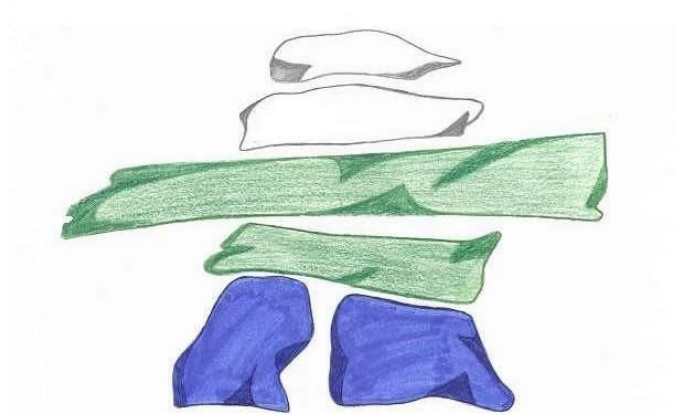




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Sixth ASSEMBLY

OF

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PARLIAMENTARY REPORT

In Attendance:

Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canada, Honourable Bryan Winters

Deputy Speaker and Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Honourable Wally Andersen

Clerk of the Assembly, Darlene Winters

President of Nunatsiavut, Honourable Johannes Lampe

First Minister and Ordinary Member for Nain Honourable David Dicker Jr

Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology and Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Honourable Melva Williams

Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Honourable Tom Edmunds

Minister of Health and Social Development and Ordinary Member for Nain, Honourable Roxanne Barbour

Minister of Language Cultural and Tourism, Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Honourable McKinley Winters

Minister of Education and Economic Development and Ordinary Member for Canadian Constituency, Honourable Gerald Asivak

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Kim Oliver

Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Chesley Sheppard

AngajukKâk for Postville, Ms. Melanie Gear

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Mrs .Marjorie Flowers

AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Anthony Andersen

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

Chair Person of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Jeffrey Montague

Director of Legal Services, Mr. Mark Gillette

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: [Speaks Inuktitut]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Thank you. As President for the Nunatsiavut Government before we call to order, I would like to call to order the First Session of the Sixth Nunatsiavut Assembly after the Ordinary General Election. They will have to be sworn in. So, let's begin. First of all, I'll do an opening prayer. Please stand.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: [Recites prayer in Inuktitut] *Nakummek*. We are now to Item Number 2, "The Opening Address by the President." Colleagues, Assembly Members and newly-elected Ordinary Members, elected by constituents in respective communities. It is with great respect that I rise today for the First Sitting of the Sixth Assembly to offer my sincere congratulations, thanks and reflections on the path ahead for our Government and our people. First, I want to acknowledge all those who put their names forward in the May 5 election for Ordinary Members. Offering oneself for public service is never an easy decision. It requires courage, commitment and a deep belief in the strength and future of our Government, our people and our communities. To every candidate, whether successful or not, I extend my heart-felt thanks to your willingness to serve, strengthens our democracy and honours the legacy of those who fought so hard to get us to where we are today. I also extend the congratulations to those elected and acclaimed as Ordinary

Members. To each of you the responsibilities you carry are significant.

As Ordinary Members you are entrusted with shaping Legislation, guiding policy and ensuring that the voices of beneficiaries are heard clearly and respectfully. You will be asked to make decisions, many of which will be difficult, that affect our communities, our culture our lands and future generations. This is an important responsibility one that demands collaboration and a commitment to the well-being of all beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, no matter where they live.

We must also acknowledge a concern that has grown more evident in recent elections, the number of acclamations and a declining voter turnout. It is disappointing that more beneficiaries did not come forward to run for office. Self Government thrives when participation is strong and when our people feel empowered, engaged and motivated to shape the future of Nunatsiavut. The fact that several seats were filled by acclamation and that voter turnout was low tells us that we have to work - we have work to do. We must find new ways to encourage engagement, leadership development and to ensure that beneficiaries, especially our youth see themselves reflected in this Assembly and in the work that we do as a Government. This is not a criticism, but a call to action. We must work hard as an Assembly to strengthen democratic participation. We must listen to our people, understand the barriers they face and create opportunities for them to be more involved. We are much stronger as a people, and a Government when every voice feels valued and every beneficiary feels that their participation matters. To

those who were not successful this time around, I offer my sincere appreciation. Your contributions do not end with the election. I encourage you to stay engaged, to continue advocating and to consider offering yourselves again in the future. Our Government needs leaders at every level, inside and outside this Assembly. As we begin the work of the Sixth Assembly I am confident that together we can continue to build a stronger, healthier and more vibrant Nunatsiavut. Let us honour the trust placed in us by our people. Let us work collaboratively, respectfully, and with determination and let us always remember that the decisions we make here must reflect the values, the aspirations and rights of the people we have been entrusted to serve. *Nakummek*. I look forward to working with all Members as we continue the important work of advancing issues and concerns of our people and our communities. *Nakummek*.

Now on to Number 3, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." I am very happy and very glad to see in the gallery, Christine Foltz Vincent, Ms. Vincent, Tanya Vincent, Bianca Winters, Darlene's son, Cassie Vincent, Jim Tuttuak, Charlene Frieda. *Nakummek*. [Speaks in Inuttitut] *Nakummek*. And now we go on to Number 4, "Oath of Office." I will call upon each Ordinary Member elected coming from their respective community constituents as listed in order.

First, I will call upon Mr. Wally Andersen, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville to receive his oath of office. Wally.

Repeat after me. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, Wally Andersen...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...I, Wally Andersen...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...and will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws.

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...and all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I solemnly promise...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: And I solemnly promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...and to perform my functions...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so help me, God.

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...so help me, God.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I present to you, re-elected Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville,
Wally Andersen. Congratulations.

[Applause]

Wally, the pen.

MR. W. ANDERSEN: It's my own.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Is it? Okay.

MS. WINTERS: Here, Wally, you can take that one.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Okay.

MS. WINTERS: (Inaudible.)

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Okay. Yeah. Next, I'm calling upon Mr. Gerald Asivak, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Gerald. Repeat after me. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MR. ASIVAK: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

MR. ASIVAK: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. ASIVAK: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

MR. ASIVAK: ...and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, Gerald Asivak...

MR. ASIVAK: ...I, Gerald Asivak...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. ASIVAK: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. ASIVAK: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful...

MR. ASIVAK: ...that I will be faithful...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut...

MR. ASIVAK: ...to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey...

MR. ASIVAK: ...and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. ASIVAK: ...respect...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

MR. ASIVAK: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws.

MR. ASIVAK: ...and all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I solemnly promise...

MR. ASIVAK: And I solemnly promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

MR. ASIVAK: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MR. ASIVAK: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions...

MR. ASIVAK: ...and to perform my functions...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. ASIVAK: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MR. ASIVAK: ...to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so help me, God.

MR. ASIVAK: ...so help me, God.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I present to you re-elected Gerald Asivak Ordinary Member of the Canadian Constituency. Congratulations.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I now call upon Ms. Roxanne Barbour, Ordinary Member for Nain. Roxanne?

[Administers Oath in Inuttitut]

INTERPRETER: In the presence of everyone assembled here, in the full realization of the high calling as a Member - I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and the powers entrusted to me is for benefit of all Inuit, I swear, solemnly swear that I will affirm and be faithful to the Inuit and to the Nunatsiavut, and I'll obey and respect and uphold of the Labrador - of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* and all Inuit laws. I solemnly promise - I promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to the best of my ability. In the case of an oath, so help me, God.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I present to you re-elected Ordinary Member for Nain, Ms. Roxanne Barbour. Congratulations.

[Applause]

MS. WINTERS: Should she sign that one?

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Oh, yeah.

MS. BARBOUR: *Naku.*

PRESIDENT LAMPE: [Speaks Inuttitut]

I now call upon Mr. David Dicker Jr., Ordinary Member for Nain. [Speaks Inuttitut]

MR. DICKER JR.: English.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: English?

MR. DICKER JR.: Mm-hmm.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Okay. Repeat after me. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MR. DICKER JR.: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, David Dicker Jr...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...I, David dicker Jr...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...respect...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws.

MR. DICKER JR.: ...and all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I solemnly promise...

MR. DICKER JR.: And I solemnly promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...and to perform my functions...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so help me, God.

MR. DICKER JR.: ...so help me, God.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I present to you, re-elected, Mr. David Dicker Jr., Ordinary Member for Nain, congratulations.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I now call upon Mr. Thomas Evans, Ordinary Member for Makkovik.

Repeat after me. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MR. EVANS: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

MR. EVANS: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. EVANS: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

MR. EVANS: ...and that the powers entrusted to me..

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

MR. EVANS: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, Thomas Evans...

MR. EVANS: ...I, Thomas Evans...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. EVANS: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. EVANS: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

MR. EVANS: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

MR. EVANS: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

MR. EVANS: ...and will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws.

MR. EVANS: ...and all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and I solemnly promise...

MR. EVANS: ...and I solemnly promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

MR. EVANS: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MR. EVANS: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions...

MR. EVANS: ...and to perform my functions...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. EVANS: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MR. EVANS: ...to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so help me, God.

MR. EVANS: ...so help me, God.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Sign your name right there. I present to you, re-elected, Thomas Evans,
Ordinary Member for Makkovik. Congratulations.

[Applause]

MS. WINTERS: You need some water? Who needs some water?

PRESIDENT LAMPE: No, I'm good.

MS. WINTERS: You're good?

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Yeah. I now call upon Ms. Kim Oliver, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. Repeat after me.

In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MS. OLIVER: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

MS. OLIVER: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MS. OLIVER: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

MS. OLIVER: ...and the powers entrusted to me...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

MS. OLIVER: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, Kim Oliver...

MS. OLIVER: ...I, Kim Oliver...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MS. OLIVER: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MS. OLIVER: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

MS. OLIVER: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

MS. OLIVER: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey...

MS. OLIVER: ...and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MS. OLIVER: ...respect...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

MS. OLIVER: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws...

MS. OLIVER: ...and all Inuit laws...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and I solemnly promise...

MS. OLIVER: ...and I solemnly promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

MS. OLIVER: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MS. OLIVER: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions...

MS. OLIVER: ...and to perform my functions...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MS. OLIVER: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MS. OLIVER: ...to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so help me, God.

MS. OLIVER: ...so help me, God.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I present to you newly elected Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Kim Oliver.

[Applause]

I'll get a drink of water.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I now call upon Mr. Glen Sheppard, Ordinary Member for Postville.

Repeat after me. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MR. SHEPPARD: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

MR. SHEPPARD: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, Glen Sheppard...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...I, Glen Sheppard...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...respect...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...and all Inuit laws...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and I solemnly promise...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...and I solemnly promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...and to perform my functions...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so help me, God.

MR. SHEPPARD: ...so help me, God.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: You sign this part of it. I present to you, Mr. Glen Sheppard, elected for Postville, Ordinary Member. Congratulations.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I now call upon Ms. Melva Williams, Ordinary Member for Rigolet.

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Repeat after me. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MS. WILLIAMS: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

MS. WILLIAMS: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, Melva Williams...

MS. WILLIAMS: I, Melva Williams...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...respect...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and all Inuit laws...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and I solemnly promise...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and I solemnly promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and to perform my functions...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so help me, God.

MS. WILLIAMS: ...so help me, God.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I present to you, Ms. Melva Williams, re-elected Ordinary Member for Rigolet. Congratulations

[Applause]

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I now call upon Mr. Bryan Winters, Ordinary Member for Canadian Constituency. Repeat after me.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MR. WINTERS: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

MR. WINTERS: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. WINTERS: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

MR. WINTERS: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

MR. WINTERS: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, Bryan Winters...

MR. WINTERS: ...I, Bryan Winters...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. WINTERS: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. WINTERS: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

MR. WINTERS: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

MR. WINTERS: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey...

MR. WINTERS: ...and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. WINTERS: ...respect...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

MR. WINTERS: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws...

MR. WINTERS: ...and all Inuit laws...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and I solemnly promise...

MR. WINTERS: ...and I solemnly promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

MR. WINTERS: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MR. WINTERS: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions...

MR. WINTERS: ...and to perform my functions...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. WINTERS: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MR. WINTERS: ...to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so help me, God.

MR. WINTERS: ...so help me, God.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: We need a bigger podium. I present to you, Mr. Bryan Winters, re-elected for the Canadian Constituency. Congratulations.

[Applause]

(Dialogue between President Lampe and Ms. Winters in the background)

(1:40:50)

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I now call upon Mr. McKinley Winters, Ordinary Member for Hopedale. Repeat after me. So, you'll just say this one and...

MR. M. WINTERS: Yep.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and here.

MR. M. WINTERS: Mm-hmm.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Okay. Repeat after me. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MR. M. WINTERS: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

MR. M. WINTERS: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. M. WINTERS: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

MR. M. WINTERS: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

MR. M. WINTERS: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, McKinley Winters...

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey...

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws...

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: You sign there.

MR. M. WINTERS: How about there?

PRESIDENT LAMPE: No, that's...

MR. M. WINTERS: This one?

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Yeah. I present to you newly-elected Ordinary Member for Hopedale, McKinley Winters.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Congratulations, to all who were elected as Ordinary Members, and I wish all of you every success as we work together to improve the lives of our people in Nunatsiavut and beyond. And we go on to Item Number 5, "Selection of First Minister." We will now move into the Committee of the Whole to consider the appointment of First Minister. The procedure is outlined in a document that has to be provided by the Clerk to all members. Before we begin, I would ask the Assembly if we could have approval to invite Mr. Mark Gillette to sit in Assembly's chambers for this

portion of the Assembly. All those in favour? Any, "Nays?" Seeing none, we have approval to invite Mr. Mark Gillette into the Chamber for the selection portion of the Assembly. *Nakummek*. Here's the process we will follow to select the First Minister. Number one will be - I will ask if there are any nominations for First Minister. If you wish to make a nomination, please raise your hand and wait until I recognize you before you speak. Number two, to be nominated, an Ordinary Member will need only one nominator. I will then ask the Ordinary Members if the Ordinary Member accepts the nomination. Three, if there's only one nomination, then it is considered that there is consensus for that Member to be appointed as the First Minister. In that case, I will adjourn the Committee of the Whole, reconvene the Assembly, appoint the First Minister and administer the oath of office. Number four, if there are two or more nominations for First Minister, then I will permit each person nominated, to speak to the Committee of the Whole for up to 10 minutes. Members are permitted to ask questions of the candidates. Number five, after each nominee speaks, we will take an adjournment. The purpose of the adjournment is for the Members to discuss among themselves if consensus can be reached on who should be appointed as First Minister. Number six, after the break, I will ask candidates if consensus has been reached. If there is no consensus on who should be First Minister, we will proceed to a vote.

(a) the vote will be by secret ballot,

(b) the clerk of the Assembly, and a non-Assembly member will count the ballots and the clerk will provide me with the results.

(c) where there are more than two nominees and none receives a majority of votes, 50 percent plus one, the President may, in their discretion, call for a second deciding vote between the two leading nominees.

(d) the President at their discretion will make the appointment after considering the will of the Assembly, as reflected in the ballots,

(e) if there is a tied vote, the President will proceed to make the appointment in their discretion.

(f) immediately following the vote, the President will reconvene in Assembly and administer the First Minister's oath of office.

We will now proceed. Are there any nominations for First Minister? I see AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Chesley Sheppard.

MR. C. SHEPPARD: I'd like to nominate Ms. Melva Williams, Ordinary Member for Rigolet.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Melva Williams, AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Chesley Sheppard nominates you. Do you accept?

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, I do accept.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I recognize Mr. Tony Andersen, AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. T. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. I nominate David Dicker Jr., Ordinary Member from Nain.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Tony Andersen, Anthony Andersen, sorry, nominates Mr. David Dicker Jr. for nomination of First Minister. Mr. David Dicker Jr., do you accept the nomination?

MR. DICKER JR.: *Nakummek*, I accept the nomination.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Are there any other nominations for First Minister? Seeing none, we will break for the elected members to discuss among themselves the selection of a First Minister. Mark, sorry, how much time? Ten minutes?

MR. GILLETTE: (Inaudible.)

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Oh, okay. Okay. We'll take a break.

[Recess]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: As the Committee of the Whole has heard, that no consensus has been reached, we will now proceed to secret of the ballot, or sorry, we - I will now give the two candidates the opportunity to speak for up to 10 minutes. Either of you can start.

MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. Can you hear me in the booth? Okay. Mr. President, Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, good day. I rise before the Assembly to offer my service once again as First Minister of the Nunatsiavut Government. It is not a decision that I make lightly, nor one I make without reflection. I'm proud of the work that has been accomplished over the course of the Assembly, and I am committed to building on that foundation as we enter the Sixth. Before I speak to what has been accomplished and where I believe we must go, I want to acknowledge the weight of the role. When I was first asked by President Lampe to serve as First Minister in the

acting capacity in June of 2022, less than a month after being sworn in as Minister of Education and Economic Development, I will be honest, I was not fully prepared for the scope of work that lay ahead. The learning curve was steep. But I committed myself to the work. I surrounded myself with experienced dedicated people. I was officially sworn in as First Minister on July 4th, 2022. And I've given everything I have to this role since that day. I wish to recognize in particular, Deputy Minister Darryl Shiwak. His institutional knowledge, his patience and his counsel has been invaluable. He has served the Nunatsiavut Government with distinction for well over a decade and I'm a better First Minister because of his guidance. In relation to the record of the Fifth Assembly for Nunatsiavut Affairs, as First Minister, I've also held the portfolio of Nunatsiavut Affairs, a department responsible for some of the most important files in the lives of Nunatsiavumiut. Housing, transportation, membership and enrollment, justice, public property and infrastructure and legal services and implementation of LILCA. From the outset, I made it a priority to develop a genuine understanding of these files. I met with Inuit Community Governments, with divisional staff, with outside agencies and Governments whose work overlaps our own. What follows is only a sample of the movement on the files that have been worked on.

Infrastructure. I traveled directly to communities to hear firsthand the infrastructure issues and concerns being faced at the local level. I work within the department to identify ways that Nunatsiavut Affairs could assist the ICGs with capital projects, including taking on engineering work

that engineering staff of the Province was guiding, and had fallen seriously behind schedule. This led to a formal agreement for the Nunatsiavut Affairs to provide that assistance and the allocation of the infrastructure funds to hire a fulltime staff to sustain it. We developed strategies and tools to capture and layer community information including LiDAR topographical data, future lot planning, water and waste water, infrastructure planning, and forest fire protection are some of the examples of the work ongoing to enable a better long-term planning across all communities. Transportation. Engaged in regional stakeholder meetings on ferry services including with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Labrador Marine Inc., and the Inuit Community Governments. Continued to lobby the province for a road connection to the North Coast, engaged the Province on the cost of air travel, and worked to advance solutions for air access programming, are some examples.

Housing. Housing has been one of the most challenging files for the Nunatsiavut Government, and also among the most critical. The impacts of housing crisis are felt in every community in Nunatsiavut, and I want to be direct about the complexity of what we have faced. I've worked to assist with establishing a stable and effective Nunatsiavut Housing Commission as required under the *Nunatsiavut Housing Act*. This has been difficult. Staff and board turnover has created significant delays. Addressed contract issues with the seniors' units in Nain and Hopedale, which led to the cancelation of the contract, and have begun the required

legal measures to have this work restarted. Addressed the ballooning costs of construction in our communities and the persistent challenge of lot availability. Developed creative and forward-looking solutions, advancing fair land acquisition policies, identifying and planning construction on land previously considered unbuildable and initiating alternative construction models including the Smaller Homes Project, are some of the things that are underway. Membership and Enrollment. This issue has been raised consistently at Assembly sittings, at open houses and in direct constituent feedback. Nunatsiavumiut are finding it difficult to navigate the application process, the requirement to re-apply at age 19, and the lack of accessible support. Nunatsiavut Affairs and the Registrar's Office Legal Division have responded. We've deployed or sent membership staff to travel and assist constituents with applications directly. We've hired additional staff, including an assistant registrar, and recruited a dedicated writer. Explored and advanced options to simplify the re-application process for 19-year-olds; have continued to fill vacancies on the membership committees and the Membership Appeal Board. We've engaged the firm, "Know History," to capture and digitize Inuit family names, a critical investment in both membership accuracy and cultural record keeping.

Legal Service and implementation of the *Labrador Land Claims Agreement*. We've increased staffing capacity in the Legal Department. We've ensured the Implementation Committees continues to meet and

advance work on issues affecting Inuit including the 12E matter in Upper Lake Melville.

Building relationships and advancing Nunatsiavut's interests. I'm a firm believer that effective governance requires strong relationships with other governments, with regional stakeholders and with the Federal and Provincial bodies, whose decisions affect Labrador Inuit. During the Fifth Assembly, I pursued that approach consistently, lobbied at all levels of government in relation to the Nain airport, lobbied the province on transportation, the cost of freight and hydro limitations in our communities, lobbied the Province for maintenance and repair support for the NLHC units in our communities, are some of the things that have been worked on within my department. Those efforts have produced tangible results. There's been a working group established with Hydro and Infrastructure Department - Division to ensure planning work is communicated and prepared for in advance. A working group to ensure NLHC is actively addressing repairs in Nunatsiavut communities, as well as ongoing support for the housing needs assessment in Nunatsiavut.

Leading the Cabinet and supporting the President. In addition to the Nunatsiavut Affairs portfolio, my responsibilities as First Minister require that I lead and support my fellow ministers and serve as a capable deputy to President Lampe. In relation to Cabinet leadership, establish and facilitated regular weekly Ministers' meetings to ensure coordination and communication across departments, held additional ministerial portfolios including Education and Economic Development, Language, Culture and

Tourism, and Health and Social Development when required, to ensure continuity and consistency in government. Responded to and supported ministerial issues as they arose, provided stability across the Cabinet. In relation to supporting the President, traveled with President Lampe to build my knowledge on key files and to ensure I could assist whenever called upon, represented the Nunatsiavut Government and events when the President was unable to attend, ensuring our voice was present at the Table. I learned a great deal from President Lampe about the importance of consideration, of examining issues from multiple perspectives, and of always keeping the interest of Labrador Inuit at the centre of every decision.

So, a vision for the Sixth Assembly. The work of the Fifth Assembly has laid important groundwork, but there is more to do, and I want to speak plainly about that, what I believe must be priorities for the Assembly ahead. On Housing, we must continue to pursue every available avenue, not just repair and construction, but the systemic changes required to make our housing programs more effective for Labrador Inuit, more stable and more accountable to the people they serve. The Smaller Homes Project must advance. The lot availability challenge must be confronted directly, and the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission must be fully functional and effective.

On Membership, we must make it easier, not harder for Nunatsiavumiut to access and maintain their membership. The 19-year-old reapplication requirements remains a barrier. The digitization of family records is an

investment that will play dividends for generations. These efforts must continue.

On Transportation and Infrastructure, we must continue to press governments at every level. The North Coast cannot remain isolated. Our communities cannot continue to bear disproportionate cost for fuel, for freight, for air travel. And our infrastructure planning must be modern, data-informed and community-driven.

On relationships, I am committed to continuing to build and sustain partnerships with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Government of Canada and with regional and indigenous partners because the rights and interests of Labrador Inuit are best protected, not in isolation but through principled, persistent engagement.

And across all of these areas, I am committed to clear, consistent communication with the Assembly and with the people we serve. Nunatsiavumiut deserve to know that their Government is doing on their behalf.

Closing. I know what this role demands. I've lived it for the better part of four years. It asks for time, for energy, for difficult decisions and for the willingness to remain steady when the work is hard. I've given all of that and I am prepared to give it again. I'm grateful to the Members of the Fifth Assembly for the trust you placed in me. I'm grateful to the staff of the Nunatsiavut Government whose dedication and expertise make the work of Government possible. And I am grateful above all to

Nunatsiavumiut, the people whose wellbeing is the reason the Nunatsiavut Government exists. If it is the will of this Assembly, I'm ready to serve as First Minister for the Sixth Assembly. *Nakummek, Ilonnasi.*

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Melva Williams, candidate for First Minister. I will now ask David Dicker Jr., Ordinary Member for Nain and Candidate for First Minister, David?

MR. DICKER JR.:

Nakummek, Mr. President. My name is David Dicker Jr. I am from Nain, Nunatsiavut, and I have lived in Nain my entire life. I am pleased and striving for the role as First Minister position with the Nunatsiavut Government. I am dedicated and have a strong work commitment proven through *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. I have shown consistency throughout my previous term as an elected official. I am passionate about serving the beneficiaries of Nunatsiavut. Although the task may not be easy, I look forward to working with the departments and the government-to-government relationships, to ensure advancement and implementation priority areas, in which requires commitment, dedication, and communication. With your support and confidence of the respective Nunatsiavut Assembly to take on the position as First Minister with the Nunatsiavut Government. *Nakummek.*

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, to the two candidates for First Minister. I will now ask if the Committee of the Whole needs another break to discuss - no? Okay, my apologies. We are now going to secret ballot for the two candidates for First Minister, Ms. Melva Williams, Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Mr.

David Dicker Jr. Ordinary Member for Nain, for the position of First Minister.

[Assembly votes]

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

The clerk of the Assembly and Director of Legal Services, will now proceed to count the ballots.

[Ballots counted]

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

The announcement for the Committee of the Whole, as a selection has been made by secret ballot. The numbers provided to me by the Clerk of the Assembly, where number of votes cast were 17. David Dicker Junior, 11. Melva Williams, 6. David Dicker Jr. has been elected to First Minister. Congratulations.

[Applause]

I will now ask David Dicker Jr. to come forward to the podium for the Oath of Office of First Minister.

Repeat after me. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MR. DICKER JR.:

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PRESIDENT LAMPE:

...I, David Dicker Jr....

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and Inuit law...

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MR. DICKER JR.: ...and *Codes of Conduct*...

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MR. DICKER JR.: ...and perform the functions...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...of my office...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...of my office...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...conscientiously...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...conscientiously...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to the best of my ability...

MR. DICKER JR.: ...and to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so help me, God.

MR. DICKER JR.: ...so help me, God.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I present to you the newly-elected First Minister, of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, David Dicker Jr. Congratulations.

[Applause]

Nakummek. Congratulations to First Minister and as we have completed the work of the Committee of the Whole, we will now proceed back into

the Assembly, and I will ask the newly-elected First Minister are you ready to nominate your ministers or would you like an adjournment before doing so?

MR. DICKER JR.: I would like to adjourn.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: We will take a 15-minute break and return at 4:35. *Nakummek.*

[Recess]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...for the election of the First Minister. I will now ask the First Minister to nominate Ministers, naming the person and a portfolio for which they are nominated. After each nomination, I will ask if the Assembly has consensus to approve the appointment. If there is no consensus then a voting process will be held on whether a nominee will be accepted. *Nakummek.*

MR. DICKER JR.: Thank you, Mr. President. For the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, and as the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, I nominate Melva Williams, the Ordinary Member for Rigolet. *Nakummek.*

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek.* Does the Ordinary Member of Rigolet, Ms. Melva Williams accept the nomination?

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, President, and thank you, First Minister. I accept the nomination.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek,* Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Melva Williams, nominee for Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. Is it the consensus of the Assembly to appoint Melva Williams, Ordinary Member for Rigolet as the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information

Technology, and as the Nunatsiavut Treasurer? *Nakummek*. We have unanimously accepted the nomination of Melva Williams for Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology and as Nunatsiavut Treasurer. *Nakummek*.

MR. DICKER JR.:

Nakummek, Mr. President. For the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, I nominate Mr. Tom Evans Ordinary Member for Makkovik. *Nakummek*.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, First Minister. Does the Ordinary Member of Makkovik, Mr. Thomas Evans accept the nomination?

MR. EVANS:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, First Minister, yes, I accept the nomination.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek. Is it the consensus of the Assembly to appoint Mr. Thomas Evans, the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, as the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources? *Nakummek*. The Assembly has unanimously accepted Mr. Thomas Evans, Ordinary Member for Makkovik as the appointment of the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. *Nakummek*.

MR. DICKER JR.:

Nakummek, Mr. President. For the Minister of Health and Social Development, I nominate Roxanne Barbour, the Ordinary Member for Nain.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, First Minister. Does the Ordinary Member of Nain, Ms. Roxanne Barbour accept the nomination?

MS. BARBOUR:

Nakummek, First Minister, I gladly accept.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek.* Is it the consensus of the Assembly to appoint Ms. Roxanne Barbour, the Ordinary Member for Nain as the Minister of Health and Social Development? *Nakummek.* The Assembly has unanimously accepted the nomination of Ms. Roxanne Barbour, Ordinary Member for Nain for the position of the Minister of Health and Social Development.

MR. DICKER JR.: *Nakummek,* Mr. President. For the Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism, I nominate McKinley Winters, Ordinary Member for Hopedale. *Nakummek.*

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek,* First Minister. Does the Ordinary Member of Hopedale, Mr. McKinley Winters accept the nomination?

MR. M. WINTERS: Thank you, Mr. President and First Minister, I accept the nomination.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek.* Is it the consensus of the Assembly to appoint McKinley Winters the Ordinary Member for Hopedale as the Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism? *Nakummek.* The Assembly has unanimously accepted the nomination of McKinley Winters Ordinary Member for Hopedale for the position, as the Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism.

MR. DICKER JR.: *Nakummek,* Mr. President. For the Minister of Education and Economic Development, I nominate Gerald Asivak, the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. *Nakummek.*

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek,* First Minister. Does the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Gerald Asivak, accept the nomination?

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Honourable President and First Minister, I gladly accept the nomination. *Nakummek.*

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek.* Is it the consensus of the Assembly to appoint Gerald Asivak, the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency as the Minister of Education and Economic Development? The Assembly has unanimously accepted the nomination of Mr. Gerald Asivak, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency as the Minister of Education and Economic Development. I thank the First Minister for the nominations for the various Ministers, giving the approval of each of the nominees by the Assembly, I appoint each of the nominees and will now administer the oath of office of the Ministers, starting with (audio cuts out), Ordinary Member for Rigolet.

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Repeat after me.

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: (Inaudible.)

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I present to you the appointed Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Ms. Melva Williams, Ordinary Member for Rigolet. Congratulations.

[Applause]

I will now call upon Mr. Thomas Evans, Ordinary Member for Makkovik.

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MR. EVANS: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...in accordance with all applicable standards...

MR. EVANS: ...in accordance with all applicable standards...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and *Codes of Conduct*...

MR. EVANS: ...and *Codes of Conduct*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and I will perform the functions of my office...

MR. EVANS: ...and I will perform the function of my office...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...conscientiously...

MR. EVANS: ...conscientiously...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to the best of my ability...

MR. EVANS: ...and to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so, help me, God.

MR. EVANS: ...so, help me, God.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Okay, sign your name there. I present to you, Mr. Thomas Evans, Ordinary Member for Makkovik and a newly appointed Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Congratulations, Tom. All the best. I will now call upon Ms. Roxanne Barbour, Ordinary Member for Nain for the appointment of Minister of Health and Social Development. Inuttitut.

[Administers the Oath of Office in Inuttitut]

I present to you Ms. Roxanne Barbour Ordinary Member for Nain, the newly appointed Minister of Health and Social Development.

Congratulations.

MS. BARBOUR: *Nakummek.*

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Okay. I will now call upon Mr. McKinley Winters, Ordinary Member for Hopedale for the appointment of Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism. Repeat after me. I, McKinley Winters...

MR. M. WINTERS: I, McKinley Winters...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. M. WINTERS: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut...

MR. M. WINTERS: ...that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and the Inuit of Labrador...

MR. M. WINTERS: ...and the Inuit of Labrador...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. M. WINTERS: ...and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will obey...

MR. M. WINTERS: I will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. M. WINTERS: ...respect...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

MR. M. WINTERS: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...all Inuit laws...

MR. M. WINTERS: ...all Inuit laws...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. M. WINTERS: ...and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will hold my office as Minister...

MR. M. WINTERS: I will hold my office as Minister...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...with honour and dignity.

MR. M. WINTERS: ...with honour and dignity.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will be a true and faithful counsellor to the President.

MR. M. WINTERS: I will be a true and faithful counsellor to the President.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will not divulge directly or indirectly...

MR. M. WINTERS: I will not divulge directly or indirectly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...any secret matter entrusted to me.

MR. M. WINTERS: ...any secret matter entrusted to me.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will fulfill my responsibilities...

MR. M. WINTERS: I will fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MR. M. WINTERS: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...in accordance with all applicable standards...

MR. M. WINTERS: ...in accordance with all applicable standards...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and *Codes of Conduct*...

MR. M. WINTERS: ...and *Codes of Conduct*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and I will perform the functions...

MR. M. WINTERS: ...and I will perform the functions...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...of my office conscientiously...

MR. M. WINTERS: ...of my office conscientiously...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to the best of my ability.

MR. M. WINTERS: ...and to the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I present to you Mr. McKinley Winters, Ordinary Member for Hopedale and the newly-appointed Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism. Congratulations.

[Applause]

I will now call upon Mr. Gerald Asivak, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency for the appointment of Minister of Education and Economic Development.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Repeat after me. I, Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK: I, Gerald Asivak...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. ASIVAK: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. ASIVAK: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut...

MR. ASIVAK: ...that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and the Inuit of Labrador...

MR. ASIVAK: ...and the Inuit of Labrador...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. ASIVAK: ...and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will obey...

MR. ASIVAK: I will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. ASIVAK: ...respect...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

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MR. ASIVAK: I will hold my office as Minister...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...with honour and dignity.

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will be a true and faithful counsellor to the President.

MR. ASIVAK: I will be a true and faithful counsellor to the President.

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MR. ASIVAK: I will not divulge directly or indirectly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...any secret matter entrusted to me.

MR. ASIVAK: ...any secret matter entrusted to me.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will fulfill my responsibilities...

MR. ASIVAK: I will fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MR. ASIVAK: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...in accordance with all applicable standards...

MR. ASIVAK: ...in accordance with all applicable standards...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and *Codes of Conduct*...

MR. ASIVAK: ...and *Codes of Conduct*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and I will perform the functions of my office...

MR. ASIVAK: ...and I will perform the function of my office...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...conscientiously...

MR. ASIVAK: ...conscientiously...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to the best of my ability...

MR. ASIVAK: ...and to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so, help me, God.

MR. ASIVAK: ...so, help me, God.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I present to you Mr. Gerald Asivak, Ordinary Member for the Canadian
Constituency as the newly-appointed Minister of Education and
Economic Development. Congratulations.

[Applause]

I congratulate all of the new Ministers and look forward to working with you in the Executive Council. Before moving on to Item Seven, the appointment of Speaker, we will take a 10-minute break so I may consider the appointment of Speaker of the Assembly. *Nakummek*.

[Recess]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Item Seven, "Selection of Speaker." It is now my duty to nominate an Ordinary Member as Speaker. I wish to nominate for approval of the Assembly, the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Bryan Winters as Speaker of the Assembly. Do you accept the nomination?

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Mr. President. I accept the nomination.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*. Do I have a consensus of the Assembly? Unanimously. Therefore, I am pleased to confirm that the Assembly has elected Mr. Bryan Winters, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency as Speaker. Please, come forward for the Oath of Office.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Repeat after me. In the presence of the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. WINTERS: In the presence of the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the responsibilities...

MR. WINTERS: ...and in full realization of the responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I have been entrusted to me by the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. WINTERS: ...that have been entrusted to me by the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, Bryan Winters...

MR. WINTERS: ...I, Bryan Winters...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. WINTERS: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. WINTERS: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will obey...

MR. WINTERS: ...that I will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...observe...

MR. WINTERS: ...observe...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...uphold...

MR. WINTERS: ...uphold...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and maintain the rights and privileges of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. WINTERS: ...and maintain the rights and privileges of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and the Standing Orders and procedures...

MR. WINTERS: ...and the Standing Orders and procedures...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. WINTERS: ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I solemnly and sincerely promise...

MR. WINTERS: And I solemnly and sincerely promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to represent and speak for the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. WINTERS: ...to represent and speak for the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...with integrity...

MR. WINTERS: ...with integrity...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and honour...

MR. WINTERS: ...and honour...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to preside over the business of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. WINTERS: ...to preside over the business of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and enforce the rules and procedures.

MR. WINTERS: ...and enforce the rules and procedures...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...of the Assembly with independence...

MR. WINTERS: ...of the Assembly with independence...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...fairness...

MR. WINTERS: ...fairness...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...impartiality...

MR. WINTERS: ...impartiality...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...patience...

MR. WINTERS: ...patience...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and understanding.

MR. WINTERS:	...and understanding.
PRESIDENT LAMPE:	And to promote...
MR. WINTERS:	And to promote...
PRESIDENT LAMPE:	...the efficient operation...
MR. WINTERS:	...the efficient operation...
PRESIDENT LAMPE:	...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...
MR. WINTERS:	...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...
PRESIDENT LAMPE:	...and prevent the obstruction...
MR. WINTERS:	...and prevent the obstruction...
PRESIDENT LAMPE:	...or frustration...
MR. WINTERS:	...or frustration...
PRESIDENT LAMPE:	...of the Assembly...
MR. WINTERS:	...of the Assembly...
PRESIDENT LAMPE:	...in the conduct of its business...
MR. WINTERS:	...in the conduct of its business...
PRESIDENT LAMPE:	...so, help me, God.
MR. WINTERS:	...so, help me, God.
PRESIDENT LAMPE:	<i>Nakummek.</i> I would like to once again, on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government congratulate those Members who have taken on positions of First Minister, Ministers and Speaker. I very much look forward to

working with each of you in the years ahead. And I'll hand over the chair the Speaker to continue with Assembly business. *Nakummek.*

MR. B. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Thank you, Honourable President. It is an honour for me to have been appointed again as Speaker of the Assembly, and I can assure you I will do my very best to ensure that the Assembly business is conducted in accordance with our Standing Orders and procedures so that all Members may participate fully in the proceedings as you represent your constituencies. I have a number of duties when a new Assembly is elected. And among those are the appointment of a Deputy Speaker, the appointment of the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures, which also serves as the Assembly's Striking Committee, who recommend appointments to the Assembly to other standing or special committees. In addition, in accordance with Section 78 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, the appointment of the Members Services Committee whose membership is comprised of all those Ordinary Members who are not members of the Executive Council, with the Speaker being Chair. At this time I will take a 10-minute recess to speak with Members about who will compose the committees. *Nakummek.*

[Recess]

MR. B. WINTERS:

It is my privilege to ask Mr. Wally Andersen if he is willing to accept the position of Deputy Speaker for the duration of the Sixth Assembly.

MR. W. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I accept.

MR. B. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Wally Andersen is now the Deputy Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. At the September sitting we will be recommending names of the Members to sit on the other two standing committees of the Assembly. After the Membership of the Rules and Procedures Committee is approved by the Assembly, the committee will meet and recommend names to sit on the Standing Committee on Drug and Alcohol at the September session. Item Nine is, "Appointment to Standing Committees." The Members Services Committee as per Section 78 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, is made up of those Ordinary Members who do not sit on the Nunatsiavut Executive Council and is chaired by the Speaker. Therefore, the members are Wally Andersen Ordinary Member for the Community of Upper Lake Melville, Kim Oliver, Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, and Mr. Glen Sheppard, Ordinary Member for Postville. As the Membership of this committee is established by law, the Assembly does not need to approve them. Under Standing Order 64 and 65, I, as Speaker am required to nominate members to on the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures. I am therefore making a recommendation that the Membership of the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures be as followed. Mr. Jeff Montague, Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak, Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Kim Oliver, Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville and Barry Andersen, AngajukKâk for the community of Makkovik. I asked the Assembly if there was unanimous consent to

appoint these persons to the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures. We have unanimous consent. The Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures is now set. As the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures will need to meet to determine the membership of the Standing Committee of Drugs and Alcohol, I recommend that the Assembly give unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 64(1) to allow the new Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures to meet and consider the appointment of members to the Standing Committee of Drugs and Alcohol at the next sitting of the Assembly. Is there unanimous consent? We have consent. The Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures will meet and recommend names to sit on the Standing Committee of Drugs and Alcohol prior to the next sitting. Item 10 is, "Adjournment". Before we conclude, the Assembly has developed the practice to permit some brief remarks by Members for whom their last sitting before the next election for their seats. In this case, it would be the AngajukKât and Corporation Chairs. To do so, I recommend that the AngajukKât give unanimous consent to allow any AngajukKât or Corporation Chair to make some brief remarks. Do we have unanimous consent? We do. *Nakummek*. Does any AngajukKât or Corporation Chair wish to make some brief remarks? Recognizing the AngajukKât for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did have something wrote up but due to time, I'm going to not bring that today. I just want to congratulate everyone for their election, re-election and just to wish you all the best of luck.

And to those that won't be returning, like myself, it has been a great honour to sit in this House of Assembly of Nunatsiavut. It's not always a easy job and you all know that, but we're elected for a reason and our people who went before us, some of them have passed now - many of them have passed - our leaders who fought so hard to get our land claims and here we are. We're leading the way for the future generations. I wish everyone God's richest blessing as you continue on with that very hard work and to say that I will miss this setting will be an understatement. I thoroughly enjoyed it. But I will move on to another chapter in my life. So, thank each and everyone of you very much for all your support and to my community of Hopedale, thank you, very much for believing in me for the past 11 years. Thank you.

[Applause]

MR. B. WINTERS:

We'll now hear from the AngajukKâk for the Community of Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise too to congratulate all the elected officials that put their names forward, and those that did not get elected but had the courage to come forward and to serve their communities. I'd like to congratulate, no stranger, Glen Sheppard, the Ordinary Member for Postville to the Assembly on his election, Kim Oliver, Wally, Gerald, and McKinley for your first time a new face here, congratulations and thank you to Melva for stepping forward and to David for stepping forward for the First Minister's appointment. And I'd like to just pass on my wishes to Marjorie and congratulate her on her term here, a very long and very

challenging, but did a great job in my opinion. I would be remis, Mr. Speaker, if I didn't mention the passing of young Olsie(ph) Ford in Makkovik, Enid McNeil, Aunt Enid McNeill, last week which is a huge loss to our community. But I just wanted to mention that here today. On another note, happier note, I'd like to congratulate young Hunter Gear, a youth from Makkovik who went to the National Dart Championship. He didn't place, but it's a great experience for him from Makkovik to go the Nationals and compete on the National stage. And I'd just like to thank my AngajukKâk colleagues and I wish Tony all the best in September, right? Thank you. Bye.

MR. B. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Would any of the other AngajukKât like to speak? Recognizing Mr. Tony Andersen, AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. T. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can't pass up the opportunity. Congratulations again to all. I already shook hands enough time today to - but congratulations all. And welcome to the new Members. I do intend to run in September. I just want to say - and something that the President touched on today is that for our Community Governments as well, we're having a hard time to attract candidates. I don't believe that any council, any ICG in Nunatsiavut at this time has a full council. And I'm running again and I'm going to work hard to ensure - I hope that people do run against me, and I have to work hard to ensure that our community gets a full slate of councillors in September as well. But we do have work, a lot of work cut out for us. And this Government has a lot of work to do. I'm a little bit disappointed that there is not at least one day of regular

Orders of the Day because I wanted to say stuff to the new Ministers that they could do over the summer because work doesn't stop just because we're on the summer break. And they have a lot of work to do, a lot of work, with respect to housing and infrastructure within our communities that we depend on. But, you know, I stepped away from the Government and thought I was retired. I got recruited as a councillor and then because of illness to our AngajukKâk I stepped in there. Had such a great council, such a great staff in Nain that even for an old guy like me it certainly is like a, an honour and privilege and I so enjoy it that I want to run again. I hope that someone challenges me, and we do have to find ways to attract younger people and, you know, than some of us that our sitting around here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. B. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Would any of the other outgoing AngajukKât or Chairpersons like to speak? Recognizing Patricia Kemuksigak, Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to mention about Marge, and she done a wonderful job representing her community in the Hopedale Inuit Community Government over the years and she'll be missed, not only as a Member of the Assembly but also a clergy and a member of the community. And I want to congratulate everyone who got elected and I wish you all the best. Thank you.

MR. B. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Are there any more final remarks? Recognizing the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Chesley Sheppard.

MR. C. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I'd also like to congratulate all the Ordinary Members who are getting re-elected and seeing new faces. It's good to see. I also am running again this fall. Hopefully I get back in. If I don't, it was great to be here with you the last four years and learning. It was a good learning process. This is my first time. Got a lot to learn. Still young. So, please re-elect me again. No, but, thank you.

MR. B. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I would also like to, of course, congratulate all of the newly-elected and appointed - come on - recognizing the Chairperson for the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation.

MR. MONTAGUE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to take this opportunity again to, like everybody else, congratulate all the Ordinary Members and the Ministers who are coming into this new Sixth Assembly and I as well will be going again, trying to be Chairperson. So, I look forward to seeing you all again in September and wish us all the best of luck. Thank you.

MR. B. WINTERS:

Nakummek. I'd like to wish everyone well as we begin our work together during this Sixth Assembly. I would also like to thank all of the staff for facilitating this opening Sitting of the Sixth Assembly. If Members have any questions or logistics, please see the Assistant to the Clerk, Tabea Onalik. This concludes this Assembly sitting. The Assembly is adjourned until September 2026. I wish you all safe travels. *Nakummek*.

[Adjourned]