Upper Lake Melville for electing me to be here and representing them, and hope I've done something for them. You know, there's been a lot of interaction with the public in Upper Lake Melville and hopefully I've made some difference in somebody's life or put them onto something that, you know, that's made a little difference for them. I also overlooked something this morning that with regard to the unfortunate and tragic death of Loretta Saunders and that is the Department of Education and Economic Development is making a financial contribution to the family to assist with funeral expenses, and I thank the NEC for supporting us in that move to help with some financial assistance for the family of Loretta Saunders. Nakummek, Madam Speaker and everybody else. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. Are there any more Member Statements?

Then we'll move down to the next item on our list, "Returns to Oral Questions," are there any returns to oral questions today? No returns today. Then we'll move down to the next item, "Oral Questions." Do we

have any oral questions? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is for Honourable Minister of Education and Economic Development, Gary Mitchell. I heard you talking about LATP and how our people are going to be trained, and I'd just like to say that I think that we're giving people false hope when we're telling them that we expect them to get jobs at Muskrat Falls because in the first place they've got to be in the union, and there's hardly any people in the union. But my question to you is for you to say that to people, have you been promised us to have so many jobs at Muskrat Falls, and if we have, how many is it and under what circumstances, like, what do we have to draw on? I know that for Voisey's Bay we got our IBA to draw on, but with Muskrat Falls we've got nothing, and I don't want people to get a false sense of security that they're going to go and train to learn how to build a scaffold or put rebar down or whatever and expect to have a job at Muskrat Falls because I know lots of people with lots of education and lots of skills that already can't get jobs at Muskrat Falls. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Education.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I apologize if I'm putting false hope in people by saying they're being promised jobs in Muskrat Falls. I don't think that in my statements I made any promises. I said we're training people for Muskrat Falls jobs. That's not up to me to give them the jobs. We don't have an IVA or an agreement with Muskrat Falls, but we are training them for jobs at Muskrat Falls, and I don't think that's a false

statement. Whether they get the jobs or not, that's up to the companies, up to the unions, and we've been meeting with the unions and the company, not the unions but Nalcor. Deputy Minister McNeill and I have had several meetings with them, and you can only meet with them and lobby. You know, it's up to Nalcor to take it from that and even Nalcor been telling us that if you've got a problem, come to us. So when people have problems with getting their resumes we've gone to them. Where it goes from there, you know, there's only so much we can do, but I'd just like to reiterate that there's been no promises. It's a general term that we're training people in Muskrat Falls and that is happening. They're training. Whether they get hired or not, that's up to the unions and the company, and it's been a struggle trying to get trained people to get jobs there. Hopefully now when they ramp up the employment numbers next month that some of these beneficiaries that have been training with LATP will find employment that they're looking for from these jobs that they're being trained for, but I apologize again if I'm giving people false hope about promised jobs at Muskrat Falls. Maybe I shouldn't be saying that jobs from Muskrat Falls, like, you know, because hopefully they'll find work somewhere, but that's the obvious intent of LATP and that was the general term was LATP was established, that there's going to be job from Muskrat Falls. Other than that, I can't say anything else, really.

Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** You don't have a supplementary, do you? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is related to wildlife and it's directed to the Minister responsible for Lands and Natural Resources. During his report this morning, Madam Speaker, he mentioned community consultations that may be led by the provincial government; however, we will have involvement as NG. Past history have shown, Madam Speaker, that we've, as NG have come under quite heavy scrutiny from the public on who may be attending from the NG and who can and cannot answer questions to the public. So my question for the Minister would be, or can he tell me this morning who might be travelling on those community consultations from the department? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Lands.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. During our requests for the province to come to the communities, for these consultations and to be able to answer the public and beneficiaries on the ban, the enforcement of the ban, it was always our goal to get our level of officials from the provincial government into the communities so that they can answer those direct questions on what will be enforced and what will the charges be. Right now, I can confirm that it would be an ADM of the conservation department, Colin Firth, I think it is, from the Department of Justice. I'm not quite sure. But you can be ensured there's not going to be an enforcement officer. There's going to be someone that can answer the questions of the people on enforcement and how the ban will be enforced. So it will be very effective and, as well, we're going to be at the meeting. We have representation at the meeting that so we can answer questions

on what we've been doing with the province, what they should even bring to the province, and our position on the ban of the George River Caribou. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd like to recognize AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is to Patricia Kemuksigak, Honourable Minister of Health. I would like to know when Nunatsiavut Health is planning on having programs in the communities and they're bringing people from the outside to run these communities, do they check with the workers in the communities or people in the communities to find out what skills people already got in our communities, and I'm going to give an example of what I'm talking about. I was looking on our bulletin board in Rigolet on Facebook and there was a message that said that Peter Irniq and I really respect Peter and his work, was holding an igloo building workshop and soap stone carving workshop in Rigolet, and we've got people in Rigolet that, one person, anyway, that went up and got a training course in building igloos and paid for it by himself, so he's certainly qualified to build igloos, and he's also a soap stone carver and I thought it was him. So and then I realized that it wasn't him and I started to ask some questions, but I'm just saying is there a plan to look in the communities for the expertise that's already there? Because that's an insult to our people when we've got our people that can already do that and we're bringing someone in from the outside. And if it's something, other skills that he has then we could still have our people working side by

side with him to bring the physical part of that program. So I'd just like to know how they go about planning those programs and where they would get their information from about who can do what in the communities because I'd like to see us put our money in the communities if it's at all possible. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Health.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. That is a concern and it's been raised in other communities as well. We've been directed to try to get our own people in the programs that people, such as Peter Irniq do in our communities. Its Culture is Healing. What has been implemented in Hopedale is Peter is going to do a workshop and has done one with males in the community who do offer traditional knowledge, such as Ulu making or drum making, carving, all different aspects. Some of them are comfortable with the life skills portion or their expertise portion, for instance, the carving to teach men to carve, young men, but they're not comfortable with the healing aspect and talking about how culture is healing. So Peter is going to be doing workshops with identified resource people on how they can also talk to men about healing. So we're trying to slowly build a capacity in the communities. Now, unfortunately, in Rigolet's case it should have been, if there was no resource people comfortable on speaking on the healing portion, it should have been Peter Irniq and the resource people who have the skills working together. So, unfortunately, that didn't happen in Rigolet, but I will send out something to ensure that that happens because we really

need to build the capacity of our own people and we have to honour our own elders, and I really believe that to be important. Some people may be slightly uncomfortable talking about healing portion, but if they acquire the skills they need and build their confidence level, I'm sure we do have our own people as illustrated with our elder co-ordinator. She's a very strong, confident elder and I'm very positive she'll do wonderful work. So we need to start building up our own people. One of the areas that people felt they needed help in was reaching young men, especially in Hopedale and Nain. So that's why this program is being put in place. In Hopedale, as a pilot, they're training the resource people and the elders in the community and also teaching them about healing so that they can do work with young men. Now I don't know if I answered the question or not, but in a roundabout way we are wanting to step towards using outside resources less to and our own people more. Thank you for the question and thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS. NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question this morning is for First Minister Shiwak, your other ministerial hat, Lands and Natural Resources. In your report you referenced to a quick discussion with the Provincial Ministers on the Hopedale contamination file, and it was said that at the moment there are no real decisions being made until their budget with the province is finalized. My question is also a concern. I'd like to know how much of a presence our Lands and Natural Resources still has on this file,



and it's more of a concern to me because contamination in Hopedale is still a very large concern for all the residents here and it scares me with where the discussions are going right now in regards of the province saying that well, we're not really making any decisions until we get the budget finalized. I just want to know if they fall short on their responsibilities, will the Lands and Natural Resources Department start putting pressure back on the province in regards to this file in making sure that it does finish and deserves the clean up our community deserves? Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, and in our meeting with Minister Shea and you're absolutely correct, we made it very clear that this has gone on way, way too long. This has gone on further than it should have. Made it very clear that a full clean-up needs to be committed to. All across the north there are contaminated sites being cleaned up, but this is the only site where there's a community living below the site. So this one should be given extra priority. We made it very clear that they need to budget for a full clean-up, and like I said in my statement the Minister said back to us they cannot commit to us until after the budget is put out and they don't know what that commitment will be, whether it's for a few years, whether it's for a full clean-up. We made it very clear to her that that is not good enough. The community and us as a government, Department of Lands and Resources, we're getting to a point where we're going to have to say enough is enough and further action is going to have to be taken. I did

not relay to the Minister what that further action is, but we are getting to that point where either they commit or we step up whatever action we take, but we - again I haven't committed to the Minister what that would be, but she hasn't committed anything, but we are getting to a point where we cannot go any further until there's something done. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister responsible for Culture, Tourism, and it's related to the, I will call it, Madam Speaker, the second part of the Rosetta Stone, which I think went off in each community last week. The reason it didn't go off in our community of Postville, between myself and the CLO we felt very uncomfortable in what we might be faced with related to technical questions on the Rosetta Stone. So my question for the Minister this morning would be can he tell me this morning when somebody, the date somebody might be in Postville from your department for the reason of putting off the second part of the Rosetta Stone? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Culture.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek UKâtik. Thank you, Ordinary Member for Postville for the question. Last week after we did the celebration for the Rosetta Stone Level 2, we did talk about sending a team whether or not it's the language co-ordinator, Tony White, and someone like Rita Andersen who has

worked on the Rosetta Stone Level 1 and Level 2 for 10 years, to show the communities how the program works and to show how, you know, you can use the program. And we didn't come to a conclusion of when we would do that, but when I do go back now I will certainly speak to the team and confirm with you when we could come to the communities and to show Postville and the other communities of how the program could be used and how it could be evaluated also. And so I will do that as soon as I get back to my office. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek. I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member from Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question again this morning is for First Minister Shiwak. I'm looking for an update on the relocation of departments to Nunatsiavut, relocation of program, staff, offices, etcetera. There have been some proposed dates bouncing around on such issues like in the strategic plan, etcetera, in the past, and I'd like to know where we are on this. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, and right now where we're at I think at the last sitting I'd informed the Assembly that we did have a draft plan presented to the NEC from there. The direction given was to start putting the information together from the HR perspective and from the infrastructure perspective, and that's what we're doing. Right now we're going into an election so we will get that information put together to ensure that again that's a file that needs to keep moving. It's very

important that it keeps going ahead, and again with President Leo they're pushing it, and with a new Executive Council coming on board they will have all the information to ensure that that plan keeps progressing. But there's a number of issues, like I say, need to be put together as infrastructure within the communities that the need's there, the number of employees that exists overall in the government inside of Nunatsiavut and outside of Nunatsiavut, and then you have to decisions on the position that will move, and you have to know the numbers and where they will move. So that information is still being put together, but it will be put together for when the new Executive Council is in place to make that decision, and make decisions on where positions go, where departments or divisions go within Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek. I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I guess my question or issue of concern is directed to the Minister responsible for Lands and Resources. Yesterday I asked you a question regarding trapping and snaring in our community, and to my understanding I thought it would be under return to oral questions today. And I'm just wondering if you had any clarification on that for me. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** And my apologies. I did say in the Assembly that I would have a return to your oral question in regards to that issue. At the time, it was my understanding it would be more of a simpler issue to answer than I had

anticipated. Bringing it back to the department, there are issues that we need to do a bit of research on so that I can provide the AngajukKâk for Makkovik the most appropriate and the best answer that we can give. There's a bit of research that needs to be done, but we will provide an answer in a very timely manner. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek. Are there any more questions? Herb Jacque, AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, to Minister Lampe, I'm just wondering in the past Members of the Assembly received a copy of the first Rosetta Stone. Will we receive a copy of the second edition? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Minister of Culture.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. Right now we are, as a department, selling the program for \$100, but beneficiaries get a 50 percent discount. So the program is worth \$50 for our beneficiaries, but I don't know that we will give away the program to elected officials. I believe if we did that we would have to do the same thing for all the beneficiaries. So I don't know that we could do that right now. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Supplementary.

**MR. JACQUE:** Okay. Will it be sent to us via email or on our computer like it was in the past? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Minister of Culture.

**MR. LAMPE:** Yes, the program would have to be sent to the communities of Nunatsiavut and other places physically in packages, and that's the only way that the programming works. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy.

**MR. PIERCY:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. My question is directed towards the First Minister. I brought it up, I think it was two Assembly sittings ago where we're in a price freeze for our fuel, and I asked awhile back if we could look into it and see what the cost comparison was and why our fuel prices were so high as compared to the island because if you, like I had mentioned before, the tanker would come to each of the communities and probably have two or three stops as compared to the island you'd have to stop at one central location probably and be transported by tanker trucks to the fuel depots or gas bars or whatever. So that was, at least, I think it was two sittings ago I asked that question, and where we're coming up to the spring now and once the freeze goes I guess our prices will, for fuel and home heating oil will go up again. Nakummek.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yeah, that question is a good one. It's probably better suited directly at the PUB. They set the price freeze. It's our understanding in our discussions with the PUB and doing our research is the price that is set by the PUB is, given the location of where we're at and the cost of transporting the fuel up there is probably the best way that they can come up with for getting the price for the north coast. It's very expensive. There was even some indication that it could be more

expensive if you were to try to do it a different way, but the explanation was that's the best way that they can come up with to ensure that the - it's I guess that the prices don't go too high, and that you maintain a fair price for those living in the north. Now I'm not sure if that answered your question, but that's basically the answer we got from them. Now I can get you some contact information if you want to direct it somewhere else, but that's basically where it is. I mean, it's where we live and they're basically saying you're pretty lucky to get the price that you get for it. Whether you believe that or not then I think that's an issue you need to take up with them. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions? AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy.

**MR. PIERCY:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. My question is again directed to the First Minister. It's on the caribou again. Seeing as we've got some resources at our fingertips now with planes and choppers and technology because we can use Google Earth now, I was wondering if NG, the NEC was looking into actually doing our own caribou count because some of the pictures that we've been using now to get shots of our land and our crops that we need to use for advancing our municipal plans and stuff, we could probably use all three resources and get a proper and very good actual count because we do have the resources within each of our communities because most of our conservation officers are knowledgeable hunters. So if we can combine all these resources together and have our caribou count that we could present to the UPCART, to the province, both provincial and on the Quebec side. Nakummek.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's a very good point, but at this time Nunatsiavut Government has no plan to do our own survey or do our own research into the George River Caribou. To do a proper survey, to do proper research is quite expensive, quite costly. But what we did do is in our meeting with Minister Shea was indicate to the Minister that the research that they are doing is not sufficient. The research their doing is that they're not putting enough resources into it to make it a proper research on the George River Caribou. We told the Minister that the research that's coming back to the communities to the hunters is not being trusted by the communities. They don't trust the data that's coming back. They tell us that there's caribou out there. You have to look from the - when the caribou numbers get low, the caribou scatter. And we said you have to look at your research in a different way. You have to get the communities more involved. You have to get the hunters involved in your research. You have to bring the people into your research who will know what they are doing when it comes to the George River Caribou because it's not trusted by the communities. The communities do not trust, or some of the community and some of the people in the community do not trust the research and it would go a long way to gain their trust if you bring the communities into your research. And the Minister took that under advisement and they said that they will seriously consider bringing that into their research. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Good. Do you have a supplementary? Is that a supplementary?



**MR. PIERCY:** I'd just like to complete by saying that I guess that's where our beneficiaries would put our trust in you to make sure that it was passed on from each of our Members and passed on to the NEC to ensure that that trust is being actually presented and to make sure that...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Do you have a question there?

**MR. PIERCY:** I just wanted to make a comment on that. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Then we'll move down to our next item on our agenda, "Written Questions." Do we have any written questions? We have one. We have a few. Did you have a written question? Page can pick it up. I would just like to remind you again on the written questions, a written question is a question which would likely to require a detailed or complex answer or which would not reasonably be assumed be within the present knowledge of the Minister and that is what the written question is meant to be. The written question is actually directed to the Minister responsible for the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Honourable Darryl Shiwak. "Do you have any information to provide on the Torngat Mountain herd such as any upcoming signs on this caribou herd?" This is from Glen Sheppard, Ordinary Member from Postville. Do we have any other written questions? Herb?

**MR. JACQUE:** I'd just like to have clarification on, there was two letters, somebody from my community. One to the Minister of Health, I believe, and one to the Minister of Finance. I did hand the letters into Mary.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** These letters will be dealt with internally.

**MR. JACQUE:** Okay. So how and when can I expect an answer?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** At an appropriate time. The clerk has passed these letters on to the appropriate Ministers. Is that it for written questions? Then we'll move down to the next item on the agenda, "Returns to Written Questions." Do we have any returns to written questions today? Number nine, "Petitions". Do we have any petitions? "Responses to Petitions". I don't think there's any responses to petitions today. "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." Do we have any reports on special on standing committees? "Tabling of Documents". Any tabling of documents? "Notices of Motion". Any notices today? Number 14, "Notices of First Reading of Bills". I don't believe there are any further notices on reading of bills today. From here we're going to take a 25-minute break.

(Recess)

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number 15, "Motions". I'd like to recognize the Honourable Dan Pottle for motion 3-2(12).

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Whereas the Nunatsiavut Executive Council is required to prepare a Consolidated Financial Plan for each fiscal year and present it to the Assembly, and whereas the Financial Plan for 2014-15 has been tabled by the Assembly, and whereas the Financial Plan should be considered by the Assembly. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak that tabled document 1-2(12), the Financial Plan 2014-15 be moved into the Committee of the Whole for discussion in conjunction with Bill 2014-02 the *Budget Act* 2014. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The motion is in order. Would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. POTTLE:** Just very briefly, Madam Speaker. I think it's important that the Assembly Members have more time to scrutinize the Financial Plan and the Budget Bill, itself, and ask any relevant questions that they may have on the Financial Plan and the Budget Bill, itself. I would hope the Assembly would consent to moving into a Committee of the Whole to do that. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Do anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Would the Minister like to close debate?

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** All those in favour of the motion?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MR. POTTLE:** All those opposed?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The motion is carried. The financial plan will be considered in Committee of the Whole at the appropriate time. Go down to item number 16, "First Reading of Bills". I'd like to recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, that Bill 2014-02, the *Budget Act* 2014, be now introduced and read for the first time. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Would you like to speak to the Bill?

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure today to deliver our government's 2014-15 Budget, my fourth as

the Minister of Finance Human Resources and Information Technology.

In preparing this budget, Madam Speaker, my department openly consulted with other government departments and I am confident that the financial plan I am presenting here today will enable our government to progressively advance many ongoing initiatives and programs aimed at meeting the needs of our people and our communities. This budget is a realistic budget, Madam Speaker, one that balances the fiscal realities with our overall goals and objectives as a government. I want to thank all departments of government for being fiscally responsible for ensuring that the Nunatsiavut Government continues to remain financially strong and solid and for providing input into this year's budget. Madam Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government continue to make significant strides. We have come a long way since the signing of our *Land Claim Agreement*, and the future looks extremely bright. In March 2012, Madam Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government released its Strategic Plan providing a blueprint for our future. The \$66.9 million budget for the fiscal year 2014-15 reflects our continued commitment to reaching the goals and objectives of our Strategic Plan as we strive to meet the current and future social and economic needs of Nunatsiavummiut, while at the same time revitalizing our culture and language. Housing, Madam Speaker, remains one of the top priorities for the government and is of utmost concern for all Nunatsiavummiut. The government is committed to developing and implementing a long-term housing strategy to address all aspects of housing while continuing to address the current needs in our communities. To that end, Madam Speaker, I am pleased to announce that we have

budgeted \$7 million from the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* for housing this year. Of that a total of \$2.4 million will be provided to Torngat Regional Housing Association, 1 million for the Healthy Homes Program and an additional \$4.1 million to work on the housing strategy and other housing initiatives. The Nunatsiavut Government, Madam Speaker, is also committed to making the Illusuak Cultural Centre a reality. In the upcoming fiscal year we have budgeted \$250,000 for the development of the content for the exhibits as well as committed funds for the 2015-16 fiscal year for Illusuak's construction. Revitalization of the *Inuttitut* language is a priority, with many programs planned for the 2014-15 year including Family *Inuttitut* Nights, *Inuttitut* Speak-offs and implementation of the Labrador *Inuttitut* Language Program. Madam Speaker, we continue to receive 3 million for secondary education in Nunatsiavut of which funds are used for incorporating cultural activities and the *Inuttitut* language in the schools in our communities. Under the Strategic Plan, Madam Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government has committed to the transition of its employees not directly involved in the delivery of programs and services in Upper Lake Melville into Nunatsiavut. To reach this goal \$1.8 million has been appropriated to address office space and staff housing requirements in our communities. We have also budgeted, under the Department of Finance Human Resources and Information Technology, professional fees to assist with capacity building and Human Resources matters. Madam Speaker, it is extremely important that Nunatsiavummiut be educated in training while trying to take advantages of opportunities in our home land. Under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* a total of \$3.2

million has been appropriated for post-secondary education programs and services which include the post-secondary students Poor Program and Student Services at the College of the North Atlantic. We are also continuing to enhance the funding received under the Aboriginal Skills and Training Strategy with an additional hundred thousand dollars for the Wage Subsidy Program. Madam Speaker, it is also important to ensure that Nunatsiavummiut and Inuit companies are ready and able to manage, able to take advantage of economic and resource-based activities in Nunatsiavut. Through the Economic Development Division we are continuing to invest an additional \$240,000 in small businesses by exploring private public partnerships, business opportunities, economic strategies and the provision of business seminars for current and future businesses in Nunatsiavut. The Tourism Division, Madam Speaker, is investing in the Northern Ranger Experience Package and continues to support and work with the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies for the Torngat Mountain Basecamp and Research Station. Madam Speaker, with the high cost of doing business in Nunatsiavut, we must be ready with options to reduce cost, including the cost of energy. As such, the Nunatsiavut Secretariat has appropriated funds to hire a consultant to review energy needs and to begin the process of a developing strategy which would include addressing green energy sources. The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Madam Speaker, is continuing to establish a fund for the purchase of fishing opportunities such as licences and quotas. They are also continuing to fund research on the salmon for the Rigolet area. The Environmental Division has budgeted for the

continuation of the Lake Melville Baseline Environmental Study as well as the Sustainable Communities Initiative and the Nain Research Centre. The total of \$20 million from the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, Madam Speaker, has been appropriated under the Department of Health and Social Development for programs and services included but not limited to mental health and addictions, non-insured health benefits, suicide prevention and programming for youth and elders. It is important, Madam Speaker, to note that during the current year the Youth Division was moved from the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to the Department of Health and Social Development. With this move an elder co-ordinator position was created. I should note, Madam Speaker, that a total of \$45 million is appropriated under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. As part of this *Agreement* the Nunatsiavut Government has to pay a percentage of our own source revenue back to Canada. In 2014-15 fiscal year this is projected to be \$555,000. Other sources of revenue, Madam Speaker, include personal income taxes and Goods and Service tax received as part of the tax agreements with the Government of Canada. The Nunatsiavut Government receives 95 percent of all federal income tax received from residents of the five Inuit communities. We continue to receive approximately \$3 million from personal income taxes annually and have received a one-time payment based on the completion of the audit on taxes from 2005, 2010. As indicated earlier, Madam Speaker, we have made tremendous progress since the signing of our *Land Claim Agreement*. Our government, I believe, is on the right track. We are providing and delivering programs and services, efficiently and effectively

to our people and our communities. We continue to make sound investments to protect our land, our culture, our language and our heritage. We continue to build on our strengths while tracking our weaknesses. Madam Speaker, the budget I will present here today has the full support of the Executive Council, and I trust the support of all the Members of this Honourable Assembly. It is a good budget, one that will enable us to build a better tomorrow for Nunatsiavummiut and our communities. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does anyone wish to speak to the principle of the Bill? Does the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer wish to conclude this debate?

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Minister. That concludes debate on the first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2014-02 on first reading. All those in favour?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Opposed? The motion is carried and accordingly Bill 2014-02 the *Budget Act* 2014 has had first reading. I would like to recognize the Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. In accordance with Standing Order 54(3) I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to have the Assembly proceed to second reading of Bill 2014-02, the *Budget Act* 2014. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.



**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to proceed with second reading of Bill 2014-02, the *Budget Act*, 2014. Are there any nays? There is none. Minister, you have unanimous consent so the Bill can proceed to second reading at the appropriate time. We are still on first reading of Bills. I would now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. William Barbour, that Bill 2014-03, the Bill to amend the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act* IL 2009-08 be now introduced and read for the first time. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, AngajukKâk. Would you like to introduce the Bill?

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. It was, Madam Speaker, through a committee, I guess, that was established by this Assembly to review the NEO's, Nunatsiavut Election Officer's report on the Presidential election of 2012. And, Madam Speaker, I was, as was my friend who seconded the motion was a part of that committee. And it was through this process and the democratic process that we went through in reporting to this Assembly that we believe very strongly that the beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims* calls upon this Assembly to ensure not only that our *Constitution* is protected, but also to ensure that our *Acts* and laws are transparent and our laws and *Acts* also fully support and interprets what the *Constitution* means. It also calls on this Assembly to interpret our *Constitution* and our *Acts* in a manner that is transparent through the beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. I believe very

strongly, Madam Speaker that the Bill that we tabled for today not only enhances our *Constitution*, but it defines more clearly what an amendment to the *Elections Act*, what our beneficiaries have asked during, not only the Presidential election of 2012, but also the Presidential election of 2008. It has been a process and certainly been very proud to have been a part of that and been appointed to that committee by the Members of the Assembly. I am supporting this Bill strongly, and I think that this Bill does not infringe upon Members' rights, whether they live in Nunatsiavut or other parts of the country. But I think it is something that beneficiaries have asked of us, our people have asked of us so that the process in selecting a President becomes more transparent, Madam Speaker, and more acceptable. The process becomes more acceptable to our people and more clear, they're more able in a manner to more clearly select a candidate knowing through a process, a Presidential debate that they will be able to more, I suppose, more - better enable them to select a candidate more clearly. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Does anyone wish to speak to the principle of the Bill? The Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. We've all had the opportunity to debate this issue in the Committee of the Whole several times. I'm not going to stand here and reiterate the points and concerns that I raised during those debates that we've had regarding an amendment to the *Elections Act* to one, clarify the *Constitutional* requirements that candidates be able to speak and understand *Inuttitut* and require that all candidates participate

in *Inuttitut* debate so as to publically demonstrate that they meet the *Constitutional* requirements and allow voters an opportunity to decide for themselves whether or not the candidates can speak and understand *Inuttitut*. Madam Speaker, I have asked the question during the debates on this possible amendments to the *Elections Act* relevant to the report that was produced by the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, and I continue to ask the question, and I believe that we did not provide an answer to the question that was in the report from the special committee on what is the problem? I've heard everyone's concerns. I'm still not convinced that we have identified a problem, and I'm still not convinced, Madam Speaker, and because I'm not convinced regarding whether or not my belief is valid with respect to the Nunatsiavut Assembly or the Nunatsiavut Government becoming involved in the election for the President of Nunatsiavut. The process that has been proposed, Madam Speaker, to allow for this to happen is a legislated debate in a democratic society such as the one we're living in and globally with respect to provincial and federal elections I have yet to see any legislation that requires candidate to enter into a debate of any sort, whether that's a French/English debate, an English/French debate. I believe that decision, Madam Speaker, is between those seeking elected office and in this case the office of President of Nunatsiavut. I believe that our processes currently work. There are ways for beneficiaries to address and challenge whether or not they believe that the candidate for Presidents speaks and understands *Inuttitut*. Madam Speaker, we have heard through our previous debates that the last resort or the only resort for currently challenging that is

through courts. I don't believe, Madam Speaker, that that is the only resort. I believe that beneficiaries have a right to challenge a candidate publically if they believe that that candidate does not speak and understand *Inuttitut*, and I believe that anybody who has the concern of that should make that challenge, but that's for an individual to decide, not me. I'm very hesitant, Madam Speaker, on-going down a road where I'm not totally convinced that the Nunatsiavut Assembly, through the office of the Speaker, if this amendment to the *Elections Act* goes through, how can - like I'm not comfortable, Madam Speaker, in thinking that the Nunatsiavut Assembly or the Nunatsiavut Government is not involved in the elections process. The elections process is supposed to be an independent process outside of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and the Nunatsiavut Government under control of the Nunatsiavut Electoral Office through the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act*. On that, Madam Speaker, I stand by my principles and my laurels and I'm concerned that if we enter down this road that there may be implications that we, as a government, as an Assembly will have to deal with if this amendment is made. Therefore, Madam Speaker, again regarding my concerns and my issues and my principles, I can't support this Bill. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Is there anyone else that would like to speak to the principle of this Bill?

If not, does the AngajukKâk for Nain wish to conclude the debate?

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, just in closing, I very much believe that this enhances the current legislation regarding elections for the Presidency. I also believe that it answers what we have heard,

what the NEO has heard from beneficiaries over the last two Presidential elections. The process is not transparent enough, and certainly a public debate is what our beneficiaries expect of candidates, whether they're for AngajukKâk or Ordinary Member. Certainly, I think they expect public debate among Presidential candidates, and this only enforces the words from the *Constitution* able to speak and understand *Inuttitut*. And nowhere better, Madam Speaker, can that process be recognized than through public debate, and it gives all speakers of *Inuttitut* and people who understand *Inuttitut* that opportunity to see for themselves, not to guess or through second-hand words that, oh, yes, that person can speak *Inuttitut* and understand *Inuttitut*. It is through a process that we will ensure that the NEO will ensure through public debate that every beneficiary, whether it's live or recorded, through that process that every beneficiary from Nain to Vancouver will have an opportunity to be able to hear Presidential candidates in a public debate and to decide for themselves whether or not candidates can speak and understand *Inuttitut*. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to close debate.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Andersen. That concludes debate on first reading. All those in favour of approving Bill 2014-03 on first reading?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** All those opposed? We're going to take a break.

(Recess)

**MADAM SPEAKER:** We are back in Assembly and I'd just like to say that this motion is carried and, accordingly, Bill 2014-03 a Bill to amend the *Nunatsiavut*

*Elections Act 2009-08* has had first reading. I would like to recognize Mr. Andersen again.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 54(3) I seek unanimous consent to have Standing Order 54(1)(d) and have the Assembly proceed directly to second reading of Bill 2014-3. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek. The AngajukKâk is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to proceed with second reading of Bill 2014-03, a bill to amend the Nunatsiavut *Elections Act 2009-08*. Are there any nays? There are none. Mr. Andersen, you have unanimous consent so the Bill can proceed to second reading at the appropriate time. We're now going down to our item number 17 on "Second Reading of Bills". I would like to recognize the Minister of Finance for the Second Reading of Bills.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I would like to make a motion in accordance with Standing Order 42 to allow for consideration of the Budget Bill in the Committee of the Whole. Therefore, Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, that Bill 2014-02 be referred to the Committee of the Whole, consideration with witnesses. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Minister. The motion is in order. All those in favour?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Opposed? The motion is carried. So now we'll go into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Budget Bill. We will also consider tabled

document 1(12)-2, the Financial Plan 2014-2015 in conjunction with the Budget Bill. Members are free to ask questions on the Financial Plan. Would you like to invite witnesses into the Committee of the Whole?

**MR. POTTLE:** Yes, Madam Chair, I'd like to ask the Deputy Minister of Finance, Rexanne Crawford, to come as a witness. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The procedure for second reading debate will be a page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of the Budget. The committee will first consider the annex to the Bill page by page beginning on page seven. Once this has been completed we will then go to page two of the Bill and go clause by clause. If Members have comments or questions on any page of the bill you each have up to 10 minutes at a time. If you still had questions or comments once other Members have spoken, you will be given another chance to speak. First of all, we're going to go through the financial plan. We'll start here with previous on page two. Page two agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page three, Sources of Revenue. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page four, Projected Budget and Five-year Plan. Agreed? Yes.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Madam Speaker, this is the Chair. This is the time when people, if they need to ask questions on these pages, they should be asking them now, right?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Yes.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Okay. Just for clarification. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** So all agreed for page four? Susan, go ahead.

**MS NOCHASAK:** I'm not sure if this is the page or the time to ask. In one of my questions I asked if there can be a pot of money discussed from our government to go towards grievance and death and stuff like that, and I was wondering if there can be amendment to this budget somewhere, maybe this page here, to discuss putting a fund or a pot of money towards grievance and death and finances to go towards communities or families in cases like such as the Loretta incident with her untimely death, suicides, illness. I don't know if this is the time now to ask if there can be amendment to this budget to make that happen or not.

**MS CRAWFORD:** I guess to answer the question on a contingency fund, that's outlined, the uses for it are outlined under the *Constitution*. I'm not sure that an amendment to the *Budget Act* would need to be required if the decision is made to move with a grievance fund. A lot of work would have to be done on a grievance fund. I'm looking at amounts, what the needs are, administration, things like that, and we're not at that point yet, but I'm not sure that the contingency fund as defined under the *Constitution* is what that would be used for. I'm not sure if it would be another source of revenue within the government.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page four, Projected Budget and Five-year Plan. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page five, agreed? Everybody know where we are? Financial Plan, page five. Agreed on page five? Do you have a question?



**MS WOLFREY:** Yes, I don't know how many questions I can ask, but I've got a few of them so I don't know if I can go ahead and ask, and I don't know if this is the place to ask this first question, but I've got to put priority on my questions if I can only ask one or two. So if I can ask I notice that in, I think it was Minister Pottle's statements he said that there's 2.4, if this is - can I ask questions on this, the right place for housing? On this page is the right page for housing? Okay. So it's he said that there's 2.4 million set aside for TRHA, 1.0 million for Healthy Homes and 4.1 to work on a strategy. I think it should be the other way around. We should be putting the 4.1 million into building homes and 1 million into making a strategy, or is the strategy won't to include building some homes too?

**MR. SHIWAK:** Of the 4.1 that Minister Pottle referenced there, if you, part of his statement he references 1 million for Healthy Homes, that money is what we're using for the multi-unit dwelling in Nain, which is part of the strategy. So you're left with approximately 1.5, 1.7 of the 4.1 which is the part of the strategy, and then there's an additional, 2.4.

**MS CRAWFORD:** There's 7.5 million under the *Budget Act*, if you look in the Schedule 2 for *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, 7.5 for housing, 2.4 is for Torngat Regional Housing Association, 5.1 is we have it designated as housing. And the plan looking - of that 5.1 there is \$1 million being used for the Healthy Homes Program, which includes the construction, housing, risk assessment, the Charettes, the design. That leaves 4.1. And when you look at a strategy, a strategy is more than just, you know, the paper, and the strategy is also about the programs and services that will come behind

it and the implementation of those programs and services. But until the strategy is finalized, to know exactly, you know, is it going to be targeted single people, elders or things like that. That's kind of why the pot of money is there and it seems to be growing every year. It's as we finalize that.

**MS WOLFREY:** So the 4.1 is not going to be spent this year on a strategy?

**MR. POTTLE:** No, that depends whether or not the strategy is developed and we're ready to implement that during this year. The dollars has been put aside to implement the strategy once it's developed.

**MS WOLFREY:** Yes, I know. I understand now, but I thought you were going to use \$4.1 million for use for writing a paper, and meetings and stuff like that. So as long as I know that that's not the case then I'm okay with page number five.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** But I'm certainly not clear, though, what can that money be used for? It's identified only as housing. You've mentioned what 1 million is for out of that 5.138. Okay, 1 million for Healthy Homes. Five million is for a strategy, is what you answered Charlotte? But what is included in the strategy? Tell, like, if you could expand on that a little bit. Does the strategy include, not only the paper route forward, which is Charlotte and that's what I thought as well? But it could actually include cement and subdivisions and actual wooden houses? Are you saying that then?

**MR. SHIWAK:** Yes, and that, Tony, if you go back to the last one when we asked for the budget or the strategy it was 2.7. One million is committed for the Healthy Homes, and then you're left with 1.7. We're still committing that towards

sort of a strategy, but there is extra money there within the 4.1 or 5.1, whatever you're referencing, that we haven't made a decision on. There could be, like you say, there could be, like, cement for homes. It could be a seniors' home. It could be different things, but the decision hasn't been made. But it's not going to be doing paperwork and setting up meetings and developing strategy, no. There could be a project, but we haven't made that decision. We don't know what that project could be, but it is there. It is in the budget.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Just to be clearer because this is what someone asked me, okay. This is not for staff housing, or, this is for public housing, right? Not to be used for staff housing or elected officials.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** No. Darryl sort of alluded to - we've been working. We haven't come up with a housing strategy yet, but part of the housing strategy isn't going to be - we understand and I'm sure the AngajukKâk understand there's more to providing housing than just building a house. You have to have the subdivision in place. You have to have the water and sewer in place. You have to make sure once that's done, part of the 1 million that was identified for that multi-unit dwelling, is to make sure that we continue building sustainable homes. That we're no longer building disposable homes that we have been doing in the past. We're also looking at, you know, part of the strategy may include not just building homes and providing homes through the TRHA route, or rental properties through the NLHC route. It may include having programs and services available for people that are in a position beyond that that can build their own homes.

So when we're talking about housing we've gone beyond just looking at putting up houses for people. There's a lot more to it than that. There's a lot to understanding. A lot of our Nunatsiavummiut are doing well and can afford to build their own home, but they need help in how they're getting a mortgage, whether it's the administrative side, or maybe even going to the extent of maybe a grant to help them to build their own home. But we also understand there's a lot of Nunatsiavummiut that fall between the cracks of the existing social programs, such as NLHC. A single person in Nunatsiavut doesn't have a hope to find a place to rent unless they find a private property, and we all know there are no private properties to rent in Nunatsiavut. Those were all things that had to be worked out in the strategy. While we have \$4 million identified for housing, a lot of work has to go in that strategy so that we're coming up with a fair and all inclusive housing policy or strategy that includes all Nunatsiavummiut. It includes the seniors. It includes the single people that have nowhere to rent from, unless they manage to find a private home. It includes the people that are fortunately doing well enough that they may be able to build their own home. It includes the people that right now Torngat and NLHC are able to provide services to. So when we talk housing, again, it's not just about a house. It's not just about a report. It's looking at everything from putting the water and sewer services into ground, into coming up with a place where someone can live.

**MR. SHIWAK:** To answer Tony's question on staff housing, if you look through the budget there is a live item for staff funding housing under infrastructure,

so we like to deal with staff housing under the infrastructure budget, and it would not be included in here. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go ahead.

**MR. POTTLE:** And I guess just one final comment on the appropriation for housing in a housing strategy. I mean, if the dollars are not appropriated and if our housing strategies develop this year by way of example and we're ready to start implementing that then we need the dollars appropriated. We need authority to spend that. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Susan.

**MS NOCHASAK:** I just got a question in regards of, like, where we might be going in regards of our strategy once it's completed, and we may or may not continue with Torngat Regional Housing Association, we might have our own. But if we continue with Torngat Regional Housing Association they're supposed to be moving their headquarters down in Nunatsiavut. I was wondering if maybe you guys don't have the answer to that, but if any of those funds are going to be in assistance to moving their offices down here because they said 2014-2015 they're supposed to be moved down in Nunatsiavut, and I was wondering if any of those funds are an aid to moving their offices down here.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Short answer, no. None of those funds have been dedicated to that process with under Torngat Housing. We are beginning the process to engage Torngat Housing and NLHC to come together at the same table to look at a number of different issues, and obviously they will have to be involved in how housing is developed in Nunatsiavut in the future. But

towards their move into Nunatsiavut, we haven't been approached on that issue and we haven't budgeted for that issue. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** We're on page six of the Financial Plan. Okay, go ahead, Charlotte.

**MS WOLFREY:** Last line, page six. Fund new marketing programs including the Northern Ranger experience packaging. I think that's a move to kill our tourism industry if we're going to try to get people going on Northern Ranger, and I don't know how much money we're going to spend in that, but I think if we're going to spend it, it's just as well to take it and throw it out our arse in Northern Ranger because that's going to turn our tourist proper off. Tony told me I wouldn't get kicked out if I said that word so I hope I'm allowed to say it. But I want to know really don't, like, I'm going to get serious, though. I mean, the Northern Ranger's not fit for anyone to go on and if we're trusting that to enhance our tourism industry, I wonder where our heads are. Are they up our arse? I don't know. But anyway that's - I think that that's not a good thing while we're doing there and I'd rather see us take that money and I don't know how much it is, but perhaps you can tell me how much it is. But I'd rather take that money and give that money to our people who can't afford to buy that \$50 Rosetta Stone *Inuttitut* language program, myself, than to put money into trying to get people to go on the Northern Ranger. We're trying to get rid of it, ourselves. Anyway, I just find that kind of not very good planning, myself.

**MS CRAWFORD:** The amount of dollars is \$10,000 and what they're working in partnership with NGC, and the experiencing packaging isn't on the Ranger. It's when they arrive in the communities and the type of tours that when visitors do

go on the Ranger and come to our communities that they can avail of once they get into the community, and I know I'm speaking at a very high level on it. I know Jillian Larkham who's our experienced development specialist right now, she has been working with NGC on the packaging and within the communities, itself, to look at, you know, once they arrive in Rigolet having someone there to take them on a tour and letting people know when their tour is getting on the Ranger that when they get to Rigolet they can go on this tour and go on the boardwalk and see different sites within each of the communities as they go up.

**MS WOLFREY:** I never heard tell of that. We're the first stop, but they might never get there anyway. So there's not much money, though, anyway so it's not a big deal, I don't guess. Still a waste, though.

**MR. LAMPE:** Yes, Charlotte, that position, we, as a department, feel is very important especially for Nunatsiavut communities. Kristie Sheppard, you know, has been working on this for some time and we are working with Destination Labrador on this, and they are very keen on, you know, having tourists come to Rigolet and to the other Nunatsiavut communities, and certainly promote, you know, and to make the Economic Development, you know, a reality through tourism, and as a department we feel that this position is very important, especially someone who will come into the different communities who knows the communities and, you know, rather than those crew ships coming in and, you know, not coming ashore. So we want to help tourists to come ashore and to the business within the communities. That's just one of the ideas of what we can do with this

experience development specialist and certainly we have to find ways of how, you know, we can bring tourists ashore rather than just keeping them in the boat, and any even in the boat they can be told, you know, of what Rigolet, the community of Rigolet has and what it is that they do. There's a whole lot more that I can speak to on this, but certainly I will have my department speak to you more on this and the other communities too. Nakummek Itsivautak.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just to clarify, and we're not going to put words in Johannes' mouth, but when he's talking about the position of it, he was talking about the position that the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism is taking with respect to developing of the experience package and not the position of the Development Specialist. Yes, I don't think he's - I stand to be corrected, Johannes, and I don't want to put words in your mouth, but we're not, what he's referring to, I believe, is the experience package, itself, and not the experience Development Specialist that we have currently on staff.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Susan.

**MS NOCHASAK:** I've been working with Jillian too, Jillian Larkham in regards of the marketing for my community and the mission complex. I think it's, like, what you're taking away from that sentence is the Northern Ranger, but it's not only the Northern Ranger. It's about the experience for each community's stops and layovers, and as Johannes mentioned crew ships and stuff like that, it's not just marketing for the Northern Ranger, it's marketing in for tourism in general for Nunatsiavut and other communities



and the layovers. I think Northern Ranger is just a sore spot in your mouth, as well as everybody else, but it's not just the Northern Ranger. It's just an experience for tourism to come into Nunatsiavut.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** We're on page six. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page seven. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** We're now going to go into the Bill Number 2014-02. No, go ahead.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Fishery Office in Rigolet, is that part of the plan? So that must have been out of last year's budget, though. Yes. Do we know what the capital infrastructure plans are, though? Like. We do know? Like, for this year, like. Because I missed that in the Minister's... Okay.

**MR. SHIWAK:** To answer your first question the former DFO Office in Rigolet was purchased by NG out of last year's funds. There are some funds built into that infrastructure, but for renovations to that building because you need to bring it up to par for the office space that you need in Rigolet for the NG staff. There are some funds within the infrastructure budget as well, like I said earlier for staff housing. And, as well, there's a need for other space, especially here in Hopedale as well. So that's basically all the infrastructure needs that we've identified for the coming year.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go ahead, Wayne.

**MR. PIERCY:** And again communication comes into play. I was wondering if we could have a heads up on what's going on so we won't hear it again from rumours.

**MR. POTTLE:** Can you just expand on your question a little bit, Wayne, to make it more clear what information you're seeking.

**MR. PIERCY:** Communication on properties that we're buying or in the works of buying so that when the question is asked of us we know how to answer it.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Wayne, we certainly will try to communicate as soon as we can when we do purchase infrastructure. But one of the things you've got to remember when you go to purchase infrastructure that is already built, it's owned by somebody you have to enter into agreement or negotiations, and at that point you cannot be disclosing what's happening during the negotiations, but once that agreement is finalized you can then release that information.

**PRESIDENT LOE:** When was the DFO finalized. Last week?

**MR. SHIWAK:** Yes, it wasn't just recently. But we will, I mean, we certainly will. As soon as we buy capital infrastructure we will certainly release that information.

**MS WOLFREY:** I've got one more question before we go looking at those next pages. I'm just wondering and I seen somewhere where it's year 2014-2015-16, 17, or something, a five-year almost spending plan, but I'm wondering have we evaluated or looked at how sustainable is this budget? Like we're spending \$66 million in a year and my goodness we've only got five small communities with twenty-five hundred people and another however many five thousand out there somewhere. Like how sustainable is that budget

for us? This is supposed to last us forever, all our money. I'm just wondering how sustainable it is. It seems like an awful lot of money to me, 66 million, so.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just in response to Charlotte's questions and your concern, I mean, once we go through the *Budget Act*, itself, you'll see the dollar amounts that's set out. I mean, the \$66 million that we have budgeted comes from one our own sources revenue I believe to the tune of \$20 million and the remainder of the dollars set out in the budget comes through the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* for provisions, programs and services. So I think, I mean, you know, this is again my fourth budget as the Minister of Finance and I believe during my first year we had about \$40-something million budget and we see increases in that budget over the last four years depending on our own sources of revenue and the dollars that's been transferred under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. So I think it's realistic and it's sustainable.

**MS WOLFREY:** The Fiscal Financing arrangements aren't going to go on forever, are they? That's what I'm getting at. They're going to go on forever and ever, Amen. Because if they're not then we only - you know what I mean? We're taking 20 million of our own now. We get our people used to spending 66 million and when the Fiscal Financing arrangements end and we've only got 20, then what?

**MR. POTTLE:** The *Fiscal Financing Agreement* is set out in Chapter 18, I believe, of the *Land Claims Agreement*. The *Fiscal Financing Agreement* has to be negotiated every five years or at intervals agreed to by the parties to the

*Land Claims Agreement.* So, I mean, you know, as long as we continue to provide the current programs and services, I think it's safe to say that the dollars from the federal and/or provincial government will be transferred to us through the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, and as we build capacity and we have that capacity to take down more programs and services then those dollars will be negotiated under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* for implementing any future federal programs and services that we take down. And I'm hopeful, I mean, you know, yes, we have generated approximately \$20 million of our own resources and I mean I hope we'll continue to generate further own source revenues through development or however way, shape or form that comes, so I'm pretty confident that this is sustainable over time. Yes, the \$40 million, you know, it is for post-secondary students program, non-insured health benefits, dollars coming to us to transfer to the Inuit Community Governments for the current provision of programs and services that the Community Government offers, by way of example. And, as Sarah is indicating to me and, I mean, you know, the dollars that's going to stop flowing through to the Nunatsiavut Government, other than the *Land Claims Agreement* are the dollars on their Chapter 19 and 23 for capital transfers and for implementation of the *Land Claim Agreement*.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** And I just wanted Dan to add that in because like Charlotte, you know, I had my questions as to how long we were going to be able to sustain, you know, it goes through your head, but when you understand how our financing or how our budgets work, the FFA is there strictly for the

programs that are provided to our beneficiaries and the funding is provided just like any other Aboriginal First Nation government within Canada. That's where that money comes from. The Chapter 19 and 23 dollars are the ones that are cut off after a certain point, but they're for programs that our outside that's for not what our budget is used for, just to make it easier for people to understand.

**MS WOLFREY:** Yes, it might have took me four years to realize that kind of stuff but, you know, when you - it's a question of I know that this got to last forever and just wondering, that's all. I want my great, great grandchildren to have some benefits for all we've been fighting for 30, 40 years.

**MR. POTTLE:** And just to respond to Charlotte's point. I mean, and that's the whole purpose of setting up the Trust and investing the dollars under the Chapter 19 and Chapter 23 is so that we protect our capital and we grow our investments to ensure that there are dollars for future generations, not only from dollars that we've invested but, again, as I said through the continuation of the current programs and services that we have and in future when we have more capacity then we'll negotiate those dollars for transferring under FFA.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Susan.

**MS NOCHASAK:** Just in regards of the - it says that there are two categories of capital infrastructure projects planned, and one is office space. I was just wondering how much of that discussion has actually taken place and as if Hopedale, Nunatsiavut office right now we've got a couple of offices up

here in the little small cubbies. Is that in the works to add or look for more office space in Hopedale?

**MR. SHIWAK:** Yes, you're correct. By looking here there is an obvious need for office space. That has yet to be determined, but we know that there's a need for office space here in Hopedale. So it fits within that budget, and then there's a budget for renovations as well. That's yet to be determined as well. Hopedale. It is a priority to get office space here in Hopedale.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Glen.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I think I'd kick myself if I wouldn't ask this question, but on page six it's mentioned there noted that there's \$250,000 budgeted for the Illusuak exhibit for the Illusuak Cultural Centre. It goes on to say these funds will be used to leverage other funds to complete the \$1 million project. I guess my question is how confident is the Executive Council or the department on - because I never heard much in the past several months, I guess, on the construction of the cultural centre, and I'm looking at this as a \$1 million project for the exhibit. So I guess that's a combination of a couple of questions. How confident are you in leveraging other funds in relation to this 250,000 and, like, where does this Cultural Illusuak Centre stand right now?

**MR. POTTLE:** The Executive Council, I believe, around two weeks ago has made a decision to proceed with the construction of Illusuak. From a project management perspective, we made a decision to because we had put out a tender last year and it came in way over budget, the Executive Council had had numerous discussions and we're working in consultation with

Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the working committee for the construction of Illusuak. And, I mean, of the dollars that we have now I believe is around approximately \$13 million. We have spent some money on some of the geoseismic work, I believe, and for the beginning to develop the footprint with respect to the break water system and the drilling, the Executive Council has decided to proceed with because we are at risk of losing some of the dollars that's been transferred or given to us by the federal government and some other federal agencies. If we don't, we're at risk for losing some of those dollars if we don't start spending so we've decided to under the *Procurement Act* go to private project management through a phased in approach. So this year the plan is to do the break water and the drilling for the piles to support the foundation of Illusuak Cultural Centre. We're hopeful that, I mean, you know, we're confident that the dollars that we have in place will carry through with respect to the construction of Illusuak and we're hopeful that the province and the federal government is going to come up with further dollars to support the project and see it through fruition. So that's basically where we're to on Illusuak. We're proceeding to do this phases over X number of years. I don't know if anybody else has anything to add.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Glen, Ordinary Member of Postville, if you're referring to the line item in here for the 250,000 for the exhibition and the fabrication, I believe that the exhibition and fabrication is a \$1 million cost through the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. They're planning to use that 250,000

budgeted to leverage the extra 750 to complete the exhibition and fabrication, if I'm correct.

**MS CRAWFORD:** And we are fairly confident that we can leverage other funds because under the federal and provincial government systems there are very specific programs, and this type of project in exhibit content development and fabrication fits into those programs, whereas other things we've looked at doesn't fit. So we are, I mean, obviously it's subject to review and approval at those other departments, but we're confident that we do fit the criteria for those.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions on the Financial Plan? If there are no more questions on that part, I think we're getting close to lunch. We'll break for lunch and come back at 1:30 back into the Committee of the Whole for the Bill.

(Recess)

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. We're still in Committee of the Whole, and we're going through second reading of the Bill. Bill number 2014-02, and we're going to go through the annex study on page seven. When we're going through the annex we're going to go page by page. Page seven, \$66,933,618. So do anybody have any questions for this page? All agreed on page seven?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page eight. Any questions on page eight? Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.



**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page nine. Any questions for page nine? Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page 10. Any questions for page 10?

**MS WOLFREY:** I do.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go ahead, Charlotte.

**MS WOLFREY:** Thank you. I'm just wondering Inuit Community Corporations is saying a hundred and fifty thousand. Is that between the two of them because I thought they had a hundred and fifty each all the time. Okay. All right, thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions for page 10? Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page 11. Any questions for page 11? Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any questions for page 12? Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page 13. Any questions for page 13? Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page 14. Any questions for page 14? Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Am I going too fast? Okay, Wayne has a question. Go ahead, Wayne?

**MR. PIERCY:** For the Land Use Plan we've got the same amount budgeted all the way through, so I'm just wondering if and when they accept our what we want as a Land Use Plan would the numbers increase or?

**MS CRAWFORD:** These are funds that are outlined in the Implementation Plan, the big, thick document and it's for a very specific purpose. It's not related to the actual implementation of the Land Use Plan.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions for page 14? Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page 15. Any questions for page 15? Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page 16. Oh, you had a question here for...

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Yes.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** ...page 15, was it?

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Yes. I'll say 15.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go ahead.

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Staff housing, 2015 is a budget of 500,000, 2016 is 1 million. Are we privy to who's included for that staff housing? Who that staff housing budgeted for?

**MR. SHIWAK:** That's the budget for staff housing in Nain. The 500,000 for this year is going to be for the, I believe, it's for the engineering and for the groundwork to begin, I believe so.

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Are we privy to what departments or what staff is included in that?

**MS CRAWFORD:** They haven't allocated to departments or staff or any specific purpose, person at this time. There are old units in Nain that need to be replaced, and we also know that as we're planning with the transition there are some needs for additional staff housing in Nain and potentially in the other communities as well. So that's all part of the planning process as well.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page 15. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page 16. Any questions? Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page 17. Any questions? Go ahead, Charlotte.

**MS WOLFREY:** Just that's the first place where I seen the allocations. That's how much percentage of the allocation of the whole budget is going towards each community, is it? Is that what that means? Okay. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go ahead, Sarah.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I think that was based on the discussions and I think it was presented to the Joint Management and they felt that it was and I'm not sure if this came to the Assembly or not, but we had talked about how the population allocation was in regards to the funding for the Community Governments and this is how it was worked out.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions for page 17?

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Can I?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go ahead, Tony.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** I don't understand allocation and projected allocation.

**MS CRAWFORD:** If you remember from our discussion that we had at the Joint Management Committee, so the allocation, the actual should be for 2013-2014 was what happened in the prior year, and in the upcoming year what we had agreed to was to the projected allocation based on a number of households in the community of 40 percent without having any impact on we wouldn't want to reduce any funding in this fiscal year to bring the allocation up to, say, for example, Nain was at 34.5 percent in this fiscal year we're in right now rather than bring you right up to 40, that would mean that there'd be a decrease in funds for the other communities. So what was agreed to was kind of a red circling and adding that it be increased to the other communities until at which time we are at the projected allocations.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Okay.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions for page 17? Go ahead, Wayne.

**MR. PIERCY:** Something I forgot to ask earlier for in our budget where we got - we agreed to the caribou ban and we was hoping for just an Aboriginal only hunt. Is there anywhere in the budget that we confronted the province asking them for compensation on programming so that we can try and figure out ways that we can use alternative food sources and programming on how to cook and prepare and whatever, stuff like that where caribou was a main staple. So would that fit in anywhere in here, compensation from the province where we got a ban on our caribou?

**MS CRAWFORD:** I think if one of the parts of what you're asking us about is compensation from the provincial government budget in here, the answer is no, but we have put in a submission request to the provincial government recognizing that, you know, there is a ban in place on caribou and looking at alternative sources of meat for the communities. That was part of the pre-budget submission and discussions that we had with the provincial government, and so without knowing for certain that we have funds from the provincial government, there hasn't been at that particular program, budgeted under this.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page 17, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Now we'll go to page two of the Bill. Number one, short title. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number two, interpretation. Any questions? Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number three, budget approved and adopted. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number four, authorizations respecting revenues. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number five, additional revenues. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number six, payments must be authorized. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number seven, time limit on payments authorized under this *Act*.

Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number eight, appropriations. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay, I'm going to go down eight, 8(a) Nunatsiavut Assembly. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** 8(b) Nunatsiavut Secretariat. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** 8(c) Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** 8(d) Department of Finance and Human Resources. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** 8(e) Department of Lands and Natural Resources. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** 8(f) Department of Health and Social Development. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** 8(g) Department of Education and Economic Development. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** 8(h) Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** 8(i) Appropriation in respect of Inuit Community Government budgets.

Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** 8(j) Appropriation in respect of Inuit Community Corporation budgets.

Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number nine, authorization for the payment of loans, guarantees and indemnities. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number 10, other requisitions must be budgeted for and be authorized by Executive Council. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number 11, transfers between funds or departmental budgets. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number 12, effective date. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** This concludes the clause-by-clause and annex review of the Bill. Does the Minister wish to conclude the debate?

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you. That concludes debate. All those in favour of second reading of Bill 2014-02 the *Budget Act*, 2014. In favour?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any opposed? The motion is carried. Accordingly, Bill 2014-02 the *Budget Act 2014* has had second reading. I would like to thank the Minister and the witness. We will now return to formal session for continuations under second reading of bills. We will now proceed with second reading of Bill 2014-03 a bill to amend the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act Inuit Law 2009-08*. And I would like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I would like to make a motion in accordance with Standing Order 42 to allow for consideration of Bill 2014-03, the Bill to amend the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act IL 2009-08* in Committee of the Whole. Therefore, I move, seconded by Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Barbour, that Bill 2014-03 be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration with witnesses. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Andersen. The motion is in order. All of those in favour of the motion?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Opposed? The motion is carried. We will now convene as Committee of the Whole. Mr. Andersen, would you like to invite witnesses?

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Yes, I would like to invite Nunatsiavut Legal Counsel as a witness.



**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. We'll invite Loretta to the table. The procedure for second reading debate will be a page-by-page and clause-by-clause review. Members may ask questions on each page and each clause. Hold on, they need something back there. We'll start off on page two. Part of page two and part of page three, which is Part 1. Do we have any questions for Part 1? Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Part 2 on page three. Any questions? Go ahead, Glen.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I guess for information purposes I'd like to know a little bit more, have a little bit more information on the real authority of the moderator.

**MS MICHELIN:** The moderator's functions and powers are outlined in Part 3 116.b. That is where it outlines what the moderator's functions, powers and authorities are. And 4, especially. The moderator has the power and the authority and it goes (a), (b), (c), (d), (e).

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go ahead, Darryl.

**MR. SHIWAK:** I have some questions or, rather, concerns around that part as well. Should I save that until we get to that section?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any questions for Part 2, which is on page three? Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** On page four we go to and part of page five, which is Part 3. Any questions on Part 3? Go ahead, Darryl.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Part 3, does that include the moderator's functions and powers? Is this where we're at to ask those questions or?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Yes, it includes all Part 3 down to page four and part of page five.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Okay.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** But doesn't Part 3 also include page five and page six?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** You're right. Sorry. Part 3 includes page four, page five and part of page six. That's Part 3. So that includes right up to page six. So you had a question on that one?

**MR. SHIWAK:** Yes, I do. While I agree with the principle of this Bill and what we're trying to get done here with debate, I don't agree with the authority of the moderator to disqualify a candidate who refused to participate in debate or to respond to a question. I think what that is doing is you're taking away from the opinion of the public to decide who should be President. When the candidates are nominated or when they register or whatever, they have to have the affidavits of three people who swear that they can speak and understand *Inuttitut*. And I agree that should be a debate, but I think when you do something like this for a person who fails to show up or fails to respond is you're taking that opinion away from the public. What I would like to see, and this is just my opinion, is that it's good to have a moderator, good to have debate and good to have this shown to the public, is then put back to the public in some way, whether it's a public notice saying that candidate one failed to participate or candidate one failed to respond to this question and let the public then decide if they

want the person to be President. That's my concern with that moderator part. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Loretta, would you like to respond?

**MS MICHELIN:** Yes. And I think to respond accurately, we have to go back to the purpose and the principle of this Bill. The purpose and principle of this Bill is to legislate or to make it law that candidates must take part in an *Inuttitut* debate, and a big part of that and the way that this bill was drafted is that there are serious consequences for not participating, and the serious consequence of not participating is that you are disqualified as a candidate. And if you go through the Bill, the whole premise of this Bill is based upon that. It's required that candidates participate in this debate. If they aren't, they're disqualified. If you don't want to make that mandatory, then it renders this Bill useless. Then you don't legislate an *Inuttitut* debate. You just ask people, candidates if they want to take part in an *Inuttitut* debate. If they do, that's fine. If they don't, then they don't take part. But what this Bill is doing, the whole purpose of this Bill is to legislate, to make it law that candidates have to take part in an *Inuttitut* debate, and if they don't, they are disqualified as candidates.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions? Glen, go ahead.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** It's not a question. More of a comment than a question, I guess. I'm just thinking about the authority of the moderator and, you know, if somebody chooses not to take part in a debate for whatever reason, then that's the moderator's responsibility to disqualify them. I guess, internally, I ask myself how easy is it going to be to get a moderator once he knows his

duties and responsibilities, for me to say if I was a moderator that, Denise, you're not qualified to be President?

**MS WOLFREY:** It looks to me like the law is telling the moderator that you've got to disqualify them. It's not the moderator saying is this law? That's saying you're, you know, to me that's what it reads like. It's not the moderator really saying. It's the law in here that's saying you're disqualified. The moderator has to disqualify them. It says, so that's the law.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Loretta, did you have a comment on that?

**MS MICHELIN:** Yes. If you look on 116.(a)(5), basically, it's up to the Assembly to appoint a moderator that they are satisfied is qualified to carry out the functions of the moderator. So when the Assembly appoints a moderator, they have to be assured that the moderator is willing to do the job that they're appointed to do, and part of that is if a candidate refuses to participate in an *Inuttitut* debate under III, the moderator must disqualify. So it's not left up to them whether or not they will disqualify. They have to disqualify, and then they have to inform the NEO under 116(b)(5) that this person is disqualified, and then the NEO has to basically remove that person from the ballot. That is why you have to understand what you're doing is you're passing law here. So whatever is in here is law. If you're appointing a moderator, the moderator has to carry out the functions of the moderator as listed in this amendment, this Bill, which is the law. So the moderator's not going to have a choice as to whether or not they disqualify. That's going to be part of their job description when they agree to take on that role.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Sarah.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I think like Darryl and maybe even Glen, have an issue with the moderator having final say. My question is, and I'm just sort of going to bring this back a little. Once you've put your nomination in and your nomination has been accepted and, say, there were certain things, I think, I'm not sure where it is, it says you can't, like, you can't have a criminal record if you're a candidate. Now if you get a criminal record once your nomination is filed before the election, how are you disqualified? Is it through the NEO?

**MS MICHELIN:** Okay. Say that again, Sarah.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Okay. Say I got nominated for President, all right. From the date I was nominated to election day I went out and, I don't know, drove drunk and got convicted. We had a great justice system that got me through the courts like that. I got convicted of drunk driving, right? I am now convicted under the *Criminal Code of Canada* for an offence. Therefore I'm not qualified to be a candidate in the election. It would be the NEO that would disqualify me, right? No, let me finish. Right?

**MS MICHELIN:** Yes.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Okay. So why can we not do this, instead of putting the entire onus on the moderator. I understand it would be the Assembly would appoint the moderator. We would have a debate, but through that same process, instead of saying the moderator will disqualify, have it part of the disqualification within the *Election Act*.

**MS MICHELIN:** Yes. I think in the example you gave, obviously, the NEO, if they were informed that a candidate has now, between the time of nomination and the election, has gone to court and been convicted of a crime and now has a criminal record, obviously, somebody would have to inform the NEO. They would have to check with the courts to make sure that that's the case. Then they would be in a position where they could disqualify because the candidate did not meet the requirement. What we are doing here in this Bill is the moderator is the person who's running the debate, so they are the person, the front line person, to know whether or not the candidate is, in fact, participating in the debate, whether they've refused or whether they refuse to ask a question in, refused to answer a question in the debate. The NEO's not going to be at the debate. They're not going to be aware of whether or not the...

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I understand that.

**MS MICHELIN:** ...candidate showed up or participated or refused to answer a question. That's why the authority is given to the moderator to make that determination at the time of the debate. Then once the moderator has made that determination then they have a requirement under this *Act* to inform the NEO, and the NEO at that point removes the candidate's name from the ballot.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Sarah.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I understand all that, but what I'm saying is the moderator would still be appointed for the debate. The debate would still be held. But instead of, I think, my biggest thing is having that moderator having the say that that

person is disqualified. We have an NEO that does that already. So I understand the NEO won't be at the debate, but then could we not have it in such a way that the moderator informs the NEO that this person, by virtue of them not participating in the debate, are no longer qualified to be a candidate for the election and therefore have to be taken off the ballot? Just like this is going to be law, right? Just like the, if I went out and broke a law under the *Criminal Code*, it's going to be law. So why can't this be written? Because that's my biggest issue is that moderator having that authority. And, again, sort of tying into what Glen said, you know, it's written in here that we will pick a moderator. That's fine and dandy, but it's going and finding that moderator to do it and adding onto that job that they have to do in moderating not only the debate, understanding the importance of the debate, but also saying to them to you know what, you're going to be moderating the debate. You'll do a fine job of that. But at the end of the date, or if somebody goes up, you have - it's up to you to say that that person isn't qualified. You have to disqualify them as a candidate when we have an NEO who is there to oversee the elections. Am I making sense? I'm making sense in my own head, but I don't think it's coming...

**MS MICHELIN:** I think you're adding, well, not you, but by doing this, you're adding another level of complication.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Isn't that what this is?

**MS MICHELIN:** Well, yes, but this has been, you know, thought out. This would have been thought out to in a manner that makes sense. I can think of many

ways where it's really going to complicate things if the moderator doesn't have the authority to disqualify a candidate for refusing to participate for not showing up or for refusing to answer a question. And this makes it clear that when the moderator is appointed by the Assembly, the moderator knows what their duties are. And one of the duties of the moderator is to disqualify. It's not like well, I don't know if I can or I don't want to do that. It's they're taking on that responsibility. They're agreeing to do that. They know that if they are the moderator and this person doesn't participate they have to disqualify them.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Wayne.

**MR. PIERCY:** Going back to, like, the question. If you're putting yourself up for a Presidential candidate for Nunatsiavut and you refuse to do an *Inuttitut* debate, why on earth would you want to turn down the *Inuttitut* debate? That goes to show that you're - what are you going to do in your steps moving forward? So it's like what I said earlier in one of the Assemblies. If you're prepared to be a Presidential candidate, you should have went ahead and took all the steps necessary to fulfil what was in there and in the meantime we wouldn't be here arguing over why it is we would have a moderator. So if one person took it upon their selves, if they wanted to be a Presidential candidate why not do and follow all of the, all laws required instead of now we're here arguing about it again of having a moderator. So we now we ironed it all out. Now we went back to legal counsel and we're here again now that we've got the moderator in place, and now somebody says the candidates also refuse to do this debate. So we're



back to square one. So it's all in place now. Everything is there, all straight forward. It's just up to the candidate and all the affidavits that need to be signed by three different people. So you wanted all that took out. Everybody here at the Assembly wanted that took out. So we took it out. So now without the affidavit as being there instead of saying that, oh, you can't speak *Inuttitut*, now we're going to go to the Provincial Court and that's what we didn't want. Now that we've got it set up in our own playing field the way we want it, now we're addressing a different issue again altogether. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Loretta, would you like to respond to Wayne's comments?

**MS MICHELIN:** I'd like to respond a bit more to the question that was asked by Sarah. If you read through the moderator's duties, responsibilities, authorities, the moderator also has the power and the authority to postpone or delay the debate if, in the opinion of the moderator, a delay or postponement is warranted. So in the instance that a candidate gets in touch with the moderator and says I can't, you know, for some unforeseen circumstance I cannot make it to the debate at this time, can you postpone it? And the moderator says, has the authority to say yes. Now if you're leaving the decision to the NEO to disqualify, you're missing a step there. The moderator has all of these responsibilities, powers and authorities because they are the person running the debate. They're the person that the candidate will get in touch with if they can't make it, and then the moderator has the authority to say okay, we're going to do it at another time. So the moderator is the person that's also going to have the

knowledge of whether or not the candidate just didn't bother to show up, had a good reason for not showing up. So if you leave it to the NEO to disqualify a candidate based on the fact that they fail to take part, they fail to answer a question, it's one step removed from the moderator who is running the show, basically, and I can see all kinds of problems arising in that instance because the NEO's not going to be there. They're not going to be at the debate. They're not going to know whether this person refused to answer a question or couldn't answer a question. They're not going to know if the person showed up or didn't show up and had a good reason. That is why it is left to the moderator to make the determination of about whether or not the candidate failed to participate or failed to answer a question.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Charlotte.

**MS WOLFREY:** So now then, Loretta, I'm just going to think ahead a little bit to the next election, and if I was, I mean, I know I can't speak *Inuttitut*, but let's just say that I decided I was going to put my name up for a candidate, and I said, okay, I'll enter into the debate. Don't anybody laugh yet, but I mean I'm trying to go there. And if - what I'm trying to ask, I guess, is this moderator then is going to determine whether or not I can speak *Inuttitut* because if I got up and I participated in the debate, they asked me questions and if every question I said, atsuk, atsuk, atsuk. So would the moderator then tell me that I'm disqualified?

**MS MICHELIN:** No. The moderator does not make a determination at the end of the day as to whether the candidate passes or fails the debate. That is left to the

public, to the voters to decide. If a candidate shows up and absolutely refuses to answer a question, the moderator can disqualify them for refusing to answer a question. If the candidate answers the question, but, you know, may not do so well, that's left to the voters to decide then whether or not this person - it's not a test or fail by the moderator.

**MS WOLFREY:** But that means that then I could say that I wanted to be President, I had 10 people, you've still got to have all them nominations and all this other stuff to qualify, or to prove you're qualified for a candidate, and that I could get up there and answer atsuk to every question. But, I mean, then the people would decide, of course, but I mean, are we any better off then if that's where we're going with this, I guess is what my question is?

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Yes, we are.

**MS WOLFREY:** Okay. I trust you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Loretta, you can respond again.

**MS MICHELIN:** I think the moderator could also make a determination if you answer one word to every question asked, I would say that the moderator would probably make a determination that you're not really answering the questions, but that's why you have to be careful. What it says in here is that the moderator can disqualify if a candidate refuses to answer a question. The moderator must disqualify a candidate who fails or refuses to participate in the debate or respond to a question.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. Hold on. We're going in order here. Everyone will have their turn. Next person is Tony.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Yes. You know, under the *Elections Act*, the current legislation that we have in place that we have to work with, it isn't the NEO who has the sole powers and authority to disqualify candidates. Perhaps if he did, this legislation wouldn't be necessary. I know that the current legislation allows for the NEO to disqualify candidates as certain things such as bankruptcy, things like that. Now the NEO probably disqualifies him, but he doesn't actually determine if someone's bankrupt for that. Now the NEO cannot disqualify someone, for instance, when they file their paper as a Presidential candidate complete with affidavit. That document is supposed to be genuine and people are supposed to be able to understand and speak *Inuttitut* when they file that. The NEO makes no determination whether or not that's correct. All he does is everything here is in order and that's it, okay? So I don't understand why some want to give this power to the NEO and not agree that the moderator should not have that power. I think that we cannot assume, but I guess believe that the moderator is going to be able to speak and understand *Inuttitut*. And for the purpose of the debate and the debate will be in *Inuttitut*, English and *Inuttitut*. The moderator, you know, he'll moderate the debate. Moderators do, I suppose. And, you know, if people don't answer questions or participate or show up for the debate then that will be his job. It's not great powers that he had. All he has to do is follow the legislation that we've given him, and he can't step outside that. He can't act outside that legislation. Hey, it's his duty, hey, to, you know, to do what is stated here. It's the law. Should he try to step outside of that and make other determinations then we'll know that he's gone for not, you know, he didn't

fulfil his duties. So I think, you know, it's good and at the end of the day it is the NEO who removes the candidate's name from the ballot. As he would, as the NEO would remove a candidate's name from a ballot if someone decided to take someone to court, for instance, for not being able to speak and understand *Inuttitut*. The court would inform the NEO that that person wasn't able to understand and speak *Inuttitut*. So I don't see this as cumbersome or taking away from the NEO's powers. I think that it enhances the NEO's powers and the NEO's office and it's helpful to the NEO. Being part of that committee, I understand how frustrating it was for him, and there is no requirement for the NEO to be fluent in *Inuttitut* and English. So, you know, I'm very, very comfortable with this, I am, and that's all I had to say. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Dan.

**MR. POTTLE:** I just had to ask the question, I guess, throughout and maybe I should have asked it before, but the more we dialogue on this, I guess, the more things pop into your head for consideration. I'm just wondering, and if legal counsel can answer the question for me, in drafting this specific amendment which will become law, I'm wondering - we're Labrador Inuit, but we're still Canadian citizens. How and could this be perceived to be a violation of my rights under the *Canadian Constitution, Charter of Rights and Freedoms* or any provincial or federal human rights legislation, I'm wondering has that been considered? Because, I mean, I see this and, I mean, I'm, you know, anybody who's putting forward themselves for the office of President, you would think would be willing to enter into a debate,

but I see this as someone being forced to do something that they may not want to do. And given a question that the AngajukKâk for Rigolet asked and the response to that question was it is the people that makes the determination, well, I mean, our statistics say that we have approximately 12 percent of our population who say that they speak and understand *Inuttitut* or *Inuttitut* is their first language. So you're going to have again that 12 percent of the population making a determination at the end of the day whether somebody speaks and understands *Inuttitut*. What about the people who have limited working knowledge of speaking and understanding *Inuttitut*? And I know I've went off on a tangent here, but getting back to my first question, I'm just wondering, I mean, how deeply was this vetted with respect to *Canadian Constitution* and *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and any provincial or federal human rights legislation with respect to a possible violation of somebody's rights under those three or four pieces of legislation.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Loretta.

**MS MICHELIN:** As legal counsel, when we draft legislation we would not draft legislation if we thought that it was in violation of our *Constitution*, that's the *Inuit Constitution* because basically - now any individual in Canada has the right to challenge any law, whether it be an Inuit law, provincial law, federal law and do a challenge saying that in their opinion it's in violation of a *Charter of Rights* or human rights legislation. I mean, we live in a democracy and individuals have that right. We did not, when we drafted this, we did not, and we normally don't, you know, question ourselves as

to whether or not if somebody challenged this as a *Charter* violation, would it pass? We have no idea whether it would or not, but we were satisfied that it is not in violation of our *Charter*, our *Constitution* when we drafted this.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Susan.

**MS NOCHASAK:** I guess I'll start in regards of the authority that we're stuck on in regards of the moderator. Really, in my opinion, the way my brain is thinking of it is that the moderator will have the say in regards of disqualifying someone that refuses to participate in the debate, but that direction is coming from this law that we're discussing right now. It's the law that's making that determination and the moderator is just, I guess, like an employee of that law saying that I'm going to disqualify you because you've refused to participate in the debate. As Tony mentioned, it's not complicated in my mind. The word authority and having power is what we're hung up on, but it's not really, in my mind, power of a moderator. It's the power of the law that we're discussing. It's the law's power making the moderator say whether or not you're going to be disqualified, not the moderator's with this all mighty authority. And that's, in my opinion, what we're looking at. I would also like to mention 12 percent or not, it's 12 percent. Twelve percent of the Inuit deserve to have our highest authority in our government to speak and understand *Inuttitut* fluently, smoothly, conversely, day in and day out, *Inuttitut*. Twelve percent is 12 percent, and there are more unilingual people out there that can speak and understand and it's not like that 12 percent is going to say no, that

candidate is no good. It's we're all going to be voting on that person anyway, but the debate we're going to be looking at and listening to how well and how fluently these candidates are on this debate, I don't know. My brain is just trying to calm itself down, but just because we're a minority, just because the *Inuttitut* language is a minority doesn't mean that we should overlook it. I know there are lot more people that don't speak and understand *Inuttitut*, but that 12 percent, the *Inuttitut* debate is very important to them.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Patricia.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you. I have issues with 16.b(3) as well because the moderator must disqualify a candidate who fails or refuses to participate in a debate or respond to a question. Like, the person could have done really well and maybe they don't really know how to answer. I mean, sometimes we get asked questions in English and we don't really know how to answer. And they could be disqualified because they didn't answer a question or one question? Maybe the moderator could inform the electorate that the person refused to participate or respond to a question through the NEO. That's just my opinion. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Loretta.

**MS MICHELIN:** The NEO is at arm's length here. The NEO is sitting in Rigolet. What you're going to be doing with this law if it's passing is you're giving the moderator the authority to make determinations, to make a determination whether or not a candidate has refused to answer a question. This law, if you are legislating a debate, it has to have teeth. The moderator has to



have the ability to make a determination as to whether or not the candidate actually participated, showed up, and answered a question. You can't then have the moderator going to the NEO and saying, oh, well, the candidate really didn't answer the question, so maybe you should disqualify her. I mean the NEO is not going to be there. What you're doing in this Bill is you're giving the moderator a lot of power and a lot of authority, yes, because the moderator is the person that's going to be running the debate, and as an Assembly, you're saying that the Assembly has to be satisfied that the moderator, 1) speaks and understands and 2) is qualified to carry out the functions of the moderator. You are putting a lot of faith in the moderator. That's why the Assembly has to appoint somebody that they feel is capable of doing the job of moderator.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Johannes.

**MR. LAMPE:** Thank you Chairman. This moderator, I want to say twice I ran for the candidacy for President in 2008 and 2012 since Nunatsiavut Government was started. And the first leaders and what they wanted and the Inuit way of life and law and for our future children and grandchildren and to have what they need to know about Inuit law and legend, way, culture and it's like they were threatened and many people don't agree with it, who we are and where we come from. We have to let them know where we came from and us as leaders and our way of life and culture; and our language and minds, we have to be ready in a way of saying and reply to those in Labrador Inuit people way of life and language and that Labrador Inuit in the bylaws or law. It sounds like you are stealing our way of knowledge

and being used twice. It is heavy and hard as an Inuk and hard for the people who only understand Inuktitut ; it's like we're being led the wrong way in knowing we've been forgotten our bylaws and we've been left behind and we like to have or ways in the communities and how they are poor and the poorer are getting worst all of the time because they don't understand English, they can't speak English. They don't have knowledge and they would need someone to go to who is bilingual or they have given up; they only to go to this person who know, their leader, they wanted help from this person and this person had given up. I was thinking try again and those candidates and has been told by the other candidates in 2008 and 2012 and didn't know where to turn to. Now I'll know what to do and I could turn to the courts if I have to go that way or go that route if I decide to run again and I would have to wait another time and those voters would have to wait a bit longer. Now I know how I could come this route. Thank you very much.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Sarah.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Okay. I think there's sort of the impression that I'm against the debate.

I'm all for the debate. I'm all for having a moderator for the debate, it's the whole process, but when Charlotte had asked the question of Loretta that if somebody answered the question with just a basic one-word answer, could they be disqualified because they're still answering the question. When this was brought the Assembly, the main reason this was brought to the Assembly is because through reading the NEO report and the discussions, it was felt there was no way to check the language ability of

candidates. In here if you read why the moderator must disqualify a candidate, but all it says is the moderator must disqualify a candidate who fails and refuses to participate in the debate or respond to a question. Again, we're not back to saying that this person can or cannot speak *Inuttitut*. This three there where it gives the authority for the moderator to disqualify a candidate is just as weak as the clause in the *Elections Act* that says a candidate must be able to speak and understand *Inuttitut*. Because basically all it says, you know, this is - and I only thought of this after Charlotte had asked the question, if they refuse to participate or answer or respond to a question, just one question, they can be disqualified. That in no way says they can or can't speak *Inuttitut*. I agree we need to get, you know, we must get something done. There's been a lot of talk about it. The whole authority of the moderator, still I have issues with, but now since Charlotte brought that up, I even have more issues because really is this bill intending, does this actually answer what was brought before the Assembly? How do we ensure that a candidate can or cannot speak *Inuttitut*? And by saying the moderator must disqualify a candidate who fails or refused to participate or respond, is that ensuring that they can speak and understand *Inuttitut*? I don't think so. I understand, you know, it needs to go somewhere then with this, but is this the right bill to be dealing with it? I think it needs to be refined more because really, can that - if that's why they're disqualifying it, is that in any way answering the question? How do we ensure that a candidate can speak and understand *Inuttitut*?

**MADAM SPEAKER:**Loretta.

**MS MICHELIN:** I think that's why it's really important and the Assembly has to take their role really seriously, and when they're appointing a moderator they have to make sure that the moderator, that they're satisfied speaks and understands *Inuttitut* and is qualified to carry out the functions of the moderator. That means that they have to appoint a person that they feel is fair, objective, unbiased, able to make a decision, have good judgment because that moderator is going to be called upon to do all of those things. It's going to be left to the moderator to decide whether or not a candidate has responded to a question, and that's a judgment call sometimes. Did they do their best to answer the question? Well, the moderator will make a determination. Yes, maybe their *Inuttitut* isn't perfect, but they did respond to the question, and that's why the moderator's role is very important, and that's why it's up to the Assembly to appoint a moderator that they feel have all of those qualities and can carry out the responsibilities of the moderator.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** But if we're bringing in a law for that...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Wayne.

**MR. PIERCY:** Thank you. Having the moderator in place is only like while we're following the provincial law right now stating that our kids can't drive a vehicle until they're 16 years old. Well, I've got a 13-year-old and they're one of the best drivers I've seen. And yet again the law states that until he's 16 years old he can't drive. So with the moderator having this authority and going down to number four, it still states postponed or

delayed debate, if in the opinion of the moderator a delay or postponement is warranted. So they're legislated right there to determine what happens and how things progress. Either they're disqualified, or delay it and postpone it and then we wait for another date. But all this here is doing is legislating so that we won't have our people hung up again waiting on another election and however long it took, the election, and whatever money we spent to rectify that.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ed.

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Nakummek, Madam Chair. Just a point of clarification. We're in second reading of Bills, are we not?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Yes.

**MR. TUTTAUK:** The clause-by-clause reading. Is it fair to say that if a member has issues with any these clauses that can propose amendments to make these changes?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Loretta, did you want to respond to that?

**MS MICHELIN:** Yes, Members can propose amendments if they want. I think that one of the things that Members have to keep in mind, though, if they're looking at proposing any amendments, if you propose a major amendment that goes to the purpose and the principle of this Bill, you may be rendering it impotent, and you may have to amend the whole because if you take out a pivotal provision of this Bill you're probably going to have to amend half the bill because there's two main aspects of this Bill. One is that candidates are required or legislated to take part in the debate. They

have to take part in the debate. If they don't, they will be disqualified.

Those are the two main purposes of this Bill. So if you start tweaking it, you're probably going to have to start over.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Is that a supplementary, Ed, that you were thinking there? Is this another question that you had?

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Yeah, I understand that, but I'm just thinking - I think if we did it that way we'd probably speed up the process of debating this Bill.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** William.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek Itsivautak. I think, you know, I really should be just like Johannes speaking in *Inuttitut*, but I'm going to, just to be clear, try to make it clearer, okay. Patricia's point about, what was it? 116(b)(3), "The moderator must disqualify a candidate who fails or refuses to participate in the debate or to respond to a question." If you go to 122(a) number (7) (b), "A candidate shall respond to five questions designed to determine whether the candidate speaks and understands *Inuttitut* asked by the moderator, " and (c) "Respond to one question asked by each of the other candidates," I just go back to the point that Charlotte made earlier of the five questions that, let's just say I'm a candidate, of the five questions that are asked of me by a moderator. Maybe my answer will be atsuk. I don't know the answer to that question, but I answered the other four questions. So there could be times it could be a very tough question on the *Financial Administration Act*. Atsuk, I don't know that. So I just feel that to disqualify a candidate by failing to respond to a question while atsuk is a response to one question, but you've got four more, maybe

more questions to answer besides that one question you can't answer. I just want to - the whole Bill is tied together. You can't just take sections of it.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Charlotte.

**MS WOLFREY:** I guess I should have said this right from the start. I mean, and I think I remember back to someone saying in the debates they didn't want the moderator to have the power to say whether or not someone can speak and understand *Inuttitut*, and I guess when I ask that, when I said that simple little question I was really saying why wouldn't we give the moderator that power if we've appointed them from here to say whether or not because that's what we're asking them to do? We're asking them to say whether or not that these people who have put themselves up for candidates as President can speak and understand *Inuttitut*. So why wouldn't we give, why wouldn't we just give the moderator that power instead of putting it in little tiny pieces like that, shall disqualify a candidate who refused to participate because, I mean, I might be someone who knows nothing at all about politics and if I answered, I mean, you know, I know what you're saying, but William I'm glad you tied it together because I didn't take notice of that, that stuff that's over further but, I mean, really, if we want to determine whether or not someone can speak and understand *Inuttitut*, why don't we give the moderator that power?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Loretta.

**MS MICHELIN:** That was never the intention of this Bill. If you go back to the report that we tabled, we said you have to know why you're changing the current

legislation. You have to know. You have to understand, and if you go down another road there is no road that's going to take you down that's perfect or without problems or without issues. The Assembly decided that the road they wanted to go down was to legislate an *Inuttitut* debate. This was the best that we could come up with as to a legislated debate, where the moderator does not pass or fail a candidate. It is left to the electorate, to the voters to make a determination themselves whether or not they feel this candidate can speak and understand *Inuttitut*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Tony.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Yes. Thank you, Chair. William Barbour said some of the things that I was going to say. I was going to respond a little bit to Charlotte in her earlier comment about someone just getting up and say I don't know, I don't know, I don't know, I don't know, five times, but this is a structured debate, okay? Begins with an opening statement. Now that opening statement could be written for months in advance and practised and, you know, mimicked, whatever, and so could the closing. But the five questions. And, you know, when we had this discussion before, when we were selecting the options, it came up about I'm not a politician. I might not be able to answer the questions. This is not going to be rocket science questions or very hard financial questions that candidates should - candidates should be able to take a shot at these. These questions are designed so that the public can get a feel for whether or not a candidate can speak and understand *Inuttitut*. Not whether about they understand how the day care system works in Canada, or how, you know, the



Member from Canada is the absolute best financial genius in the world. It's not about that. It's about whether or not candidates can speak and understand *Inuttitut*, and these how the questions are going to be designed. So I know that we jumped ahead, Chair, to the next section and we're gone past the section, you know, but I think that, you know, when we - at the end of it, it'll show clearly that this is the way that we has to go.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Gary.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd just like to make a comment here that with regard to 116(b)3, I, too, have got a problem with the wording there respond to a question because in this Section 3 the moderator's disqualifying a candidate that fails to or refuses to participate in the debate. Now the question part should be with number seven because if we're talking about answering questions it was said just now that the public will decide if the question's answered right by the candidate. Number three should just be left alone to disqualify who fails or refuses to participate in the debate, and the part about the responding to a question because I don't think they should be disqualified because they couldn't respond to a question. The questions are in number seven, I think. Yes, that's just a comment I'd like to make, yes.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Sarah.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I was just going to back to my initial comment about Section 3 where the only authority the moderator is having to disqualify a candidate is if they fails or refuses to participate or don't respond to a question. Again, I don't

understand, and I think maybe Loretta or somebody from the committee can answer me, how is that answering why we started this? I know somebody had said, you know, you have to tie it in. William and Tony had alluded to tying it into four, 122(a) 7 where at the debate this is what the candidate shall do, but with that one statement the moderator must disqualify a candidate. How is that making it any clearer? I'm losing missing that.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Loretta.

**MS MICHELIN:** What this Bill does is it legislates or it absolutely requires a candidate to participate. So if you're making it a law that a candidate has to participate in an *Inuttitut* language debate there has to be a serious consequence if they don't. The serious consequence is that they be disqualified as a candidate. But you also are appointing a moderator that you have faith in that's going to use their discretion, that's going to have good judgment and they're not going to, hopefully, just disqualify a candidate if, you know, they're unable to answer a question. But if you have a candidate that shows up to the debate and answers no questions because they can't speak and understand *Inuttitut*, then I would say that the moderator will probably disqualify them.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Susan.

**MS NOCHASAK:** I believe we're looking at the worst case scenario in regards of candidates gearing up towards this debate, which is good. It's always good to look at the worst case scenario. But, in my opinion, if we put this into law and the general public know that there is definitely going to be an *Inuttitut* debate

and it will be required by law that you have to participate in it, then, in my opinion, I believe that no candidate is going to come forward and enter into candidacy if they don't speak and understand *Inuttitut* because they, by law, if we pass this, they're going to have to prove by this debate that they can speak and understand *Inuttitut*. So whether or not they're going to get auka, auka, auka, auka is, in my opinion, worst case scenario because I believe, I feel that if they are going to be candidates, if they are putting their name forward knowing that they are going to have to be required to go in the debate, whether or not they can answer one question or no question is going to be worse case scenario because of this law. It's going to state that you are going to definitely have to be required to sit down in front of all Nunatsiavut in a debate in *Inuttitut*. So I believe that the candidates will speak and understand *Inuttitut* and be able to answer the questions.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Did you have a comment for this Loretta or Tony? No?

**MS MICHELIN:** If the Assembly feels that, you know, you don't want candidates disqualified for not participating, not answering questions at a debate, then don't pass this law. Just don't pass it because otherwise why are you passing a law requiring means that you have to participate. That's what the law says. If you just want to have a debate and have candidates show up if they want to and answer questions if they want to and not if they don't, then just do it. If you have a law, it has to have some teeth, otherwise don't bother to have a law. Just say there's going to be an *Inuttitut* debate for candidates that want to participate. If you don't

participate, then that's fine. Because if you have a law that says we're legislating a debate, but if you don't want to show up, that's fine, and if you don't want to answer questions, that's fine, then what's the point of having a law? Don't have a law. Just have a voluntary debate.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ed, did you have your hand up earlier?

**MR. TUTTAUK:** No.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** No. Okay, then it's Patricia.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you. I don't have a problem with the debate. I've got a problem with respond to a question because the person could have responded really well to four of the five questions, but, you know, maybe they felt it was immoral to answer, or could be all kinds of reasons, but they didn't answer one question and they could be disqualified. That's the part where it says respond to a question. That's the Part 1 have a problem with. I think it's really good where it's all outlined here. But they may answer the first four questions really well and not know how to answer the fifth one. I don't know. I'm just, again, I'm thinking worst case scenario.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Loretta, did you want to respond to that?

**MS MICHELIN:** I think you have to use some common sense and give the moderator, you know. If you're going to appoint a person that you have confidence in, then you're going to feel that they're going to use good common sense, good judgment and not disqualify a candidate because they can't answer one question. They're going to take their job very seriously. They're not going to disqualify a candidate in the Presidential election on a whim.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Wayne.

**MR. PIERCY:** Thank you. So this is where it was getting out of hand and that's where I said common sense would come in. If everybody's stuck on number three, like William brought up after, reference to seven and eight. Then you won't be stuck on three. You're not going to get disqualified just because you couldn't answer one question, even though you said atsuk. You've still got four other questions to answer, right? So it is common sense. So just because three is a stand-alone, when you go through the whole Bill, and if we're going to agree on the whole Bill, seven and eight clearly identifies that three is not set alone. So common sense has to kick in. If we're reading through the Bill, we're going through this document now and this is where we stuck on, on number three. So when we go through the rest of the Bill, we'll come to seven and eight and that it clearly identifies that three is not just sitting alone ready to strike out whoever is going to run for the President of Nunatsiavut. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Tony, you still want to speak? I'll go to Sarah.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Just going back to what Loretta went on about, I want to say rant, but it was pretty close. When she said, you know, if you want to legislate a debate, if you don't want to legislate a debate don't vote on this Bill. The reason we have this Bill before us is not because we wanted to legislate a debate. We wanted to legislate the language abilities of a Presidential candidate and I think, you know, I'm just not seeing it in here and Wayne had mentioned that you can't look at three alone by itself, but you can because that's the only clause in this Bill that gives the authority to the

moderator to disqualify a candidate. I'm just not getting it. I mean, you can bang me over the head or something, but somebody explain it to me. But, and, again, I have to go back to we're here because the Assembly decided that we need clarification on speak and understand for the Presidential candidate. Loretta's sitting there saying if you want legislation for a debate then adopt this Bill. If you don't want legislation for a debate, don't adopt this Bill. And then in this Bill, the only authority given to the moderator for anything is to disqualify a candidate who refuses to participate or respond to a question. Maybe it just needs some refining. I don't know, but there's nothing in here that's really saying that yes, we see that what the candidates shall do through seven and eight, yes, but there's no authority saying all that moderator could say you didn't answer a question, you're disqualified. Which we're no further, in my opinion, we're no further ahead with, I guess, it's the wording in this Bill, than the wording that exists now in the ability to speak and understand *Inuttitut*. I don't see anything in here that gives any more teeth to the language abilities of a Presidential candidate than what we have right now, and that's why I'm saying can you explain to me where it is in here?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I think, Tony, you wanted to respond to Sarah there or...

**MR. ANDERSEN:** What I was going to say, I wasn't going to respond to her, but I've cut my other hand with what she's speaking, but it do. Some people I think, and they have stated that they're worried that someone may not be able to answer a question, not because they didn't understand it in *Inuttitut* because the question is going to be too difficult to answer. And I think

that's where common sense has to kick in a little bit. You know, if someone asked me a question, if I was in the debate, and I went like that, I suppose, and that could be that I refused to answer a question, but I don't think it means that you have to give the answer to the question. If you can't answer it, say, for instance, if it was about rocket science and you responded to the moderator in *Inuttitut* saying I'm very sorry, moderator, but I just can't answer questions about rocket science, and say that, you know, it's not because I didn't understand the question. I understand, but I'm unable to speak because I'm not trained in that. I think that answers the question. And, again, these questions are not going to be designed to a great political insight and that. These questions are going to be designed, and the legislation clearly says that they're going to be saying so that the public can get a chance to know if candidates cannot speak or not, *Inuttitut*. In response to just what Sarah answered and there are others, I guess, who wanted to respond to Sarah, I think that this is something that goes way beyond what we have now. It's a public debate that allows that, you know, whether it's a hundred percent people or 2 percent or 12 percent, it gives them that opportunity, who do understand and speak *Inuttitut*, it gives them that opportunity to make judgment. And I think that's what we're about. And I think under the current process we don't have that and that's why people questioned whether or not a candidate had that ability to understand and speak *Inuttitut*. They never had a chance. Sometimes they don't even know the candidates, let alone hear them speak in *Inuttitut* so that they can make that determination or judgment, if you will, for them. So I don't think that

anyone should be hung up on the nature of the questions and how tough they're going to be. The questions are going to be designed, let me say it one more time. These questions are designed and asked in a manner that allows the people who are listening to the debate to make judgment or determination on whether someone can understand and speak *Inuttitut*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. Wayne had something.

**MR. PIERCY:** I fully agree with this Bill, and for the knock-off on number three, number three should stay there because to respond to a question, the simplest question might be would you enter into a debate? Then you can say auka, or whatever you'd like to say. That could be the simplest question and you would not be disqualified for that. That's the simplest thing so that's where common sense kicks in. That's why the whole thing is made up the way it is because one ties to the other, and like us here at the Assembly we're, I guess, we're all tied together to help our people out and this is one of things to help our people out.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** William.

**MR. BARBOUR:** I just want to respond to Sarah's point. Where in this Bill the definition of speak and understand. If you look at it, it's on page three under number 2(2). "For the purpose of this part a person, including a candidate shall be deemed to be able to speak *Inuttitut* if the person can convey his or her thoughts, feelings, emotions and opinions and his or her analysis of facts or information by talking in *Inuttitut*." Well, the *Constitution* just says speak and understand. Well, does auka and ai constitute that that I can speak? To me, it doesn't. And the same meaning for understand. I have



to be able to understand when somebody speaks to me just like Johannes said. People here in Hopedale talk to me in *Inuttitut* and they expect a response in *Inuttitut*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I think Part 3 has been debated. Now before we go into the final Part 4 right now, we're going to take a 25-minute break.

(Recess)

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. We're still in a Committee of the Whole. We were on Part 3, which included page four, five and part of page six. Did everybody speak on that that wanted to speak? Everybody that wanted to speak? Denise. Okay, go ahead.

**MS LANE:** I agree with some kind of debate, but I think that we're giving too much power to just one person to decide. If they can't answer a question, they can be just thrown out of an election. That's my two cents.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Anyone else. On Part 3 we're going to take a vote on agreed and not agreed. Can we take hands on agreed with Part 3?

**MR. POTTLE:** Point of order, Madam Speaker.

**MR. POTTLE:** Point of order.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. State your point, please.

**MR. POTTLE:** I'm just wondering do you vote...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Pardon me?

**MR. POTTLE:** We go through the Bill clause by clause. Are we voting on each clause as well, or do we vote on the Bill in its entirety?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Right now we're just asking if everybody is in agreement with Part 3.

And then we're going to go into Part 4 for questions and answers and see if they're agreed, and we'll vote on the Bill as a whole once this is done. Is that clear?

**MR. POTTLE:** Somewhat, but it still seems like you're voting on each clause, but that's your call, Madam Speaker, not mine.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. We could go either way. Like where we were asking people by parts if they agreed or not, we'll just continue with this until they get through agreed on the parts or not, and then after that we'll take a vote on the Bill as a whole. So Part 3. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Not agreed? Show of hands for not agreed on the Part 3 on not agreeing on Part 3? Six. Was it, six? Okay, the number of people who agrees on Part 3? Ten. Okay. We're on Part 4, which is the last part on page six and page seven. Questions on that part.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I had a question back behind, as I'm always behind, but I held my hand, but I don't think anybody saw me. It was on Part 3.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. Go ahead with your question.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** 116(a)4. "The speaker shall before nominating a person under Subsection 3 seek and obtain the advice of the Minister responsible for culture as to whether the person can speak and understand *Inuttitut*." My

question on that would be what happens in the case of the Minister of Culture doesn't speak and understand, his or herself?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Loretta.

**MS MICHELIN:** I would imagine in that case the Minister would have to seek advice from those that do speak and understand *Inuttitut*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. We're now on Part 4. Questions or comments for Part 4.  
Everybody agreed on Part 4?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Not agreed.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Oh, you had a question on Part 4. Sorry, Patricia, go ahead.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** I think if part 16(b)3 was written very similar to 122(a)3. "Each candidate must participate in the debate and a candidate who fails or refuses to participate in a debate or to respond to questions." See it's plural there. It's singular in 16(b)3. A question as opposed to questions. That's not consistent. This one makes more sense than 16(b)3 because it says a question.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go ahead.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I'm a little confused now because we voted on that section already and we've had two questions on it.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** It's referring to another part in Part 4.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** No, you went back to 116. We've already voted on 116. That's under Section 3. We're on to Section 4 now.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** So are you referring to part. Well, Part 3 has been voted on, so we can't go back to part.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Part 4.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Sorry.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Part 4 has already been voted on. We're on Part 4 now. Part 3, it...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Is...

**PRESIDENT LEO:** ...that's it. We've...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Is it...

**PRESIDENT LEO:** ...already voted on it.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** But is your question something in Part 4? Okay, could you ask your question again in Part 4?

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** 122(a)3. "Each candidate must participate in the debate and the candidate who fails or refuses to participate in the debate or to respond to questions [plural] during the debate shall be disqualified as a candidate."  
This one is clear because it's plural.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Do the committee or Loretta have a response to there? Are you on the committee, Wayne?

**MR. PIERCY:** No.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Loretta.

**MS MICHELIN:** I do agree that there is a discrepancy between 116(b) 3 and 122(a) 3. Usually in the case of a discrepancy like that I would say that the moderator would go with basically what makes the most sense, and 122.a

(3) makes the most sense. Questions. Respond to questions. So if the candidate refuses to respond to questions during the debate, and that's where we get back to discretion of the, and judgment of the, moderator.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions or comments for Part 4? Go ahead, Dan.

**MR. POTTLE:** Not on Part 4 *per se*, Madam Chair, but again I'm concerned that, I mean, the purpose of second reading is to debate the details of the Bill, not to vote on each of the details of the Bill, but to vote on the detail of the Bill in its entirety. So I'm wondering if we can have, for the record, any reference to voting on a clause as we did in Part 3, I believe, stricken from the record because we have no right to vote on each clause of the Bill, but we vote on the Bill in its entirety. The purpose of debate on second reading is to debate the details of the Bill and not the clause-by-clause review of the details of the Bill and not to vote on each clause of the Bill, but to vote on the Bill in its entirety, just for the record. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Give me a few minutes. Okay. Any questions, comments on Part 4.

Agreed on Part 4?

**MR. POTTLE:** Point of order, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay.

**MR. POTTLE:** Never heard you give a response to my question on whether or not we're voting and whether or not the word vote will be stricken from the record.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The voting on Part 3 will be stricken from the record. Part 4. Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek. That concludes the debate. Excuse me. That concludes the clause-by-clause review of the Bill. Does Mr. Andersen wish to conclude the debate?

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to conclude.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you. That concludes debate. All those in favour of second reading of Bill 2014-03, a Bill to amend the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act* Inuit Law 2009-08?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Another show of hands, please. All those opposed. Accordingly, Bill 2014-03, a Bill to amend the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act* 2009-08 has had second reading. I thank the witness for coming forward and we'll now go back into Assembly to continue with the Orders of the Day. Orders of the day. Number 18, "Assent to Bills." Madam President, the Assembly has given second reading to Bill 2014-02 and Bill 2014-93 and wish to present them for assent.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Madam Speaker and Members, as President of Nunatsiavut I wish to give assent to Bill 2014-02, the *Budget Act*, 2014 and Bill 2014-03, a Bill to amend the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act* Inuit Law 2009-08 and hereby sign them into law.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I'll take a couple minutes break. The speaker continues until the next speaker is chosen. On March 31st the clerk will advise Finance of those Ordinary Members who are directly impacted by a dissolution requirement and should there be any questions regarding financial benefits and

impacts, I would encourage you to contact Finance directly. Before we adjourn the Assembly for the last time before the election, I would like to acknowledge the support we have received from all who work very hard every time we sit as an Assembly. May I wish each of you safe travels home and success if you decide for election. Could we please stand for a closing prayer. Heavenly father, as we come to the end of our time together we thank you for what has been accomplished these past couple of days. May the matters discussed serve as a way to move us forward and cause us to advance and see growth in all areas of our lives. May we leave here recognizing you are the God of all wisdom and you are willing to lead us forward. We pray also for the safe travels to all of us who are gathered today and bring us home safely to our families and our communities. This we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

**ASSEMBLY:** Amen.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Assembly is adjourned until May 12, 2014. Okay, before everyone leaves here I have a couple announcements to make. I would also like to say that Susan is giving a presentation on the Moravian Mission Master Plan in the courtroom. Do you know what time, Susan?

**MS NOCHASAK:** No.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** When we're finished here, and the charter will be leaving Goose Bay at eight o'clock tomorrow morning.