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**Members Present**

Mr. Ovide Alakannuark, Honourable Jack Anawak, Mr. James Arvaluk, Mr. Donald Haviyok, Mr. David Iqaqrialu, Mr. Enoki Irgittuq, Honourable Peter Kattuk, Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Mr. Glenn McLean, Honourable Kelvin Ng, Mr. Jobie Nutarak, Honourable Kevin O'Brien, Honourable Paul Okalik, Honourable Ed Picco, Mr. Uriash Puqiqnak, Honourable Manitok Thompson, Mr. Hunter Tootoo.

**Item 1: Opening Prayer**

**Speaker** (Mr. O'Brien): I would like to call on Mr. Alakannuark to say the prayer.

>>*Prayer*

**Speaker:** Minister Thompson.

**Point of Privilege**

**Hon. Manitok Thompson:** I have a point of privilege, Mr. Speaker, if you will allow me to continue. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Rule 20(1), I rise on a point of privilege. In the National Post dated Thursday October 26, 2000, on page A-6, the following headline appears; "Gas prices in Nunavut to jump by 30 Cents".

Mr. Speaker, this is totally inaccurate and I never indicated that the increase would be 30 cents. In addition, Mr. Speaker, the article indicates that gas will rise to 1 dollar and 10 cents a litre. Mr. Speaker, I have made it clear that there will be a maximum ceiling of 98.9 cents on gasoline, heating fuel, Jet fuel and diesel. No price will rise above the ceiling for these four products. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, later on I will table the newspaper. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Ms. Thompson. Item 2. Ministers' statements. Ministers' statements. Ms. Thompson.

**Item 2: Ministers' Statements**

**Minister's Statement 013 – 1(4): Task Force on Housing – Recommendations Update**

**Hon. Manitok Thompson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to update the members regarding the report recommendations made by the Task Force on Housing that I tabled in this House last year.

Mr. Speaker, I promised that this report would not sit on a shelf collecting dust and it has not. When I have the privilege of presenting our mid-year review and 2001/2002 Business Plan to the Standing Committee on Community Empowerment and Sustainable Development on November 17, Mr. Speaker, they will see that those 15 recommendations are the driving force for Housing now and for the future.

In addition to the ongoing work of implementation, members will see that these recommendations form the basis of, and are fully integrated into the goals and objectives of the Nunavut Housing Corporation - for now and for the future.

Mr. Speaker, in the interim I am pleased to report that the Nunavut Housing Corporation is actively pursuing these recommendations.

For example;

- A homeownership review is underway with a report scheduled to go to Cabinet in December.
- The housing needs survey has been included with the Nunavut Household Survey and will be updated every two years.
- The review of the social housing rent scale is underway.
- Within the next month our housing awareness campaign will kick off.
- A technical review of housing is underway.
- A variety of subsidy reviews are in progress in Housing, Community Government & Transportation and Finance.
- We are actively continuing to pursue pan-Canadian housing linkages and lobby efforts concentrating on the Federal Government and CMHC.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Thank you Minister. Ministers' statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

#### **Minister's Statement 014 – 1(4): Review of Harvester Support Programs**

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, earlier this year I announced that my department would be commencing a comprehensive review process of our programs in support of harvesters. I would like to provide the House with an update on this review.



Mr. Speaker, the department has a range of programs that are designed to provide support to people who are involved in harvesting activities. Some examples of these programs are the Community Harvester Assistance Program, which provides support to outpost camps. The Fur Price Program which provides trappers and seal hunters a guaranteed price for their pelts, core funding for Hunters' and Trappers' Organizations and Regional Wildlife Organizations for their participation in co-management of wildlife.

Mr. Speaker, these programs were originally established by the Government of the Northwest Territories to meet the need of a wide range of people in the former Northwest Territories. With the creation of the Nunavut Government it seemed appropriate for my department to review these programs to see if they could be changed to meet the specific needs of Nunavummiut.

The key to the success of this review has been recognizing that there is a limited amount of funding available. As a result the government may not be able to meet all the needs of harvesters. Instead we must find a way of making better use of the funds that we do have. This includes examining programs offered by the department and organizations like Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, in order to identify opportunities for partnerships, or at least to reduce over-lap in programs.

Mr. Speaker, we would like to see a more streamlined set of programs. Over the summer months my department consulted with people from every community in Nunavut including hunters, Wildlife Officers, Hunters' and Trappers' Organizations, board members and representatives from Inuit organizations and government agencies.

The purpose of this consultation was to find out what the real needs of harvesters are and what type of support do harvesters need from government. During the consultation people were specifically asked to identify their priorities for harvester support.

Next month I will be releasing a public discussion paper on the results of this review. Mr. Speaker, this document will be sent to every community for review and comment. Department Staff will then conducting public meeting in 7 communities across Nunavut to discuss the results of the review in more detail.

Once the review and consultation is completed, I will present to the House a final version of the discussion paper and the report on contemplated changes that will be made to this Government's harvesters support programs.

Also Mr. Speaker, this Department of Sustainable Development is currently, as I speak, looking at options to further assist the harvesters with the expected with oil and gas products price increase. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Minister. Ministers' statements. Mr. Ng.

## **Minister's Statement 015 - 1(4): Implementation of Credit Cards for GN Expenditures**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like provide the Members of the Legislative Assembly with some information concerning the recent decision of the Financial Management Board which authorizes the use of credit cards for specific business operations of the Government of Nunavut.

The Government of Nunavut credit card pilot project is a positive step forward and we expect it will be welcomed by the Nunavut business community.

>>*Applause*

It will insure Mr. Speaker, that our vendors are paid on time, in full and without a cumbersome process for invoicing or the issuing and acceptance of warrants. This new program will virtually eliminate several layers of red tape and bureaucracy.

The use of Nunavut Government Travel Cards will enable our government to track our travel expenses more closely and will provide time management control over those expenditures. Furthermore, it streamlines the travel expense payments process in the Department of Finance which will result in significant reduction of paperwork.

Mr. Speaker the Government of Nunavut Credit Card Program will divided into two categories - "Departmental" and "Individual". Explicit managerial controls will be applied to each category.

Mr. Speaker, the departmental cards will be issued to the departments and will replace travel and accommodation warrants. The Department of Finance and Administration has entered an agreement with Royal Bank VISA to supply the use of cards to Departments. The use of these departmental cards will be to authorize travel and expenditures for those Government of Nunavut Employees that will not be issued individual cards and for any extraordinary expenditures.

Mr. Speaker, the individual cards will be issued to specific Government of Nunavut employees and public officers as approved by the Financial Management Board. The payment of balances incurred by the use of individual travel cards which will be issued by the CIBC VISA will be the responsibility of the cardholder. Cardholders will be required to submit claims for the reimbursement of authorized expenditures.

Mr. Speaker, this is a significant shift in the way that the Government of Nunavut administers its payments to suppliers, the use of credit cards for travel is not uncommon in both public and private sectors. Our two suppliers of our Government of Nunavut credit cards, Royal Bank and CIBC will work closely with our Government to insure that this program does not fall victim to abuse.

Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to announce this new initiative today, for expected implementation on November 15, 2000. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Ministers' statements. Moving on to Item 3. Members' statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

### **Item 3: Members' Statements**

#### **Member's Statement 037 - 1(4): Qikiqtarjuaq & Clyde River High School Graduates**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I rise today, to recognize, that on October 20, there were two students from Qikiqtarjuaq who completed their high school program, Lucy Arnaquq and Roseanne Koonelusie. These two individuals completed the high school program and I am very proud of them.

Yesterday, I had the opportunity to go with Member of Parliament Nancy Karetak-Lindell to my home community of Clyde River. It was a very happy occasion because Nancy Karetak-Lindell is very well recognized Nunavut wide and she has visited our community three times.

The graduates are Mathew Sangoyak, Eli Sangoyak, Jennifer Jaypootee, April Natanai, Nancy Natanai, Silas Qayak, Johnny Jones, Richard Jones, Israel Tigullagak. These are the students that completed the program in my community.

It was a very joyous occasion and all the people of the Clyde River celebrated this special occasion. It was a very proud moment for us and it was also the beginning stages of these young people preparing for their future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Members' statements. Mr. Havioryak.

#### **Member's Statement 038 - 1(4): Kitkmeot Difficulties with Time Zone Change**

**Mr. Havioryak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak on the time zone issue as it relates to Kugluktuk. As a representative of Kugluktuk, I am trying to help the people of Kugluktuk.

Yesterday you saw the petition that I tabled in the House from Kugluktuk and Cambridge Bay. There were many people that signed this petition. We continue to receive more signatures.

(interpretation ends) They do not agree with the changes, Mr. Speaker. I have repeatedly called upon the government to extend to the people of my community and the region the

same courtesy that was extended to the Baffin earlier this fall; to commit to review the time zone issue again in six months, to make changes if the residents are dissatisfied.

They have voiced their opinion that they really disagree with this time zone change. Because it is going to be turned back in just a few days, I will continue to speak to this issue so that the government can review this issue again. The people in Kugluktuk do not agree with this, not just in Kugluktuk but also in Cambridge Bay. I will be asking questions on this issue later. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** Mr. Irqittuq.

**Member's Statement 039 - 1(4): Suicide Issue**

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): I rise today Mr. Speaker about an important issue.

I brought up this issue on more than one occasion. I know that today is Friday and that it should be a little bit livelier than the rest of the days.

However, Mr. Speaker, today I would like to make a comment on what has been progressing so far in regards to the issue of suicide which I have brought up on more than one occasion from the time that we created the Nunavut Government. I was very pleased that Mr. Iqaqrialu this past week has made comments in regard to our suicide situation and also to Mr. Jack Anawak who talked about the fact that we should do something about the issue of suicide.

Mr. Speaker, from April 1, 1999 to date there have been a total of 38 completed suicides in Nunavut. That is 38 in total. Mr. Speaker, there are at least 2 completed suicides every month in Nunavut. That is 2 completed suicides per month.

Looking at these statistics it is very bad especially if you have gone through it personally. I have had close relatives who have committed suicide. My immediate family, my brothers and my sister have committed suicide.

I feel hurt when I hear about a suicide in the media. I know there are individuals that are asking questions and are feeling bad about themselves. Because of my personal experience I will be working hard on the issue of suicide. Today this is the major problem in Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude my statement as my time is up. I would like to seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

**Speaker:** The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays. Proceed Mr. Irqittuq.

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, my colleagues and thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to complete my statement on the issue of suicides. Like I stated earlier there have been 38 completed suicides in a matter of months.

In addition to the 38 completed suicides there are a lot of other people out there who are dealing with social problems, who are going through dark phases in their lives. It creates a sadness when we think about the people who complete suicides and we always have a question of why. There is always that question. We have to do something about this problem. Since April 1, 1999, we have also seen 2 of our members charged for offences and they have also been mentioned various times in the media through CBC North Iglaaq, Nunatsiaq News and so on.

We hear about these two people for many days at a time and they are challenged that they have done a bad thing and that they should go to jail. That they should be disciplined and they should be fired and so on. That is what has been happening with these two members. There are also letters that we received from various organizations asking us what are we going to be doing about that. We hear about all the social problems and the people out are asking us what are we going to be doing about it.

We see the results of 38 completed suicides from April 1, 1999 to date. But we do not hear that through the CBC. We do not get any support through the media to get the message out there. The CBC, the newspapers have never asked the question of how can we resolve the issue of suicide. We do not hear about it except for all the negative things that they put out. So there is no co-operative effort among the organizations and the government. There is no co-operative effort to eradicate or alleviate the problem of suicide.

So today I will be asking the House or the government what kinds of plans you have to deal with the issue of suicide. I know for a fact that if I were to go hunting and got lost, search and rescue people would spend 1 million dollars to find me and to bring me back home. They would spend up to 1 million dollars. So we have to see people like that, in crisis, we have to put large amounts of money into this so we can help the people of Nunavut who are in a crisis situation.

I keep bringing this up because I have experienced it and because I have seen it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' statements. Mr. Alakannuark.

#### **Member's Statement 040 – 1(4): Cost of Homeownership**

**Mr. Alakannuark** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak about homeownership. Since the homeowners have many bills to pay they have to be able to afford heating fuel and they should be able to afford their staples and they need to be

provided with clothing. On top of that they have to pay for their homes and insurance and for the land that they are using.

They are unable to keep up with the costs. Inflation is increasing, even the prices of groceries are going up. For the hunters and trappers, how could they be assisted more with the fuel prices going up. Perhaps we are overburdening our constituents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Alakannuark. Members' statements. Mr. Puqiqnak.

#### **Member's Statement 041 – 1(4): Nunavummiut Generosity**

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I know that we do have quite a lot of business to finish in the House. We have a lot of business to cover during this session. However, I think at times we have to look back 30 or 40 years as to how we have survived in the past. We used to give and share in the past and we would like to see this happen again.

Mr. Speaker, Statistics Canada reports that Nunavummiut are the most generous people when it comes to giving to others. This is very good and I would like to congratulate my fellow Nunavummiut for this. This is truly in keeping with our Inuit tradition of giving and sharing with others, our food, our material objects, even our children through custom adoption.

I would like to say a few words about why Inuit are so generous. We have lived through difficult times in our past. As an example, I remember the starvation period of 1957 and 1958. I experienced it myself, when so many people died of starvation.

We would walk and hunt and at times where we would not be successful. People such as the Baker Lake mayor Jacob Ikinillik were also there along with many others who were part of that starvation period. Many Inuit went through very difficult times. Infant mortality was very high. Just for another example it was dark and there was a lack of food and we still gave to others so they too could survive. Mr. Speaker, I am requesting unanimous consent to conclude my statement please.

**Speaker:** Just before I put the question forward for members' consent for Mr. Puqiqnak to continue his statement. We have discussed this in the House before and it applies to all members that the time that is set aside for members' statements, we will try to adhere to that. We are trying to give everybody the same allotted time and I want members to keep that in mind. These are your rules, rules that you all agreed to. Even if you require additional time to complete your statement it should be only 30 seconds or a minute. It should not go on for four or five minutes. That takes time away from the other members.

Mr. Puqiqnak is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays. Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my fellow colleagues. As I have stated before even the infant mortality rate was very high. All the dogs died because of lack of food, and still Inuit gave to others so they too could survive. In the Government of Nunavut we now have a department called Sustainable Development named Ikupigvilirijikkut in Inuktitut which means “where you could go and get things”.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, Inuit are very generous people because they want to help other people. That is part of creating Nunavut, to promote and implement the traditional values so that we could use them today. Mr. Speaker, part of creating Nunavut is to use Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. Within this context of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit we give to ensure the survival of others. Through sharing, Inuit will survive as always. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Members' statements. Mr. Anawak.

#### **Member's Statement 042 - 1(4): Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit on Suicides**

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Member of Amittuq just made a statement about suicides, and usually completed suicides are of the younger age groups. I do not think we are paying any attention to our young people. They need a solid foundation. For example for those of us who are above the age of 50, we were born when we were still living the traditional way. We were born when our elders were able to survive out on the land by themselves all year round. We were given a chance to go to school at that time too. I had a solid foundation at that time, and for some of us I am sure that is why we are here today.

For the younger generation with the lifestyle changes they do not have a solid foundation and they are kind of stuck in between. They cannot really survive out on the land because they do not know how. We now have grocery stores. They do not need to go hunting to survive and they live in a warm place so the requirements for survival are not there anymore.

I think the young people are caught in between and sometimes commit suicide and sometimes some of us unknowingly help them. We sometimes put them down saying you are no longer Inuk anymore because you speak only in English. So, these kinds of comments have put young people down.

Qallunak people have their foundation solidly. We too should give more pride to our young people. Give them more pride so that they will be proud of who they are so that they can at least know how we survived. We are here today because our ancestors survived in a harsh land. We should be reminding our young people about our values and perhaps we can at least try to alleviate the completed suicides. So let us take pride and be proud of our young people. We need them and at least let them know about it. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Members' statements. Members' statements. Ms. Thompson.

**Member's Statement 043 – 1(4): Zebedee Nungak and Thanks to Parents**

**Hon. Maniok Thompson:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I see those roses beside you and I am just reminding my husband I want roses today. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be making very brief member's statement.

We hear on the radio the Friday commentary of Zebedee Nungak. When he does his commentary on the radio it is self-explanatory and we understand what he is saying. He is very aware of the Qallunak and Inuit way of life. So I am very proud of Zebedee Nungak, I say hello to him and thank him.

I also want to thank my mom and my father. They usually watch the proceedings of this House. I know that at times I let them go through the pain as I stand up as a minister. I know that they get hurt and I want them to know that this is part of our responsibility and it is part of the responsibility of being elected as a leader. So we have to go through these experiences.

I just want say that I love them. My father is hard of hearing. I just want to let them know that I love them. I would also like to thank my panika, my uncle, who calls me frequently. I would also like to thank the people who are in the garage and who listen to us in Rankin Inlet and Whale Cove. I would like to thank the people for listening into the proceedings, for the people that I know, especially my father and my mother for they frequently call me during the session to find out how we are doing.

We are doing very well. I just wanted to let them know that we are doing very well and I thank them for all their support and for their understanding. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Members' statements. Members' statements. Mr. Tootoo.

**Member's Statement 044 – 1(4): Joamie School Family Fun Night**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as Friday is traditionally a more humorous day in the Assembly for members' statements, I would like to stand here today and inform members of some very alarming news that I discovered last night. Last night our colleague from Iqaluit East, the Honourable Minister of Health & Social Services ended up in the clink.

>> *Applause, catcalls*

**A Member:** Finally.

**Mr. Tootoo:** I am speaking of course Mr. Speaker, of the jail that was set up for the Joamie School fun fair night last night. It is my understanding Mr. Speaker, and I am



very surprised that the charge that was laid against him and of which he was convicted was of talking too much.

>>*Laughter*

I am sure that all members share my surprise at this turn of events. Mr. Speaker, Joamie School fun fair night raised just under 4 thousand dollars last night for the students of the school. It was a packed and joyful event, it was full, I am glad the Fire Marshall wasn't there. Mr. Speaker, all three Iqaluit MLAs were there and I would like to thank everyone for coming out, I think I am losing my voice from talking too much.

I would like to thank and congratulate the organizers of the event, I know how much work goes into it. So I wish members to join me in thanking them for putting on a successful event last night. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker:** Members' statements. Mr. Picco.

#### **Member's Statement 045 – 1(4): Legislature's Batman Characters**

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin by putting away my prepared statement and just very quickly thank Mr. Tootoo for his comments and my wife was one of the people working last night at Joamie School. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mr. Speaker, a tradition has arisen from back before the new millennium that Legislative Assemblies bring forward humorous yet appropriate statements on Fridays. Mr. Speaker, DC Comics introduced us to the world of Batman. This nocturnal hybrid of man and beast strove to fight the powers of evil and despair.

Mr. Speaker, Batman was aided by his ever present side man, Robin. Mr. Speaker, Batman had to deal with the likes of the Riddler, the Joker, the Cat Woman, and yes, Mr. Speaker, the Penguin. A local print media spread being currently done, will feature the debonair and nattily attired members of this Assembly, and Mr. Speaker, I am sure you will be prominently featured.

Now Mr. Speaker, this brings me to Batman. A well appointed sidekick is needed. A Boy Wonder, a Robin. Mr. Speaker, your partner in fighting evil in all its guises is no other than that stocky, portly, Robin McLean.

>>*Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, with the portly Robin, and the politically and follicly challenged in this chamber running from the wrath of Mr. Edward Scissorhands, something had to be done Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to do battle with the likes of the Riddler, the Scissorhands, the

Joker and your mirror image, Mr. Speaker, the tuxedoed Penguin within these hallowed halls, you Mr. Speaker, prefer brain over brawn, and that Mr. Speaker, is welcomed by all members in this House. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate you on a belated 57<sup>th</sup> birthday Mr. Speaker.

I would also like to comment Mr. Speaker, that at this time, please Mr. Speaker, don't take any wooden nickels.

>> *Applause, laughter*

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Picco, just to remind you that former members have been thrown out of the House for much less serious comments. Mr. McLean, member's statement.

#### **Member's Statement 046 – 1(4): Returning to Assembly**

**Mr. McLean:** Ma'na Uqaqti. Uqaqti, I didn't know you were 57 but I wish you had a birthday every week, because when you have a birthday, the next day three ministers come out with very, very well done Ministers' Statements on programs and services that are being implemented. So I want to compliment the three ministers responsible today for bringing out these statements that are very good for the citizens of Nunavut, right after your birthday.

But we don't want to have a birthday in every month for you. Mr. Speaker, Halloween is just around the corner and as the Speaker has inspired us to dress up today, I must commend him for his penguin costume he has been wearing all week, along with the staff. I haven't had time to buy my costume yet, but I wish pretty boy Picco would lend me his brown Halloween shoes. To my other surprise, my colleague and friend Doctor Davidee keeps shaving his whiskers off and throwing them away. I could have added them to my costume.

Mr. Speaker, most of us are headed home this weekend to our families and we are all happy, and I hope to return Monday. But Mr. Speaker, if I don't show up, it's because of that thing that we call the time zone. I'm sure the airlines all know about it, but again I want to apologize to my colleagues if I don't show up, it's because I don't know what zone we're in. Ma'na Uqaqti.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. McLean. Members' statements. Item 4. Returns to oral questions. Item 5. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Anawak.

#### **Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery**

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you are all aware, in 2002 in March, there will be Arctic Winter Games here and in Nuuk, which occur every

two years. I am pleased to say that on Saturday and Sunday, the Nunavut Sports Association met here and I want to recognize them. I want to thank them for the hard work they put into setting up the Arctic Winter Games here and in Nuuk.

From the Yukon, President Richard Cherry, from the Yukon as well, Mr. Peter Miller. From Alaska Mr. John Rahdah. I'm sorry if I mispronounce your name. From Alberta, Mr. Peter Moore, and Mr. Lloyd Bent. From the Northwest Territories Mr. Ian Legaree Mr. Don Sian. From Nunavut Marilyn Neily and very newly appointed Mr. Jimmy Onalik, and of course escorting them around is Brenda Clarke. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Welcome to the gallery. Item 5. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this gentlemen has been to the gallery many times and I've never introduced him. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce a person in Iqaluit, we have Polar Man, but we also have Killiniq Boy, a constituent, and a good friend of many people in this House, Mr. Jimmy Onalik.

Also Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce a couple of more constituents, Miss Marilyn Neily, as Mr. Anawak was nice enough to introduce earlier and last but not least a person who is involved in Minor Hockey. Last year she was involved in trying to coach my 4 year old son, and I haven't been able to get him to go out onto the rink enough times, but hopefully this year we'll get him out, a very good person and volunteer Brenda Clarke. I'd like to welcome them to the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Item 6. Oral questions. Item 6. Oral questions. Mr. Haviyok.

### Item 6: Oral Questions

#### Question 041 - 1(4): Tabling of Time Zone Survey Results

**Mr. Haviyok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be directing my question to the Minister of Justice. The other day last week he mentioned a survey on the time zone issue. He was going to table the results. I was wondering if he is going to table it today so we can review it. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mr. Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): I am sorry Mr. Speaker, I was going to bring it here but it was not translated yet so I will check to see if it is done yet. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Supplementary. Mr. Havioyak.

**Mr. Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sorry but he just seems to forget. I want to know what is happening with this. He should be tabling it. I will continue to talk about the time zone. In Kugluktuk they do not like the time zone. Is the Nunavut Government not worried about that. It seems that way. We are not happy about it in Kugluktuk.

You are not listening to Kugluktuk and I will be asking a question concerning that item. We should review the time zone from 6 months to a year from now. This should be a right for the people. I would like to hear from the minister when he will review this issue for our community and also the Kitikmeot region. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Mr. Anawak.

**Honourable Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Nunavut Implementation Commission proposed a decentralized government and proposed that everybody should all work at the same time. Communities such as Pangnirtung, Cape Dorset, Pond Inlet, are going to be a decentralized communities. If Nunavut will be operating successfully, we have to look for ways to progress successfully. If we could at least make a difference by one hour, unless we do something about this time zone we will lose four hours of working time. We did not only consider the Baffin region; we considered all the regions of Nunavut.

We did not set the time as just an experiment, we did not go only according to one region's desire for a time zone. We wanted to fix the time zone so all people of Nunavut are served. If the member who is raising this issue, if he would look back at the land claim agreements, he will agree that there was a need for a single time zone for all communities so they could be served equally.

If we are going to set our clocks by Montreal or Ottawa, Alberta, those all have different time zones, we are only thinking of Nunavut. We wanted to think only of Nunavut. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Supplementary. Mr. Havioyak.

**Mr. Havioyak:** Koannaqtit Uqaqti. This is not only one region's desire. (interpretation) I have heard the Baffin is not in agreement with this either. It does not seem the damage is corrected for the Baffin. We in Kitikmeot also, you have heard that we do not agree with this. It is not working for us. He talks about people in Nunavut, it has been reviewed so that the Baffin can get it corrected.

I do not agree with the responses that I have received, and I have not heard him agreeing. He should agree because he has heard many people from Kugluktuk and Cambridge Bay. It seems like he does not want to hear. I heard this a minute ago. It seems he does not want to hear the people in Kugluktuk and Cambridge Bay. That is my understanding. I

seem to be hearing that the ones that are not working and the government staff should have two different clocks, two different time zones, for people that work in the government and those that do not.

I would like a response. Will you be reviewing this. Not all the people in Kugluktuk or in Cambridge are working. There are people that are hunters, people that are not working in our communities also use clocks and they do not go to the government offices. I do not agree with the response and I would very much like it reviewed.

Will you be reviewing the problems that we are experiencing in Cambridge Bay and Kugluktuk. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Havioyak. Minister Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I keep mentioning this survey. We did not just survey the Baffin region. We surveyed all of Nunavut. As we stated before we said that we would do a review on this after the time zone was set. We did not just ask the people of the Baffin region.

We wanted to set the time zone so that it accommodates all the people of Nunavut, all the communities of Nunavut. We are looking at only a unified Nunavut, this is what our people are saying. We did not create the Kitikmeot, we did not create Kivalliq, and we did not create the Baffin region.

We wanted a Nunavut that was going to be a unified Nunavut. We as a government have to recognize these issues. I am sorry we do not have a report on this because there have been consultations. It is still not translated into Inuinnaqtun. We are still trying to see how much more we can further progress as a unified Nunavut instead of going by regional time zones. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Anawak. Final supplementary. Mr. Havioyak.

**Mr. Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It seems to me he is not trying hard for the people. We have heard about government staff. We also work with people in Edmonton, Yellowknife and businesses. They also have time zones. There is going to be a time difference between Yellowknife and Edmonton of two hours. It will not be right. Not just the government, it is not just effecting the government. We also have workers, contractors, the Northern and other stores. Their work is going to be two hours different and that makes it difficult for them as well. It is not just the government workers. We will continue asking about this. (interpretation ends)

Maybe you should review this in our region. I could hear you. You did not review it. Now I got the answer. Can you do that for our region then. Koanna, Uqaqti.

**Speaker:** Mr. Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak:** Mr. Speaker, at the beginning of the question I think I take exception to the fact that I do not regard Inuinnaqtun as being as important as the others. I consider Inuinnaqtun just as important as Inuktitut or English. I suspect the reason that Inuinnaqtun has not been translated for us is because of the shortage of staff on the interpreters side.

(interpretation) Talking about the time zone. We have to look at the whole of Nunavut and how we can operate more efficiently. We know that we are all working hard on it in each individual Nunavut community. Myself I do not like to talk about regions because I see Nunavut as one whole territory. Like I was saying, there are different dialects and different people in each individual region. Probably the reason that the regions were created was that it was someone bringing it in from outside the territory.

I have been looking at First Nations in North America. I hear that there is a reservation that crosses four States and it uses a single time zone. Because they want to work together and they want the people out there to know there is unity in this particular reservation even though it is in four States.

So I am sure there are going to be problems with the single time zone somewhere out there but we do have to look at how we can operate more efficiently in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Anawak. Oral questions. Mr. Tootoo.

#### **Question 042 – 1(4): Responses to Housing Corporation Expression of Interest**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on the twenty-fourth I asked the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation how many people have responded to the Expression of Interest that they put out for private homes to be rented as public housing. I would like to ask the minister if she has any updates on when she might be able to get back to me with an answer on that. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister responsible for Housing. Minister Thompson.

**Hon. Manitoq Thompson:** Mr. Speaker. I do apologize that I did not get the final numbers from my staff but I will get them on Tuesday for the member. If that is fine I will take it as notice. I did take it as notice but I did not receive them, there have been too many things going on right now. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you minister. Question is taken as notice. There will be no further supplementaries. Oral questions. Mr. Puqiqnak.

#### **Question 043 – 1(4): Gjoa Haven Development Corporation Correspondence**

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Public Works and Services. Mr. Speaker, the minister might be aware of

the issue that I am about to raise. It deals with correspondence that she had during the summer from the Gjoa Haven Development Corporation. Until July the Gjoa Haven Development Corporation had the contract with Public Works to perform maintenance projects in the community.

As a result of the Empowerment Agreement signed between the government and the hamlet, the work is now being performed by the hamlet and jobs with the Development Corporation are now at risk. They had contracts on school maintenance and other tasks. The hamlet is now performing the work. It has created a problem because the government is taking a course of action that is taking business and job opportunities from the private sector. There was an agreement between the Nunavut Government so that contracts would be awarded to the private sector. So the private sector will be given more opportunities.

It seems like this action is taking business and jobs away from the private sector. Why is the government doing that. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Thompson.

**Hon. Manitoq Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I do not know exactly which letter the member is referring to, but I can recall I did receive a letter from the Development Corporation. I believe that I responded to that question but I am not quite sure. I think that in regards to the hamlet council, we do know that there are Public Works programs that were given out to the Hamlet Councils. I think we all know that some of the public programs are now being taken on by the Hamlet Councils with the empowerment agreements.

We look at all the options to see what would be better for the community, but the member that I responded to I don't know which program it was for. I do try and respond as soon as I can to the correspondence that I receive. I do receive quite a few letters. I will take this question as notice, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Taken as notice. There will be no further supplementaries. Oral questions. Mr. Irqittuq.

#### **Question 044 – 1(4): Health & Social Services Suicide Programs**

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not doing this on purpose, but I am sure focussing on one minister for the last two weeks. I am not doing it intentionally but as I stated earlier in my member's statement, I am concerned about the issue of suicide. This question is for the Minister of Health & Social Services.

We are well aware that there were 38 completed suicides since the creation of the Nunavut Government. I would like to ask the minister what kind of plans he has in his department that will alleviate this problem. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to say that I listened quite intently to the statement given earlier by the member and I appreciate it. I think Mr. Speaker, there are times when it is a good thing for this House to get involved with debate and bring up issues like suicide. So I thank the member for his question and it gives me the opportunity to outline some of the things that the Government of Nunavut has done to help alleviate the problem that we have with suicide.

Mr. Speaker, extensive suicide prevention intervention and post intervention training has been delivered in the past several months to the ten communities most effected by suicide. We delivered those programs at the community level and those are the ten communities most effected by suicide at the present time.

Mr. Speaker, some of the other things we have done, we have trained social workers, RCMP, as well as Nunavut Coroners on suicide and suicide prevention. Mr. Speaker, two sessions have been delivered to the young offenders facility. Mr. Speaker, we have also delivered sessions and are in the process of delivering sessions to the Baffin Correctional Centre. Mr. Speaker, 28 community constables that are in town right now from all over Nunavut have received training on suicide prevention.

Mr. Speaker, through inter-departmental partnerships with the Department of Health & Social Services and the Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth, training will be offered, Mr. Speaker, to the people that Mr. Irqittuq talked about, that are mostly in need. Those are the young people. That training will be offered to the Kitikmeot, Kivalliq and the Baffin regions. This will include suicide prevention Mr. Speaker, grief and bereavement, trauma, peer support and that's beginning next month.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Health, Promotion Specialist, our Mental Health person, who has been involved with suicide program training and counselling, continues to respond to communities who wish to have suicide prevention training in their community. Mr. Speaker, workshops and training have been delivered and are being formulated for Cambridge Bay, Clyde River, and Mr. Speaker, the member's community of Hall Beach.

Mr. Speaker, after saying all of that, the Government of Nunavut does not have a magic solution to stop suicide. Mr. Speaker, the suicide prevention has to start at the family level, at the local level, at the community level. What the Government of Nunavut can do, is doing and will continue to do, is provide support to those people at the community level to provide that type of counselling support and to provide advice.

As the member rightly pointed out, we are in the position of transition. Mr. Speaker, elders tell us that the incidence of suicide is a recent phenomenon amongst Inuit. It has only been since the 1970's since we have seen this increase. Mr. Speaker, those are the issues. We know what the issues are with suicide and now we need to be able to take that



strategically and proactively and put into place these courses that we were just talking about. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions. Supplementary. Mr. Irqittuq.

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to ask a question about what kind of plans, for example, there was money for smoking cessation. Is there any money for suicide prevention similar to the money for anti-smoking. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as the members know in the Department of Health & Social Service's budget we don't break out line items and say that "x" number of dollars is spent in this area and so on. What I can say Mr. Speaker, is under mental health we have money there for suicide prevention, intervention courses, workshops, counselling sessions and training.

Mr. Speaker, I just outlined several instances of training, workshops, counselling as well as planning for workshops in communities. For example we just held one a couple of months ago in Kugluktuk where we brought people from all over Nunavut in there. Mr. Speaker, we have talked about some of the other training programs that we have put into place. So there is money Mr. Speaker, within the Department of Health & Social Services for intervention, post-intervention, as well as training and workshops and that money is being expended through the Department of Health & Social Services in the plans that we just talked about.

We also have Mr. Speaker, at the headquarters level, a mental health specialist whose job is dedicated mostly to working with suicide prevention, intervention. That person Mr. Speaker, has travelled outside of headquarters to several other regions and communities, delivering workshops and training sessions.

So Mr. Speaker, the money is there, it's being spent. At the same time, as I said earlier, Mr. Speaker, to prevent suicide we have to be able to deal with our young people and that's why we are doing the training sessions with our youth. Mr. Speaker, the solution for suicide has to come from that local level and the family level. What the Nunavut Government can do Mr. Speaker, is give the tools necessary to our people at the community level to be able to deal with suicide.

The Nunavut Government can't do it on its own, it has to be done in co-operation with our community health committees, which again, Mr. Speaker, are another resource that we have been able to access at the community level over the past 12 months.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions. Supplementary. Mr. Irqittuq.

**Mr. Irgittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank you and thank the minister for starting these initiatives. I would like to ask the minister if the communities are taking these training programs. I have seen a lot of people who have tried to commit suicide but failed. There are quite a lot of people out there that I do know of.

Are these types of people taking advantage of these training programs that you mentioned. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think after 18 months of the Nunavut Government, I think it's an excellent opportunity in this House today to be able to address these issues and I appreciate the member asking me the question and giving me some time to explain, not only to the people in the House, the members' of this House but also the people of Nunavut that are listening to this.

Mr. Speaker, to the member's direct question yes, the answer is yes. Mr. Speaker, I think the member has raised a good point. We always talk about the successful completions of suicide, Mr. Speaker, we don't have accurate numbers to account for the successful interventions.

Mr. Speaker, we know we have a crisis line that's set up, Mr. Anawak as an example is a volunteer at that crisis line, who field calls on a nightly basis, from all over Nunavut to help stop suicides.

Mr. Speaker, we've been putting into place a train the trainers program, where we will be able to train people throughout the communities. Is that enough, no Mr. Speaker, no it isn't enough, is the Government of Nunavut doing as much as it can. I think it is, can we do more. Yes, again Mr. Speaker, it has to come, as the member has pointed out, from the local level, from the communities.

Mr. Speaker the Department of Health and Social Services is trying to put together a community mobilization plan. That mobilization plan will be taking a look at all the initiatives and responsibilities from our mental health workers, our social workers, our Nurses, grief counsellors, and Mr. Speaker, people who are at the community level, who do work who aren't in a profession, and I'm talking about Mr. Speaker, volunteers, church people and so on.

So Mr. Speaker, the question the member asked about intervention and help and the people who aren't successful in completing the suicide, that support is there. In a lot of cases people have to come forward and ask for that help. In most cases with suicide it doesn't happen but, within a 24 hour period, in most cases, we see Mr. Speaker, a symptom of suicide where people give; they sell off some of their clothes, they give away things, they write notes and so on and then we are able to move in, and hopefully have successful prevention of a potential suicide. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Irqittuq.

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very happy about the response that the minister gave me. Do you have any plans to put out this information through the media, TV and so on. Do you have a plan.

**Speaker:** Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the answer is yes. Next week Mr. Speaker, myself and the Minister for CLEY will hopefully be able to announce the joint initiative on behalf of both of our departments of this community mobilization plan I just spoke about earlier. The department will be using various media as well as brochures, pamphlets, contact with hamlets, and local groups and agencies and the support people that the members talked about, at the community level, to talk about suicides.

We will also try to bring out some of these areas of discussion, Mr. Speaker, that the member talked about earlier, 38 successful suicides since April 1, 1999. I think sometimes Mr. Speaker, myself included, we thought that on April 1, 1999, things would dramatically change. They haven't, Mr. Speaker, change takes time, we talked about that with the member before, it's like smoking, 5 years ago you could go into any house in Nunavut and find people who smoke in front of children and babies and so on.

Today I will challenge you to find a house in Nunavut where people smoke in front of children and so on, everyone has a cold porch, they smoke outside, that has taken "x" number of years to learn that.

Mr. Speaker, it's just like suicide, right now it's seen like almost the thing to do, in a lot of our communities and for a lot of our young people to think about suicide. We need to be able to, as the member has just said, communicate. Suicide is not an appropriate response to stress when dealing with real problems.

Mr. Speaker, by bringing it up in this House, by members' statements, by bringing it back to our communities and working with our families, that is the way Mr. Speaker, the Government of Nunavut and the members here and the people of Nunavut could be successful in preventing suicide. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions. Mr. Nutarak.

#### **Question 045 – 1(4): Nursing Program Students' Dependants**

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I will be directing this question to the Minister for Health and Social Services. There are some students taking the Nursing Program here in Iqaluit. They were provided units to live in because they have to be here for more than a year and they have to bring their children. Because these are students they need to be given some money to survive. Some of them have six people living in one

unit. For the students who have many children or dependants would you be willing to raise the money that they are receiving. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister responsible for Education. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Yes, that is how we do it. They are given assistance based on the number of their dependants. Usually when they have more dependants they are given more student assistance. That is how the system is and it is our policy. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I apologize I asked the wrong department. So I apologize for asking the wrong department. I was going to ask this question to the Minister for Education. For the students who are taking Arctic College programs, especially for the students taking the NTEP program and the Nursing program. They are given assistance to take their training courses. I think that the assistance they receive, some of the students, the assistance they are receiving is insufficient because they cannot survive. Because of that I am sure some of the students will be dropping out from these programs because of the shortage of funds to survive. I was wondering if the Minister responsible for Education can look into the assistance program before more students drop out. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister for Education. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Yes, I know it myself. I just recently paid for my debts after three years of being in university. We know that there are insufficient funds. I know that at times we can loan the students some funds. The Inuit organizations do have funds set aside for the use of some students so that they could be assisted when they are in the training programs. I will be discussing this matter about how we can increase the support for the students. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mr. Nutarak.

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Before these students drop out who are taking these programs that I mentioned, we want to encourage the students to take training programs through Arctic College. Education is very important for our future especially in Nunavut. I was wondering if you can look into the assistance programs that they now provide. I was wondering if you can review it. Would the minister be willing to review the assistance program. Thank you Mr Speaker.

**Speaker:** Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I know that when, if you really want something you can take a loan and if you really want something, if there is a will then you can do so. As I have stated before Regional Inuit Associations do give

some funding so they can provide assistance to the students. We will be starting discussions to see if we can put this into one window so the students can benefit from it. I want to start on this initiative not too long from now. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Oral questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Question 046 – 1(4): Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Review**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I will be directing my question to the Minister responsible for Education. We have held workshops in the communities and the communities have requested a new curriculum that could be used with Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit within the schools. Can the minister tell us when he expects to see the results of the review. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes. I can give you some background and I would also like to thank my colleagues for approving the funding that we set aside so that we could do that very thing. So that we could include Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in the school curriculum. We have dealt with quite a few things since we approved that 400 thousand dollars. We are starting to use those funds. We would also like to see more of this happening in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So now I can see elders who are certified instructors. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Within this year as I have announced, the Minister for Culture, Language, Elders & Youth and our office have jointly announced that the elders will be requested to play a role in providing instruction in the schools. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. His response said requesting to have the elders; are we just going to include the elders or request them to be involved in the school curriculum. I wanted to know if you could provide certification for the elders so they could be recognized as certified teachers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. They are more than capable of instructing. Yes, we are looking for ways to involve elders and let them participate.

Since this is at the initial stage of planning we were supported by the Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth. We were very happy to work with that department. If we just put them into schools it is not going to benefit the elders or the students. If we come up with a curriculum it will be more useful. So that is why we have supported making the school curriculum with the assistance of the elders. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very happy to hear that. What about outside the schools, for example on the land programs. I was wondering if your department has come up with something for the on the land program. Thank you.

**Speaker:** I believe that is a new question. Mr. Premier if you choose to answer it, if not that is acceptable. Mr. Iqaqrialu that really is a new question so we will have to strike that from the record. Oral questions. Mr. McLean.

#### **Question 047 – 1(4): Pre-Mining Training**

**Mr. McLean:** Ma'na Uqaqti. Uqaqti, my question today is for the Minister responsible for Education. Uqaqti, yesterday in the House I was trying to press the Minister of Sustainable Development for some answers regarding pre-mining training. Far too often maybe I zero in on the Minister of Sustainable Development to give us all the answers in regards to training in our communities.

But, Mr. Speaker, I know for a fact that there are millions and millions of dollars in third party funding out there that is being channelled through the Regional Inuit Associations. I know that the Department of Education has Arctic College under its wing and Arctic College is responsible for delivering programs.

I wonder if the Minister of Education could direct his Arctic College people to work with the Department of Sustainable Development in bringing forward some type of pre-employment mining training in the communities. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Ma'na Uqaqti. Yes, we have been working on a big document for some time. It is called Aujungititit. It addresses mining training and other fields of training that we want to put in place, such as nursing and other areas of expertise that Inuit in Nunavut could take advantage of.

We have been working with all the RIAs to try and get additional monies for training. Further we are in discussions with Nanisivik mines to perhaps try out a pilot project with them on trades training. So we are not resting on our heels we are pursuing all avenues very aggressively. Ma'na Uqaqti.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. McLean, supplementary.

**Mr. McLean:** Ma'na Uqaqti. Uqaqti, it's nice to see that we are starting to get some Kivalliq influence in the House for a change. I am very glad that the Minister of Education is working towards developing a program and like I was stressing yesterday, probably in the next three or four years, the potential of having three or four mines on stream in Nunavut, with probably the job potential being in the thousands.

I know that they are working on a document and it is coming forward soon. Like I said I didn't want to zero in on the Minister of Sustainable Development to provide all the answers in training Nunavummiut. But would the Minister of Education also work with his counterpart in Community Government & Transportation and look at doing community based training in regards to upgrading roads, airports and other facilities in this document that he is bringing forward. Because we know there are only limited resources in this government to build infrastructure in our communities.

I see this as an opportunity as an MLA in my community to do community based training to upgrade roads, docks, airstrips and so on. Could the Minister of Education try to include that into his document. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister responsible for Education. Mr. Okalik.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Ma'na Uqaqti. We have discussed this document with all departments. We did not want to review this policy in isolation so there have been discussions with every department in trying to formulate a formal policy that we can discuss, not just with RIAs but with the Federal Government to access any source of funding for training for Nunavummiut. Ma'na Uqaqti.

**Speaker:** Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Ma'na Uqaqti. It sounds like me and the Minister of Education are working together on something here, but we are not. It is all totally new, so I don't want anybody to think that there were any backroom dealings on these questions today.

On that, he brought up a very valid point, and as Minister of Education and as Premier, he brought up the federal component. As we know a year and a half ago there were some questions brought forward by yourself in regards to a road from Nunavut. I know the Kitikmeot region is looking at a road from Nunavut.

And I know the Kitikmeot region is looking for a road from Nunavut also. So could the minister try to bring this forward also in this training program because if you are going to build mines you are going to need roads. This would all fit in together so is the Minister of Education now working on bringing that forward also. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. McLean for that excellent question.

>>Laughter

At times it is very, very difficult to sit here when those types of questions come up and not be able to speak to it. I am sure I will have the opportunity to speak to you after the session. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Ma'na Uqaqti. I see this as an issue for everyone. We are working, as the Minister of Transportation stated a week ago, we are hoping to release the transportation strategy, reviewing all transportation needs for Nunavut and that will include roads to Nunavut. A road or roads. I have not seen the report yet. So when that is tabled I think we can discuss that issue further. In relation to training as I said, we are looking at all options for trades training and we have not ruled out any avenues that we can access for trades training. We will take advantage of any opportunity as presented to us. Ma'na Uqaqti.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Premier for that excellent answer.

>> *Laughter*

**Speaker:** Members' statements. Sorry. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. Puqiqnak.

#### **Question 048 – 1(4): Gymnasium for Gjoa Haven**

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The day before yesterday I asked a question of the Premier regarding the plans that were in place for my community. We have been waiting for a response for eight months now. I will now be directing this question to the Minister of Community Government and Transportation.

I know when he came to visit Uqsuqtuq in from March 12-18 he met the mayor from Uqsuqtuq and the senior administrative officer. Since then we have not received any response or any reports resulting from that meeting. The Supplementary Appropriation Act that was given to us, there is nothing in the Supplementary Appropriations Act. Can the Minister of Community Government and Transportation give me a response. We have been requesting a new gymnasium for the last eight months. Can he give me a response before 2001. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Mr. Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are working on the five year capital budget. That is currently under review. In the last mayors meeting I only regret to say that the mayor from Uqsuqtuq was not present at the meeting. In terms of the member's statement I know what he is talking about because I was there. When they are having special occasions, the gym is a little too small and it gets really crowded.

There are other priorities that the government is looking at, education and housing are the major concerns that have been raised. We know that overcrowded recreational facilities can create communicable illnesses, but as it is now, we as the government are still



struggling to get our funds in order. They are slowly coming into order so we will hope to be able to present a new capital plan.

The reason we cannot present our capital budget plan right now is because we have to take into consideration all our accountabilities, we have to take into consideration our children who need good schools. We know that there are concerns out there that effect all of us, but there are other priorities that we have to consider when we have limited funds. Because of these limited funds, things are not working as fast as we would like them to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Supplementary. Mr. Puqiqnak

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes I understand what the minister is saying, and I want to work closely with him. I understand where the minister and his department are coming from. In the fiscal year 1999/2000, there was 50 thousand dollars allocated by the Department of Community Government and Transportation. I want to thank the department for the water study.

I'm glad to see it, I was really pleased to see this plan, this supplementary appropriation. but still 50 thousand dollars is not enough. Our community is one of the decentralized communities, and there has been a populations influx. We have to take into consideration any emergencies that may arise any day and these funds are limited. Can the minister tell me if they can allocate more funding for the year 2000/2001, or will they totally reject our request. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When the Mayors met here in Iqaluit, a while ago at the Parish Hall, we discussed that. We realized that we have to take more into consideration. After Nunavut came into being, there were some very difficult tasks ahead of us.

When the government and the ministers are more available, we have to start showing progress as a government. I asked the constituents of the member for their input and we have set up a pilot project. When the hamlet realized that there were not enough houses to go around to accommodate everyone we, as the Department of Community Government looked into this lack of housing for younger people.

We will have to discuss this further. How can we work closer together with limited funds, with limited government funds to solve this problem. We have to look at the funding that is available to us. We know sometimes there are surpluses but even those surpluses are bound by policies or laws.

I want to know if the member is willing to discuss with me as to how we can apply these funds more appropriately. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I understand the Minister of Community Government. I understand what he is saying. There are other priorities, I want to know, because we have limited funds, if funds will be made available to get a new community hall or a new gym.

The Federal Government has established a contract with an expert who knows about building these gymnasiums. He has promised that this problem will be looked into and I want to ask the minister has he spoken to the appointed representative of the Federal Government regarding the concern about the lack of a gymnasium. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Mr. Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you. Yes, I have spoken to the minister you are referring to and he feels for our younger people. All we are doing is waiting for funding. If we are going to start training our younger people to better prepare for the future then we will recognize that gymnasiums and support are very important to our young people.

I understand where the member is coming from and why he is driving so hard for this gymnasium. We will work closely with the minister assigned to Sports Canada to see where we can come up with funding or appropriate funds for gymnasiums. We have to keep pushing for this.

The reason I mentioned that there might be a changeover in minister is because of the impending elections. That person who is assigned to Sports Canada or the Minister Responsible for Recreation in Canada will have to be briefed on all the problems or requests from our government. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Final supplementary.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker for your response. We said that we would be looking at reviewing this together, as the minister has kept saying there would be a review. Yesterday the Member for Amittuq or Tunnuniq said that their gymnasium is too small and that could become a safety issue if there is overcrowding and going over the proper capacity.

I think that is the same in most of the Nunavut communities. So with that in mind I would like the minister to respond to my question. I would like the minister to say whether there are any plans in the 2000/2001 budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Mr. Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we can make plans we can set up all these plans but of course there is a cap to the capital funds. We have set a priority on schools and housing. That is the statement that the Government of Nunavut made and I can tell the member, I do know that the people of Uqsuqtuq and Pangnirtung and Igloolik, Pond Inlet, these larger communities and all the Nunavut communities, for example Pelly Bay needs a gym, which is urgent.

But if we are going to be doing a review on how we can build gymnasiums in the Nunavut communities faster, I can tell the member that yes we are prepared to do plans, we could look for additional funds for this year, and if we can access additional funds we can review this issue. Because of course it could become a safety hazard and a health issue, especially around Christmas time when there are a lot of people that are in the gymnasium

We could do a review on the communities that I mentioned and we could also look at obtaining additional funds. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Oral question period is now over. Moving on to item 7. Written questions. Written questions. Written questions. Item 8. Returns to written questions. Returns to written questions. Item 8. Returns to written questions. Item 9. Replies to opening address. Replies to opening address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 10. Petitions. Petitions.

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Item 11. Reports of standing and special committees. Reports of standing and special committees. Item 12. Reports of committees on the review of bills. Reports of committees on the review of bills. Item 13. Tabling of documents. Ms. Thompson.

### **Item 13: Tabling of Documents**

#### **Tabled Document 009 – 1(4): National Post Newspaper Article - Fuel Prices**

**Hon. Manitoq Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table a document which is about the increasing fuel prices, and it is inaccurate. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Ms. Thompson. Tabling of documents. Tabling of documents. Members I have a few documents that I would like to table on behalf of the Speaker's Office.

#### **Tabled Document 010 – 1(4): Annual Report of the Official Languages Commissioner**

#### **Tabled Document 011 – 1(4): Annual Report of the Information & Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut**

#### **Tabled Document 012 – 1(4): Conflict of Interest Commissioners Report**

**Tabled Document 013 – 1(4): Rankin Inlet Session Incremental Cost Report**  
**Tabled Document 014 – 1(4): Audited Statements Retirement Allowance Fund**

Pursuant to section 23 of the Official Languages Act, I wish to table the first annual report of the Language Commissioner of Nunavut for the fiscal year March 31, 2000.

Second document. Pursuant to section 68 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, I wish to table the first annual report of the Information & Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut for the year ending March 31, 2000.

Third document. Pursuant to section 79(3) of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, I wish to table the Conflict of Interest Commissioner's report for the year ending March 31, 2000.

Fourth document. I wish to table the Legislative Assembly's report on the incremental costs of holding the February 2000 session in Rankin Inlet.

The final document. Pursuant to section 21 of the Legislative Assembly Retiring Act, I wish to table the Audited Statements of the retirement allowance fund for the period ending March 31, 2000.

Tabling of documents. Tabling of documents. Item 14. Notices of motions. Notices of motions. Mr. Tootoo.

**Item 14: Notices of Motions**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in reference to the annual report of the Languages Commissioner to the Standing Committee of Culture, Education and Health. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday October 31, 2000, I will move the following:

Whereas, the first annual report of the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly; and

Whereas, the Assembly desires that the report and recommendations be considered;

Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Akulliq, that the annual report of the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut be referred to the Standing Committee on Culture, Education and Health and that the Committee report back to the House at the earliest opportunity with its findings.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Item 14. Notices of motions. Notices of motions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, notice of motion in reference to the annual report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut to the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services for review. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday October 31, 2000, I will move the following motion:

Whereas, the first annual report of the Information & Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly; and

Whereas, the Assembly desires that the report and recommendations be considered;

Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nanulik that the annual report of the Information & Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut be referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services for review and that the Committee report back to the House at the earliest opportunity with its findings.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Notices of motions. Moving on to item 15. Notices of motions for first reading of bills. Notices of motions for first reading of bills. Notices of motions for first reading of bills. Item 16. Motions. Item 16. Motions. Motions. Item 17. First reading of bills. Mr. Ng.

### **Item 17: First Reading of Bills**

#### **Bill 7 – The Legislative Assembly Members Removal and Disqualification Act**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kugluktuk, that Bill 7 – The Legislative Assembly Members Removal and Disqualification Act be read for the first time. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Minister Ng. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Against. The motion is carried. Bill 7 has had first reading. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second reading of bills. Second reading of bills. Mr. Ng.

### **Item 18: Second Reading of Bills**

#### **Bill 2 – An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Pangnirtung that Bill 2 – An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, the purpose of the Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act is to retroactively reinstate the terminated pension of any surviving spouse who remarried after April 17th 1985 and to provide for a one time payment to any surviving spouse who

remarried prior to April 17th, 1985. Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, the bill will increase the yearly annual income in remuneration for those who are receiving WCB benefits to 63 thousand 350 dollars. In addition this bill proposes to increase the membership of the board's appeals tribunal so that they can hear appeals more quickly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Ng. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. Motion is carried. Bill 2 has had seconded reading, and accordingly the bill stands referred to the committee. Item 18. Second reading of bills. Mr. Anawak.

### **Bill 3 – An Act to Amend the Statutes Revision Act**

**Hon. Jack Anawak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Cambridge Bay that Bill 3 – An Act to Amend the Statutes Revision Act be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, statutes revision is a process in which all the statutes up to a certain date are consolidated and revised. That consists of combining all the amendments in the statutes being amended and then making limited changes of an editorial or technical nature. These changes include renumbering and changing references to the Northwest Territories to Nunavut. The amendment being proposed will change the dates as of which the statutes are revised from April 1, 1999 to January 1, 2000. A few other technical changes will also be made. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Anawak. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 3 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to committee. Item 18. Second reading of bills. Mr. Anawak.

### **Bill 4 – An Act to Amend the Land Titles Act**

**Hon. Jack Anawak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move seconded by the Honourable Member for Pangnirtung that Bill 4 – An Act to Amend the Land Titles Act be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, the bill amends the Land Titles Act to simplify all of the required documents and to reduce the delays in the land conveyance process. Signatures and affidavits of witnesses and listing of encumbrances will no longer be required. A standardized form will require a seller or mortgager to recognize the rights of a spouse who is not registered on the title to a family home.

Remote service by fax could be permitted on conditions to be prescribed by regulations. Duplicate certificates of title will no longer be issued automatically but only on request and payment of a fee. This will help prevent delays that can be caused by lost certificates. Some responsibilities of the registrar will be clarified for improved administration of the

land titles system. The bill will come into force on proclamation. Certain sections may be proclaimed later than the rest of the bill where new systems, policies and regulations will be needed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Anawak. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 4 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to committee. Item 18. Second reading of bills. Mr. Ng.

### **Bill 5 – The Floral Emblem Act**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Rankin South. That Bill 5 – The Floral Emblem Act be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, the Act adopts the purple saxifrage as the floral emblem of Nunavut. Thank you.

**Speaker:** The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 5 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to committee. Item 18. Second reading of bills. Mr. Ng.

### **Bill 6 – An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly & Executive Council Act and Other Acts in Relation to the Legislative Assembly**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hudson Bay that Bill 6 an Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act and other Acts in relation to the Legislative Assembly be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Legislative Assembly Executive Council Act in relation to the living allowances members get when they attends sessions in the Legislative Assembly, attend certain meetings or perform other duties.

The amounts of living allowances are currently set in the Act at 57 per day. If the member is within commuting distance and 200 per day if the member is not within commuting distance. The amendments will provide for these living allowance to be set by regulation. The bill also amends the Elections Act and the Official Languages Act to provide for the appointment in certain circumstances of an acting Chief Electoral Officer or acting Languages Commissioner. The Interpretation act is also amended to remove the related provisions which will become unnecessary as a result of the amendments that deal with other acts. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Questions. Questions. Question has been called. All those in favour. Against. Motion is carried. Bill 6 has had second reading and accordingly the Bill stands referred to the committee.

Second reading of bills. Item 19. Consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters. Ministers' statements 6-1(4), 7-1(4), 8-1(4). Bill 1, 5 and 6. Mr. Puqiqnak

will chair. Prior to commencement of the committee of the whole we will recess for approximately 30 minutes. I ask the members to join me in the members' lounge.  
Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 12.12 p.m. and resumed at 12.56 p.m.*

### **Item 19: Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters**

**Chairperson** (Mr. Puqignak) (interpretation): Good afternoon Members of the Legislative Assembly and Cabinet Members. We are now in committee of the whole. We now have a quorum.

During the committee of the whole, we will deal with Minister's Statement 006-1 (4) and also Minister's Statement 007-1 (4), Minister's Statement 008-1 (4), Bill 1 – Supplementary Appropriations Act, No. 1, 2000/2001, Bill 5 – The Floral Emblem Act, Bill 6 – An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly & Executive Council Act and Other Acts in Relation to the Legislative Assembly. What's the wish of the Committee. Mr. Havioyak.

**Mr. Havioyak:** We wish to discuss Minister's Statement 7 - 1(4). Fuel Price Increases. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Fuel Price Increases for Nunavut. The committee wishes to deal with the Minister's Statement. Minister Thompson, do you have any new comments.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I can go sit down at the witness table if that is the wish of the committee, with the witnesses from Petroleum Products. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. We will continue with the fuel price increases. Yes, you may go to the witness table along with your witnesses.

Thank you. Welcome. I'm sure that we know who your witnesses are, but you are the minister for the department, your witnesses are Mr. Green and Deputy Minister Mrazek. We've already been introduced. Yesterday, we debated the matter during committee of the whole, we'll just continue on from yesterday's debate. Madame Minister do you have any opening comments.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I don't have any opening comments because I did the opening comments yesterday. We can just continue with yesterday's debate and I hope you had a great lunch today. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): I apologize for asking for your opening comments. We are just continuing yesterday's debate. Are there any comments from the members. I had a



list of names yesterday, but since we are on a new day, I didn't bring my list of names. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, yesterday I was asking about the price stabilization fund and Mr. Green indicated that it was established in 1972 with five million dollars. I also asked about looking at indexing and seeing what that would be worth today. I checked into it and I used the Bank of Canada's inflation calculator and Mr. Chairman, in 1972, five million dollars would be in the year 2000, equivalent to 21 million 918 dollars.

I am just wondering, given that's the difference between then and now, is there any possibility of increasing or indexing that stabilization fund. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister Thompson.

**Hon. Maniok Thompson:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am going to ask Mr. Green to tell us what the consequences would be in regards to that. But the bottom line still is that the government would still have to pay the bill, whether it is 5 million, 10 million, 2 million. It is still something that we would have to pay the consequences as a government. I will ask Mr. Green to elaborate more on that. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Green.

**Mr. Green:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. The five million dollar stabilization fund as you are all aware is a part of the revolving fund. So if we were to index the stabilization fund, if that was an option, what would need to be done, there would need to be a submission put through the Financial Management Board and I think then it would become part of an amendment to the Revolving Fund Act which would have to be carried out through the Legislative Assembly.

I can only comment on the stabilization fund, that the stabilization fund had worked well up until this year, for the most part, because we have only had an 8 cent increase over a two year period. The last two years the reason why the stabilization has been ineffective is mainly due to the significant increase of refined products on the international markets.

We have seen over the last two years the price of diesel home heating fuel double. It was a 100 per cent increase for what we paid on the 1998 re-supply compared to what we paid this year. Gasoline we saw a 120 per cent increase. So these are some of the reasons why right now we find ourselves in the situation that we are going forward with an increase in the retail rates.

But no matter what, if you increase the stabilization fund to 21 million dollars, then it becomes a government debt. It has to be repaid at some point in time and by increasing the stabilization fund all you are doing is deferring, keeping the price of fuel up in the long term. It is a good short term solution but it does nothing in the long term. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Thank you. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I was not asking to increase the stabilization fund to 21 million dollars. I was just stating that is what 5 million dollars in 1972 would be worth today. Just to get an idea across of how costs have changed over the years. You talked about a 100, 120 percent increase in gas and fuel oil. The percentage change from 5 million to 21.9 million is roughly a 340 percent difference.

I am not asking that we increase it that much but maybe Mr. Chairman if I could ask what would we have to increase the stabilization fund to, in order to accommodate, looking at cutting the increase from 13.9 in half for both home heating fuel and gasoline.

If that was done how much would we have to increase that fund. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, did you forget who I was. I do not have the detailed numbers. Although Mr. Green does not have the detailed numbers perhaps he can respond to your question.

Hypothetically, although we understand that the 5 million dollar stabilization fund is increased, the government would still have to pay for the increase of the stabilization fund. It would become a debt for government. That is how we see it. Perhaps Mr. Green can elaborate on that to you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Green.

**Mr. Green:** Just an estimate based on some of the numbers that I have been familiar with. The volumes that if we were to look at reducing the price of diesel home heating down to half of what has been approved and decrease the price of gas, you are probably looking at about 4.5 to 5 million dollars that would be covered through the revolving fund. In September the revolving fund limit was 1.5 so if we were to go ahead then we would likely exceed the maximum level limit under the revolving fund. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Green. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Given the numbers, I can appreciate the fact that is a ball park number that he is using. Given that information, if we were to cut the increase in half on home heating fuel and gasoline we would only have to increase the stabilization fund 3.5 million dollars. I think the Minister of Finance indicated there was a 60 million dollar surplus this year from last year and they are looking at an operating deficit of 30 million. It still leaves 30 million dollars out there. I do not see why an option like that is not looked at.

Mr. Green can correct me if I am wrong. I understand that we would be in debt to the government only if it is used. Any sales or any profits, let's say if prices were to suddenly drop and the division made money that would also go in there to offset that deficit. It is not just any profits made also go in there. I would not, it may, even though its increased, even if we increase it, 3.5 million dollars, it is only a debt if we use it. If we looked at that over time and prices dropped that will have an effect as well. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson:** I do not think there was a question, just a comment. But I could say we looked at all the options and as you know there are other priorities of the government. We looked at all those as a government. The officials in my department looked at all the options and they felt that 13.9 was the best number to work with to stabilize the fuel for the next 2 years. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, then is the minister saying that this government has already earmarked the surplus of 53 million dollars for other purposes, that is already earmarked for something. If so I would like to hear what that is because and as far as I know any surpluses or any money that has to be spent by this government have to be approved by this House. As it sits right now, we are looking at 30 million dollars roughly sitting out there. I do not see why we can not take three and a half of that and increase the stabilization fund in order to reduce the impact that the rising price of fuel would have on all the residents of Nunavut. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson (interpretation):** Thank you. Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am not speaking for the Minister of Finance but I do know from the comments that are coming forward from the regular members there is a lot of need in the communities. That is what I am saying. For instance this morning we heard recreation facilities need to be built, schools need to be built, and health facilities need to be built. That is the point of where I am coming from. I am not saying that anything is committed on behalf of the government I can not speak for the Finance Minister. I am trying to say that there are other priorities and a lot of pressing issues for this government. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson (interpretation):** Thank you. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman I think with this issue that fuel prices is one where we do not have any control over the world price. I realize that. I would guess that if members or this government would have known about it ahead of time it would have been put forward as a priority.

Mr. Chairman I know last February with the 5-cent increase there were many concerns raised at that time. Again to the government and to the ministers, do they not feel that this

although it is not a planned thing that we have control over, not to take it as enough of a priority to try and reduce the impact, the negative impact that it would have on all people of Nunavut. Looking at putting a fraction of some of the surplus towards dealing with this problem. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I understand your comments. However on the revolving fund, looking at the stabilization fund and all the other funds that are going to be used for petroleum products, that is the number we picked 13.9 cents. We figured it would be best for the increase. From the various options, my staff has reviewed all the options, the staff of the Department of Finance has reviewed this 13.9, and it does not go over a dollar, so we felt that this figure would be the most appropriate.

I think everyone knew, everyone in the world knew that the oil prices were going to go up. Everybody is aware it's not news to us, we have known about these increases for quite some time. Although we knew that the world oil prices would go up, officials, when they started to look at the options, this would have the least negative impact on the people with the 13.9. So we thought this figure was the best. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, given that the minister just said that they were looking at all the options, can I ask her if increasing the stabilization fund at all was looked at as an option. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. As I have said before, that the Petroleum Products Department would be under review, and at that time this was reviewed also. I know that the fuel price is going to increase, they looked at the options and they looked at the stabilization fund, this was also reviewed. If we increase the stabilization fund, we would pay for it, and the government would be in debt, and we would have to use the government dollars to increase that stabilization fund. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just want to make sure I have it correct. So the minister said they did look at the fact of increasing that stabilization fund, but then decided against it, is that what's she saying.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Minister.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The way it is, we looked at whether the government would go into a deficit situation, or according to this

figure, are we going to try to keep out of a deficit situation. What I am trying to say is that officials from Petroleum Products, reviewed the stabilization fund and other funds, they reviewed all these issues, and they came up with the best option which was 13.9. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Then the minister is saying that the cabinet didn't look at the option of increasing the stabilization fund or analyzing the impact that it would have on the government's financial situation. That it was staff at PPD that just presented the one option and that was the best and that was what the minister took forward. Is that what happened. Based on her last comment, that's what I heard. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Minister.

**Hon. Manito Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. At the cabinet level we discussed this but looking at the government as a whole, we make decisions for government as a whole, with these various options. We discussed these various options, and this was reviewed by MSB. We discussed these and then we made an agreement. At the cabinet level we have already discussed this and agreed to it, and that is how the system goes, we review all different aspects before we make any decisions.

For those who have been given authority to deal with finances, we have to respect them too. Because they have to deal with these issues too and they have to look at various options.

Once they have reviewed all aspects they give us options for us to decide on. As ministers we have to select what is best. This is done at the cabinet level. It is not just the department that makes these decisions. The decisions are made at the cabinet level. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. I have other people on my list. I will be asking another member after this one. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I guess I still do not have an answer to whether cabinet or FMB did seriously look at the possibility of increasing the stabilization fund and the impact it would have on the financial situation. Was that something that cabinet did look at and analyse. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Ms. Thompson. Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. The member Mr. Tootoo continues to raise questions about cabinet discussions. FMB discussions, what options were brought forward. I have kind of allowed him to get into discussions but I think at some point Mr. Chairman that the normal rule of parliamentary procedure, that cabinet discussions, FMB

discussions, committees of cabinet, what takes place is not normally in the realm of the public for discussion or not particularly in the House. So I would ask that be taken into consideration. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ng. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I was not really asking the details of that discussion. All I really wanted to know is, was that an option that they looked at in that way and I have not been able to get that answer. I do not try to keep saying it over and over again in order to find out whether or not, simply that at any level of detail that was an option that the government looked at. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Following the House rules. We have the House Leader who made appropriate comments. They are not allowed to be discussed in the House. Some things that were discussed at meetings can not be discussed outside to the public or in the House. Ms. Thompson do you want to respond to Mr. Tootoo's question. Mr. Tootoo I will ask you about your last question. To whom are you directing that question. To madam minister. Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Maniok Thompson:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I can only say that as I stated in Inuktitut, we look at all options when we are making a decision. We do not make decisions by not looking at other options. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Tootoo I will then allow another member to ask a question. Mr. Havioyak.

**Mr. Havioyak:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just want to refer to your statement in the last paragraph. I was just wondering, it got me curious anyway. When you are talking about some options may be possible for low-income homeowners. Possibly through programs such as the seniors' fuel subsidy program.

I am just wondering what your, when you say that, you said you have options. What are those options that you are looking at now. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Maniok Thompson:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. We are looking at the option of expanding the seniors' fuel subsidy program. That is the option we are looking at right now for how to help the low income homeowners. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Madam Minister. Mr. Havioyak.

**Mr. Havioyak:** Expanding the subsidy. Is that what you meant.

**Chairperson:** Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. What I am saying is that the fuel subsidy that we have right now under education is just for senior homeowners and it is just for the winter months. So what I am saying is that we are looking at expanding that program so that it covers a wider variety of homeowners. Thank you Mr. Chair.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Madam Minister. Mr. Haviyak.

**Mr. Haviyak:** When I read it, it seems to me that, I know what you are talking about when you say low-income homeowners. Are you looking at more than one option or is that one of the options that you are looking at. To me when I read that it is more than one. I am not sure that I am reading this right. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Haviyak. Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. That is the only option we have right now that we are looking at is the seniors' fuel subsidy program unless there is another option in regards to homeowners. But right now, we are looking at that subsidy that we already have to senior homeowners. Thank you Mr. Chair.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Madam Minister. Mr. Haviyak.

**Mr. Haviyak** (interpretation): Thank you for replying to that. If we keep looking for options that is good. Yesterday, it was also mentioned by Hunter and others that in all of Nunavut, it is very difficult. It will be hard for people. For people that are having difficulty it will make it harder for them even to try, because they are trying to pay for fuel and if they want to go out hunting they will have a hard time with this.

You mentioned yesterday also in your note that you would be working with NTI towards something. Will this be announced or will NTI be speaking to this in the near future of harvester's support on fuel subsidies.

Because some people have difficulty buying groceries, so they have to go out and hunt instead of going to the store to Northern. They will have difficulties with this. The minister stated that she is working with NTI towards a solution. I am wondering what progress has been made on this. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Minister.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. NTI and the GN have been talking about the increase in fuel prices and we also gave them information about the increase. We are hoping to see Nunavut Tunngavik put something together. Of course they are not experts in regards to fuel, but we have given them all the necessary information that they require, we have also talked to Mr. Paul Quassa, who is the President of NTI, and we had a discussion on the increases in fuel prices. At that time NTI wanted to know what would be happening because we just had discussions in the summer time. They wanted to know exactly what the plans were of our department. But

NTI is also looking at options; I cannot be speaking on behalf of NTI or make decisions for them though, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Havioyak.

**Mr. Havioyak** (interpretation): I thought maybe she had meant there had been talk or, I just wanted to know because you said we are working with NTI. I would like to mention is that a point you have heard from other people as well, that it will be a difficulty. That there will be hardship for people. Have you tried to find different options to help resolve this. If the fuel subsidy was increased, it would help people. This is not a question. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): I have other names, Mr. Iqaqrialu and Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Arvaluk.

**Mr. Arvaluk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I will make this short as much as possible. I have two questions. As the minister stated earlier, and as Mr. Tootoo stated, they reviewed various options, in regards to putting it at 98.9 cents so that it wouldn't have an adverse effect on the people out there. But what else happened, the minister stated that 13.9 cents would put it even with the 5 million dollar stabilization fund.

So I do not understand which figures she is talking about. In regards to that you came up with that zero figure through the accounting calculations and in the same breath, she stated that she considered all the options that were put on the table. Maybe the minister could briefly tell me how she came up with those numbers. Or what she meant by that. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. In regards to the stabilization fund, I believe that is what he's referring to, I can't recall whether I said we would go into a zero figure.

I will go back to my documents to find out if I said we would go to a balanced figure. I do not recall making that statement. I do not think we are coming to zero or to a balanced figure. This stabilization fund when it was audited was changed and I will get my official to give you the status on this. Because there has been a change. The stabilization fund was recently audited and there has been a slight change. Mr. Green will elaborate more on this. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. The member for Nanulik I believe asked you a very short question or a very brief question. I do not know where his question was coming from. Mr. Arvaluk could you clarify your question. Mr. Arvaluk.

**Mr. Arvaluk**: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I think most of the MLAs know already what the procedural system is. We get these lectures and explanations, briefings etc, etc. That is not my question Mr. Chairman. My question is, Mr. Chairman, by the way the Hansard



will show tomorrow her statement that calculating to arrive at 13.9 cents will neutralize the stabilization fund to meet the maximum increase of 98.9 cents.

She said that to Mr. Tootoo. That is a very simple accounting calculation Mr. Chairman, and with the same breath she was saying we considered all the options what ever we feel not to have too much impact on the Nunavummiut. She said that. My question was which are the simple calculations she is using right now with the proposal for November 1. Or the other what Mr. Tootoo was asking all along. So, thanks for the answer but the Hansard will show again what the answer was.

The second question that I had Mr. Chairman is about the effect on government costs if we can cut the 13.9 cents in half. Mr. Tootoo roughly calculated approximately 3.4 million dollars or something along that line into the stabilization fund. She said that it will effect the government costs. Yes. It will affect the government cost visually. She is saying having the increase of 13.9 cents will not affect the government costs in looking after the social housing for the people who are paying 32 dollars a month. Paying no fuel but the government pays for it. It will not effect the government and the Power Corporation.

It will not effect the government with fuelling of vehicles, public works vehicles etc. etc. It will not effect the government bussing program. Yes. It will not affect the government because it will be invisible but the total cost at the end of the year it will show. So which one is cheaper. Which one will be cheaper for the government in terms of effect. By reducing the 13.9 increase in half or keeping it at 13.9 in the real world. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. I hear two questions. If there could be a response from the witness table please. Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Manitoq Thompson:** What I was referring to when Mr. Arvaluk was talking he mentioned about zero. It went down to zero. That is what I was referring to. I do not know where that came from. The zero of something. When we make a decision, of course we look at all the options and when the officials are working with the numbers it is their business to look at all the options. Of course the 13.9 increase is going to effect everybody. It does. It is an increase.

But that was the best option to stabilize for the next two years. That is what we are saying. Do we want the consumers not to pay anything. Is that what we are saying. Do we want the government to go into deficit. Is that what we are saying. I do not know what the members are wanting me to do. Or want the government to do. They do not want us to raise any prices. They want the government to go into a deficit. Is that what the option is. We have to spread the cost across the consumers and when the officials did their calculations and analysis of the finances of petroleum products, 13.9 cents a litre was the best option when the decision was made by cabinet. Thank you Mr. Chair.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, minister. Mr. Arvaluk.

**Mr. Arvaluk:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. The more she answers the more questions we are probably going to come up with. Especially the, asking do we want to get the government in a deficit. The government already announced that there will be a 30 million dollar deficit. We already made a statement that, you know less impact on Nunavummiut by cutting the 13.9 in half would really help especially for the winter.

So we already suggested that and I do not know if she did not hear us. But Mr. Chairman looking at the time and other members want to talk, I would like to suggest that we reconvene this discussion on Tuesday and go to other matters in the committee. Bill 5 and Bill 6 were suggested to be dealt with today. Thank you.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): The member for Nanulik has stated that he wants to discuss this further on Tuesday. I want to ask the members their opinion on this. Agreed. Mr. Havioyak.

**Mr. Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Bill 6. We would like to discuss this. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Okay, Bill 5 and 6 will be dealt with. Do you want to proceed with the discussions on those two bills. I want thank you for responding to our questions Minister Thompson and Mr. Mrazek and Mr. Green. Thank you for coming to the witness table today. Do you have a statement.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman and have a good weekend. I am glad that we will be meeting again on Tuesday. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Now I want to ask the Minister for Rules and Regulations of the House. Mr. Ng. Mr. Ng would you proceed with your presentation or report.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Bill 5 Mr. Chairman, I believe first.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Yes. Bill 5.

### **Bill 5 – Floral Emblem Act**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to have the opportunity today to appear before the committee to introduce Bill 5 the Floral Emblem Act. Last weekend the Members of the Assembly had the distinct privilege of attending the unveiling ceremonies for the new official symbols of Nunavut and the display that is located in our great hall.

In May of this year, the Legislative Assembly unanimously passed a motion calling for the introduction of a Floral Emblem Act for Nunavut. The old Floral Emblem Act of the

Northwest Territories was not duplicated for Nunavut allowing us as an Assembly the opportunity to designate a new flower to represent Nunavut within the Canadian Federation.

Since April 1, 1999 there has been tremendous interest from across Canada and abroad at Nunavut's official flower. The announcement of the designation of the Purple Saxifrage as Nunavut's floral emblem has been met with great enthusiasm from around the world.

Mr. Chairman, it is the practice of Canadian provinces and territories to enact Floral Emblem Acts to give formal recognition to their jurisdiction's choice of a flower. I am pleased to be able to introduce this bill at the beginning of our session. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Ng. Mr. Chandler I would like to ask you to come to the witness table. Thank you. Mr. Ng. Are you going to call your officials to the table. No. Regarding bill 5.

Page 1, section 3-5. Clause 1. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Bill as a whole. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): The committee has agreed that bill 5 is ready for third reading. Thank you Minister Ng. Bill 6. We will deal with Bill 6. Does everybody agree. I would like to ask the minister responsible for this Bill, Mr. Ng, to do his opening comments. Mr. Ng.

### **Bill 6 – An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly & Executive Council Act and Other Acts in Relation to the Legislative Assembly**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to have the opportunity today to appear before the Committee to introduce Bill 6 – An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly & Executive Council Act and Other Acts in Relation to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Chairman, this initiative has been introduced to address issues related to the administration of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act and the appointment of independent officers by the Assembly. Presently the rate of the living allowance paid the members is set out in the Act. This bill will amend the Act to empower the Speaker on the recommendation of the Management and Services Board to make regulations proscribing the rates for living allowances.

The second issue that the bill addresses is the appointment of an acting Chief Electoral Officer or the appointment of an acting Languages Commissioner should the Legislative Assembly not be sitting. This Bill will clarify and streamline the process for making such acting appointments should the need to fill a vacancy in either office arise by empowering the Management and Services Board of the Legislative Assembly to recommend an acting appointment to the Commissioner of Nunavut. The Languages Commissioner has been formally consulted with respect to the provisions of the bill dealing with the office of the Languages Commissioner and she has indicated her support for the proposed amendment. Mr. Chairman, I thank members for their attention and welcome the opportunity for further discussion on this bill. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): We are now on bill 6. On page 1, bill 6. Do you agree with clause 1.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Clause 2.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Clause 3.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Agreed. Clause 4.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Agreed. Clause 5.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Agreed. Clause 6.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Agreed. Clause 7.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Clause 8.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Going back to the first page. Bill as a whole. Do you agree. Bill as a whole.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Thank you. Does the committee agree that Bill 6 is ready for third reading.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Bill 6 is now ready for third reading. Thank you Minister Ng. Please be happy. I find it very hard to pronounce the Legal Counsel's name but I would like to thank him for being here. There are no other matters to deal with in this House, would you like to report progress. Thank you. Mr. Tootoo. Did you have your hand up.

**Mr. Tootoo:** I just suggested we move to report progress. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): You want to report progress and it is not debatable. Thank you. I will rise to report progress. I would like to thank the people that came here and I thank Leona for assisting me and thank the staff. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Returning to the orders of the day. Item 20. Report of the committee of the whole. Mr. Puqiqnak.

### **Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole**

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering minister's statement 7-1(4) and would like to report that the committee considered Bill 5 and 6 and would like to state the Bill 5 and 6 are ready for third reading, and Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of committee of the whole be concurred with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Is there a seconder. Mr. Irqittuq. There is a motion on the floor. Motion is in order. All those in favour. Against. Motion is carried. Item 21. Third reading of bills. Mr. Ng.

### **Item 21: Third Reading of Bills**

#### **Bill 5 – The Floral Emblem Act**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kugluktuk that Bill 5 – The Floral Emblem Act be read for the third time. Thank you.

**Speaker:** The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. Motion is carried. The bill has had third reading. Item 21. Third reading of bills. Mr. Ng.

**Bill 6 – An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly & Executive Council Act and Other Acts in Relation to the Legislative Assembly**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Pangnirtung that Bill 6 – An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly & Executive Council Act and Other Acts in Relation to the Legislative Assembly be read for the third time. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Ng. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 6 has had third reading. Item 21. Third reading of bills. Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would be seek unanimous consent to return very quickly to item 5. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** The member is seeking consent to return to item 5. Are there any nays. Agreed. Proceed Mr. Picco.

**Item 5: Revert to Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery**

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you colleagues. Mr. Speaker, just very quickly I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to the Assembly a group of young people from the young offenders facility here in Iqaluit. Their instructor is Wayne Hudson and the young people are Dale, Nick, Paul, Collin, Lodie, Ali, Jimmy N, and Jimmy I. I would just like to take this opportunity to welcome them to the Assembly and to see the proceedings of the Assembly here in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Item 22. Orders of the day. Mr. Clerk.

**Item 22: Orders of the Day**

**Clerk (Mr. Quirke):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Orders of the Day for Tuesday October 31;

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Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Tuesday, October 31st at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-At-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 2:03 p.m.*





