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Thursday May 17, 2001**

Members Present:

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Item 1: Opening Ceremonies

>> *Prayer*

>> *O'Canada*

>> *Applause*

>> *Singing*

>> *Applause*

Speaker (Mr. O'Brien): Thank you very much, that was excellent. A real treat. Now I would like to call on Bessie and Tammy Omilgoetok to light the qulliq and Tanya Gillis to throat sing.

>> *Lighting of qulliq, throat singing, drum dancing*

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you very much. I would now like to call on elder Frank Analok to explain the significance of the stone ring seen in the centre of the chamber.

Mr. Analok (interpretation): I just wanted to speak a little bit. I am Frank Analok from Cambridge Bay, 85 years of age. In our culture this is how we set up our tents. I wanted to speak a little bit about it.

Many years ago people used caribou skins for clothing. When they were travelling throughout the summer they used tents made from the caribou skins. Caribou skins were used for mattresses, some of them were used for bedding.

Many years ago in the tent by the doorway, fires were made to be used for cooking and that was how life was for those that came before us. That was their culture, they had fires within the tent near the doorway, that's how they cooked their meat many years ago.

In the summertime there are a lot of mosquitoes. A lot of smoke was created and that was also like a mosquito repellent so mosquitoes wouldn't get into the tent. That was how the smoke from the fire was used by the Inuit culture. They were very innovative. Even though they didn't have a lot of things they had tools for hunting, things they used to survive many years ago. That's what Inuit used.

Today it is different. Our culture is beginning to disappear and it is not being utilized. Even in inclement weather, the things they used to do to survive, today it is a lot different. That is why there are hardships from lack of knowledge and people freeze and are not aware of how to survive on the land.

This is becoming a difficulty and it is due to the changes. Without learning we will never know how to survive. Those are the difficulties we face today. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: ...*audio unavailable*...centre here in the chamber and I will start off first with a stone from my community and also a handmade Inuit doll.

>> *Singing and placing of stones by members*

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you very much. Before we continue I would like to take a couple of minutes to recognize some of the people that have been involved in getting ready for this Legislative Assembly here in Cambridge Bay.

First I would like to acknowledge and recognize Nunavut's Commissioner Peter Irniq, Commissioner.

>> *Applause*

Also the Mayor of Cambridge Bay, Mayor Keith Peterson.

>> *Applause*

I will start by saying that if I mispronounce any of the names here over the next three pages, please accept my apologies. First of all to the residents of Cambridge Bay or better known as Ikaluktutiak, especially Helen Tologanak and the Ladies of Nunavut who prepared the delicious feast last night. Thank you for the warm and gracious reception.

It is an honour for all of us and I know that I speak on behalf of the Premier, the Ministers and the Members, to have the opportunity to sit here in this region. I would also like to acknowledge and say that we owe a great debt of gratitude to the Kullik Ilihakvik School here for giving up their gym time to allow us to have the session. A special thank

you to the Principal Dawn Wilson, Vice-Principal Kathy Rowan, Elik Tologanak and Judy Cherniak from the Killinik High School.

A special thanks to the grade six class taught by Cyndi Foster and Debbie Gray who created the folders that all the members have before them. The paper that these folders were made of were hand made from papers that were picked up around the school, with some special ingredients. The covers are coloured and textured with coffee and tea and muskox.

The inuksuk cutouts inside the folder are made with a special secret arctic additive, muskox dung. I hope this is true because this is what's before me.

>>*Laughter*

I would also like to extend a thank you to the Kullik Ilihakvik choir that took part in the opening ceremonies here today, I think we should give them another round of applause they did a great job.

>>*Applause*

Also involved in the opening ceremony were Luke Novoligak, who performed the opening prayer, our qulliq lighters Bessie and Tammy Omilgoetok who were joined by throat singer Tanya Gillis. Also Kaku Kumi, Karen Kamoayok, Mary and Tommy Kiloadluk and Julia Ogina who treated us to a display of drum dancing and singing. Also Frank Analok who explained the significance of the materials displayed before us in the centre of the chamber.

Also a special thanks to the Cambridge Bay businesses that donated this wonderful chair that I have the honour of sitting in here today. A special thanks to the SAO who organized this project, Elwood Johnston. I would be remiss if I didn't give a personal thanks to the skilled carpenters and artisans involved in the chair project, the overall supervision and lead carpenter on this project was Bob Jencke from Nanook Woodworking here in Cambridge Bay.

Also involved were carpenter Tommy Epakoak, carvers David Nakasuk and Kevin Taylor and seamstress Mercy Panigyok.

Once again thanks to everyone for their help, for their warm welcome since we have come into the community over the last few days. Some of us came in later than others because of weather problems. We have received an extremely warm welcome.

It was a pleasure last night to have the opportunity to meet with a number of elders, a number of our youth and we were made to feel extremely welcome.

In closing, I would also like to thank the staff from the Legislative Assembly that have been here for a number of days getting this temporary chamber ready. The Clerk of the Assembly, Mr. John Quirke and his trusty staff of I believe there are eight or nine here.

As many of you know it takes a lot of people and a lot of resources to make something like this come together. A special thanks to your MLA, our Finance Minister, Kelvin Ng for his efforts in co-ordinating and trying to make sure that this event goes off as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

I believe that concludes my comments and now we will proceed, thank you Mr. Clerk, to the Orders of the Day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Premier.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 065 – 1(5): Session in Cambridge Bay

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Government of Nunavut I want to thank the community of Cambridge Bay for hosting this session of the Legislative Assembly.

The opportunity for the Legislative Assembly to conduct its business in this community outside the capital is extremely valuable. It allows residents to see and hear the Assembly in session, as well as providing members with a broader insight into the challenges across Nunavut.

I also want to sincerely thank the community for the work the residents have undertaken to welcome us here. It is very gratifying. The welcome at the airport yesterday and the talents displayed by the performers was a wonderful way to begin. Need I add it was also a wonderful opportunity to enjoy your performances today during the session.

And during last night's feast, we appreciated the opportunity to celebrate with Cambridge Bay, Ikaluktutiak. I look forward to our session during the next two weeks and sharing in the hospitality of Cambridge Bay. I invite all residents and visitors of Cambridge Bay to visit the Assembly and I hope all members will spend time meeting with the residents of Ikaluktutiak. Merci, Monsieur President.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Premier. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Ng.

Minister's Statement 066 – 1(5): Government of Nunavut Honoured for Innovation in Public Service

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform the House that the Government of Nunavut has been selected as the Gold Award winner of

the Institute of Public Administration of Canada's (IPAC) award for innovation in Public Service.

A Member: Hear, Hear

>>*Applause*

Mr. Speaker, the IPAC award for Innovative Management is one of the highest-prestige recognition programs in Canadian public administration. IPAC established the award in 1990 to recognize outstanding organizational achievement in the public sector. IBM Canada and Pricewaterhouse Coopers sponsor the award.

Mr. Speaker, representatives of the Government of Nunavut, the Alberta Public Service and a tri-government partnership called Victoria Connects were presented with trophies at the annual conference of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada on May 09, 2001.

The Government of Nunavut and the Alberta Public Service won Gold Awards for transforming their entire operations and the Victoria Connects submission won bronze for combining the resources of federal, provincial and municipal governments to deliver services to businesses.

The Awards are the Twelfth Annual IPAC Awards for Innovative Management competition. Mr. Speaker, the theme of the 2001 competition was developing the public service of tomorrow. The winners were selected from a five-member panel from among 100 entries from federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governing bodies from every region of the country.

Mr. Speaker, the award is a tribute and recognition of the hard work, effort and dedication of the public service of the Government of Nunavut. It is their effort that is recognized by IPAC by this award. Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating all those involved in helping the Government of Nunavut win this prestigious award. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ng. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister Akesuk.

Minister's Statement 067-1(5): 2001 Nunavut Inuit Collection

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Mr Speaker, I would like to take a moment today to recognize the efforts of our fur designers in putting together the 2001 Nunavut Inuit Collection of fashion sealskin garments.

(interpretation ends) The new collection was unveiled last week at the North American Fur and Fashion Exposition in Montreal, which I had the privilege of attending. This exposition features the top fur designers from throughout North America.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that Nunavut was well represented by this year's design and production team who included: Auju Peter, Elisapi Davidee, Elisapee Kilabuk, Monica Ell, Rannva Simonsen, Sarah Philip, all from Iqaluit, Bessie Sitatik from Kugluktuk, Bernadette Illungiyok from Arviat and Attainaq from Qikiqtarjuak.

Every year our designers continue to develop unique ways of combining traditional Inuit fashion with ideas inspired on runways from throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, based on the positive reaction I saw to this year's collection I am pleased to say that we are making solid progress with the Nunavut Sealing Strategy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Akesuk. Ministers' Statements. Minister Picco.

Minister's Statement 068 – 1(5): National Immunization Awareness Week, May 13 – 19, 2001

Hon. Ed Picco: Qujannamiik, Uqaqti. Before I start my statement I would like to thank the people of Cambridge Bay for a very warm welcome and congratulate them on the excellent chair that they created for the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to announce that this is National Immunization Awareness Week in Nunavut. We are very fortunate to live in a time when the words polio and smallpox no longer strike terror in our hearts.

Mr. Speaker, that was not always so. These crippling, sometimes fatal diseases could spread like a plague across our tundra, leaving individuals and families devastated in their wake. Mr. Speaker, that is no longer the case. Through the efforts of scientists and researchers, valuable vaccines have been developed that have all but eradicated many of the serious diseases that once ran rampant through our north and other parts of the world.

Mr. Speaker, we are very fortunate here in Nunavut to have access to vaccines when we need them. It is something that we and other Canadians have come to take for granted. But no one will come to our door with the vaccine Mr. Speaker. The program is voluntary. For it to work we must all do our part in ensuring that we keep our immunizations up to date.

It is important Mr. Speaker, that people educate themselves on what is available and appropriate. We must keep in mind that from infant immunizations to boosters to annual

vaccines, it is up to individuals to protect themselves and their families from serious outbreaks of disease.

It gives me great pleasure Mr. Speaker, to endorse this week as National Immunization Week here in Nunavut. Qujannamiik, Uqaqti.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Picco. Ministers' Statements. Ministers' Statements. Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Mr. Ng.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 176 – 1(5): Welcome Legislature to Cambridge Bay & Commissioner's Awards

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as the MLA for the Cambridge Bay riding on behalf of all constituents from Cambridge Bay, Umingmaktok and Bathurst Inlet, I would like to welcome the Nunavut Legislature, my colleagues, the Legislative staff, the GN staff, the media, the technical support staff and other visitors to Cambridge Bay.

This is a historic first sitting of any legislature, not only in Cambridge Bay but in the Kitikmeot as well. There has been considerable preparation that has gone into the planning and organizing of the legislative sitting. There are many other meetings, trips, functions that are also planned while we are here over the next two weeks.

Visitors as you know, have been greeted by the Cambridge Bay drummers and dancers upon their arrival at the airport over the past couple of days. Last night there was a welcoming community feast that was well attended and very successful. I would like to at this time officially recognize and thank the Nunavut Ladies' Group for their excellent work in preparing, cooking and looking after the feast.

Also the Cambridge Bay drummers and dancers, the Kitikmeot square dancers, those two groups for their entertainment last night. Kane Tologanak for his excellent job as usual in emceeding the event. Commissioner Irniq for his participation and I want to speak briefly about his awards that he presented last night for the benefit of those that may not have been there.

There were three awards that he gave out. One to the Kitikmeot Heritage Society for the acquisition of special skills. The award was received by elders Frank Analok and Mabel Angulalik along with Kim Crockett. There was an award for the Royal Army Cadets 3004 Squadron for youth achievement and accomplishment. The award was received by George Illascewicz and Chris Gillis.

Also there was an award for bravery given out to David Tologanak, which was accepted by his daughter Donna, which was very moving. As members know, Mr. Tologanak is not with us any more and it was recognition of one of his brave accomplishments in the past when he was a young child, I think that was very touching.

Mr. Speaker, also I would like to recognize former Commissioner Helen Maksagak and Mayor Peterson for their words of welcome that they gave out yesterday evening. Finally, I wish to thank the residents and the constituents that turned out last night in full force to greet and welcome my colleagues and all the out of town visitors during the feast.

Today Mr. Speaker, as you know and to add to your comments I would also like to recognize and thank the Kullik Choir, the drummers, Mrs. Omilgoetok and Tammy and Tanya Gillis the throat singers for all their participation in the opening ceremonies today. Also of course the organizers of the stone ring here and I will find out who gave me that extraordinary rock and have a word with them.

Mr. Speaker, I guess that I want to close off by saying that this is not only a Cambridge Bay event as members know. Although it is based here because of logistics, we have plans to go out to the other communities in the region. There are plans to have delegations come in, and in fact there are individuals I have seen already from some of the other communities and hopefully we'll try and maximize the exposure, while we're here, while the opportunity is before us.

With that Mr. Speaker, there is a lot of business that we hope to accomplish, there's also a lot of opportunities to enjoy the land, hopefully to meet many of the residents and enjoy the weather. If last night was an indication, I know there's much more warmth and hospitality available in the community. In closing to my colleagues and to all visitors, welcome and enjoy your visit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ng. Members' Statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Member's Statement 177 – 1(5): Cambridge Bay Welcome & Recognition of Elders

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Cambridge Bay for their warm welcome. This trip has shown me the life style of this region and I would like to state that elders, even before we were born, the elders that were here, when they speak about their past life, it's very touching. In the past when I was a child because I was not familiar with other regions, when I lived with my parents I used to think there was no other place anywhere else. So I really appreciate travelling to other regions.

I really enjoy meeting with the elders from the other regions. I'm hearing about their life, their past life and how they helped and worked hard to get to where they are today.

It is very nice to see the elders and it's very touching to listen to the elders and the hardship that they went through to get to where they are today.

So with the work that we are doing, we all respect our lands, we all respect our elders, and we all respect our children and care for them. We are very glad that we are able to pass on the knowledge of our elders to our young people and we can continue to do this, and continue to teach our children the ways of our people and we will continue to see a lot of activities while we're here.

We will learn from our elders, and I would just like to thank our community of Cambridge Bay, although we are not from this region, we are from Nunavut and we're able to see one another and help each other, support one another and we will learn from each other. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Iqaqrialu. Members' Statements. Mr. Arvaluk.

Member's Statement 178 – 1(5): Tony Etuk & Joseph Nakoolak at Wrestling Championships

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not used to pressing these buttons but I'd like to thank the community of Cambridge Bay for their warm welcome, I've been here a few times in the past.

(interpretation ends) My statement today is for young people who have dreamed of goals and achieving their pursuits and of course my expression of pride in our youth from my hometown Coral Harbour.

Last month, between April 6 and 8 Tony Etuk and Joseph Nakoolak went to the National Cadet Juvenile wrestling championship, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. These two young people who are still in school went to compete in wrestling with 800 wrestlers from all across Canada, except the Yukon.

There are two forms of wrestling, freestyle and Greco. Both styles are performed at the Olympics. We entered both competitions. When you get into that kind of competition with eight hundred wrestlers, if you lose two fights you are out. Tony Etuk won the silver medal in Greco, Joseph Nakoolak placed fifth in freestyle and fifth in Greco. Nunavut placed sixth in Greco, eighth in free style.

Mr. Speaker, on day one and two of free style wrestling Joseph Nakoolak placed fifth in the pool of 27 wrestlers, earning Nunavut our first team points at a National event. In the playoffs for fifth and sixth, he won by over ten points. He had five wins and two losses in the free style tournament.

Tony did not place in free style, he wrestled well, and came close to winning a few times.

Because of the two team points earned by Joseph, team Nunavut placed eighth in freestyle wrestling out of twelve participants, provinces and territories. Not all provinces earned points.

On Day three, Greco Roman wrestling, neither wrestler had ever done this before, Mr. Speaker, in Greco Roman wrestling, you are not allowed to use your legs, only your upper body. Tony Etuk went undefeated all the way to the final where he was leading for a while and he ended up with a silver medal at the National, beyond our wildest imagination. He was in the largest pool, sixteen wrestlers at 63 kilograms and he surprised everyone. His record in Greco was three wins and one loss.

Joseph was in a tough draw, he had wrestled the gold medallist from the freestyle but won. He ended up with three wins and two losses for fifth place. They both collected team points and team Nunavut placed sixth in the nation, behind Ontario but in front of Quebec, NWT and all Atlantic provinces. The boys are on Nunavut's Canada Games team.

Sport Nunavut sponsored a training camp in Ontario and Manitoba, last February, which seemed to pay off. The national trip was funded by a partial grant from Community Government and Transportation in Rankin and partially by Coral Harbour funding raising efforts. That was a very rewarding experience for those two boys. Qujannamiik, Uqaqti.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Members' Statements. Mr. Puqiqnak

Member's Statement 179 – 1(5): Cambridge Bay, Regional Centre of the Kitikmeot

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I don't normally sit in here so it doesn't feel right. But Mr. Speaker first I'd like to thank the community for making us feel at home here in the Kitikmeot region. Thank you to the community of Cambridge Bay and for the wonderful feast that was held last night and the entertainment. I enjoyed the entertainment that we all saw.

Mr. Speaker, it's been about fourteen years since the regional offices were in Cambridge Bay and we know Cambridge Bay as the regional headquarters and the government office buildings are located in the Cambridge Bay. For some members that might not know Cambridge Bay very well, or if this is your first visit to Cambridge Bay, I will be talking about this community for a bit.

In 1956 the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs started to transfer programs to Cambridge Bay. The ship would arrive from Vancouver back in the 1950's during the summertime and they would go to Banks Island and they would freight the material to build the houses. Back in the 1950's they finally constructed a house, it was five hundred square feet. So that building was called 512, it was accommodations and it was also used as the office of Indian and Northern Services.

The federal government appointed the director and in the Kitikmeot they named him in Inuktitut. His name was "Itimaaq" and he was hired as an administrator. His name in Inuktitut was Itimaaq because every time he saw an Inuk person he would walk and wave to the people with his palm. So the first thing any people would see was the palm of his hand so every time they saw the individual he waved and Inuit people called him Itimaaq. His name in qallunaqtitut was James Bond.

Mr. Speaker, the first school was constructed back in 1957 in Cambridge Bay but just before completion it burned down and was gone. In 1958 they constructed another school and once the school was completed thirteen students were enrolled at that school for the first year in 1958.

With that history, to me it seems like Cambridge Bay has been used as a headquarters for quite some time and now, even though the Nunavut Government has done some decentralization to Kugluktuk and Uqsuqtuq, Ikaluktutiak is still the regional headquarters of our region. I'm sure that Kitikmeot will use Cambridge Bay as their headquarters for quite some time. In Ikaluktutiak back in 57-58, the people who lived here lived out in the hinterland and they died of starvation.

Mr. Speaker, I would like unanimous consent to complete my statement.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak. Just before we entertain that request, just a reminder to members that even though we're in a different region we still have the same rules of the Assembly we have in Iqaluit. Rules that were adopted and agreed to by members, they are your rules and there's normally 2-1/2 minutes for comments and statements.

Just to keep the proceedings flowing in an efficient manner, I would ask the members to keep to that. I know you don't have clocks in front of you like you do in the chamber in Iqaluit but the clerk will be signalling you with his time clock, just to let you know if your time is up. So members please keep your comments within the time frame.

The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays. Please proceed Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm just about to conclude my statement and yes I will be more careful next time.

Mr. Speaker, Cambridge Bay back in 1957 when Ikaluktutiak was the regional centre, there was starvation when I was a child and James Bond was the administrator. For those of us who were living out on the land the plane would come and help us out. There was a settlement already in Ikaluktutiak and Ikaluktutiak was already the government centre and when we were living out in our land camps they were already giving us support in the Kitikmeot region. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to elaborate on this as a member for the Kitikmeot. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Havioyak.

Member's Statement 180 – 1(5): Gratitude to Cambridge Bay

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, I just wanted to say a few short words. I just wanted to thank the people of Cambridge Bay for inviting us over here, for feeding us, making us feel at home. I'm very happy to be here today.

Even though I have come here quite often I'm very happy to see my relatives here. I just wanted to say a few words. My father originally is from here, before he moved to Kugluktuk in the early 1950's. He moved to Kugluktuk and when I was small, when I moved to Kugluktuk I never thought that I would be coming here to meet with each one of you here. I am here in my father's homeland. My mother is from Kugluktuk and they met while traveling on the land and they called themselves Babelamiut.

I want to let you people know that my father is originally from Cambridge Bay and I thank you for making me feel at home here. Whatever concerns you have I will surely bring them up and I thank you very much.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Anawak.

Member's Statement 181 – 1(5): Nunavut Needs and GN Program Funding

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I would like to say that I sympathize with Ikaluktutiak residents because of the tragedy a few weeks ago and I know that you are still going through hardship, especially the members of the family.

When we arrived here the reception was very good and we were very proud of the fact that Ikaluktutiammiut were welcoming us. I just want to point out that I am a full blooded Inuk and I think like an Inuk person especially when we start dealing with the government system. Even though we are in the government our way of Inuktitut thinking does not change and does not need to change because that is our foundation of being Inuk even though we may become Members of the Legislative Assembly or members of the cabinet.

People have to be aware now that we have the Nunavut Government and we now have members of the legislature, there are Inuit people in Nunavut and that is why we have government here. Today people may still go through hardships due to a shortage of housing or people on income support and the income support has never been increased for those people for many, many years, because this government has a limited amount of

resources. We would also like to have more education and training opportunities but due to limited resources we can only do so much.

Also, in the communities there are insufficient recreational facilities, they might be too small and there are not enough recreational facilities in the communities. In view of that, as an Inuk person we think that way but as government we want to look for ways to help our people to the best of our ability.

Instead of fighting, yes we will have debates within the House but instead of fighting with each other we have debates. We have to go forward and today we try to use Inuit culture and traditions. There is an alien system that was introduced to us by arguing with each other or fighting with each other. Today the municipalities whether they are municipal governments or the Nunavut Government, the administrators and the staff do have a conflict with each other.

Mr. Speaker, I am seeking unanimous consent to complete my statement.

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to complete his statement. Are there any nays. There are no nays. Please proceed Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Yes, today people on income support program in Nunavut are half of the population. That's quite a large percentage of the population and public housing shortages are a crisis and we would like to see the students continue and complete their education. Instead of these things, it becomes evident that our staff are organized too which is the union. We're not fighting them but we have to recognise the reason why we have a government. We have a government because the Inuit wanted to create their own land.

There's a housing shortage and income support programs are very low. It looks like we're saying let's not make any progress because we have to increase the salaries. As an Inuk person you see it totally the other way around as government that's not want we want them to do. But the Inuit of Nunavut what are they thinking now just because our government is very new and even though we have limited resources they want more money.

I'm not against the union asking for more money, I'm in support of that, but many Inuit people go through hardships daily now. So I think we have to consider this further and Inuit people if they want do things more in the Inuit way, yes we're on Inuit land so try to consider and listen to the Inuit needs and requests.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to end my comments by saying that we're all in Nunavut, the people of Nunavut are quite concerned about where we are today in terms of some disagreements between the Government of Nunavut and the employees. But the people out there are not necessarily going to rise up and start rebelling, because we believe in co-operation and we believe in working together for the common good of the Nunavut people.

...interpretation unavailable...

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you. Members' Statements. Minister Thompson.

Member's Statement 182 – 1(5): Hamlet of Whale Cove's 25th Anniversary

Hon. Manitok Thompson... *audio unavailable*... Mr. Speaker, I would like very much to have an opportunity to go ice fishing and I would just like to say at this time that I'm not your typical type of over the hill touristy type of ice fisherperson, so don't try to fool me if you're trying to take me out. Anyway it was a very good feast last night, Mr. Speaker, very well organized and we're enjoying our stay here in Cambridge Bay.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday May 16th, was a very special day for the Hamlet of Whale Cove. It was the 25th anniversary of the community becoming a Hamlet.

Mr. Speaker I would like to say thank you to the people in Whale Cove and also say thank you to the people that have served as Mayors and Councillors over the past 25 years since they became a Hamlet. They had a community feast in celebration of their 25 years and I would also like to thank Mayor Stanley Adjuk, who is the present Mayor of Whale Cove, the councillors and all the staff of the hamlet council.

Mr. Speaker, May 16 was also a very special day for my husband and me, it was our 22nd year of marriage.

>>Applause

Thank you. Mr. Speaker before I close I would just like to say that this tent ring was very touching. I was there only this afternoon but just to remind Mr. Iqaqrialu and Mr. Ng that you don't put stones in the doorway. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Laughter, applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Thompson. Members' Statements. Mr. Irqittuq.

Member's Statement 183 – 1(5): Musk Ox Hunt

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I would like to say that I'm very glad to be here because of the warm reception that we received from the people of Cambridge Bay. Koana, and for the excellent food.

First of all, I really don't have much to say because of course it's going to be quite a long session while we are here. This person said she was an elder but she's probably younger than I am. While I am here there is something that I would like to get. I know that it's

almost impossible but I would like to get my first musk ox while we're here. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Irqittuq. Members' Statements. Mr. McLean.

Member's Statement 184 – 1(5): Canadian Police Week

Mr. McLean: Koana, Uqaqti. I have to compliment you on your fine chair and I would like to thank the business community for donating it to you. I also would like to thank the community of Cambridge Bay for the tremendously warm welcome. A little known fact that prior to my moving to my home community of Qamanituaq, I lived in Cambridge Bay for two years. I was under the hockey tutelage of Keith Peterson and Doug Crossley and we never won a game. But my skills haven't increased since I left here.

Uqaqti, this week is Canadian Police Week. It is a week for the police forces throughout Canada to highlight the services that they provide and to forge stronger ties with the communities that they serve.

Uqaqti, it is a great pleasure for me to extend my thanks today to the group of 103 hard working employees of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police working in the 22 detachments throughout Nunavut. This of course includes one of the newest additions to Nunavut's police force, Max the drug detection dog. These police officers need to be recognized for the work that they do to promote public safety and security in our communities.

Uqaqti, in many cases these members go above and beyond the call of duty. Many members and their families can be seen actively participating in community events from the putting together and delivering of Christmas hampers to coaching amateur sports. They deserve our thanks Uqaqti, and I can think of no better time than now during Canadian Police Week.

I would like to call on all Members of the Legislative Assembly to join me in thanking all two legged and four legged members of the RCMP for their dedication and hard work. Koana, Uqaqti.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. McLean. Members' Statements. Mr. Alakannuark.

Member's Statement 185 – 1(5): Stone Tent Ring & Artifacts

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just want to make a brief comment while we're here to the elders and the youth and also to the residents of Cambridge Bay. In regards to the tent rings we see in the middle of the assembly, it is something that's heart warming.

Looking at the dolls, it makes me think of the time when I was a child where we used to play with these dolls and also play in these tent rings that are around here. I would also like to say thank you to the elders and the youth. I think that it is very significant and it is something that both the elders and the youth can remember.

We have the qulliq and also the pot and the dolls and the tent rings that are symbols of a life that I had when I was a child. Without realizing it I am now one of the elders. Looking at the youth today and also the little children, I hope they have a good life in the future and also work hard in their school work, because of course those are going to be your tools for the future when you grow up.

These will be tools that you can use to gain employment in Cambridge Bay and in the whole of Nunavut. I would like to thank the people and the residents of Cambridge Bay for your warm reception. I have been coming here for quite a while now but this is significant. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Alakannuark. Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Moving on to item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Minister Ng.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I will not recognize everybody obviously. It has emptied out a bit, it is almost back to normal but I would like to say that, Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the many elders that are here with us, the youth that were here earlier. There are a couple of elders I would like to recognize in particular because they are my mother and father in law who happen to be here today, Margaret and Mathew Nakashuk.

There are also a few individuals that should be recognized, elected officials. First of all the Commissioner of Nunavut, Commissioner Irniq. There is also the President of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Mr. Charlie Evalik. There is Mayor Keith Peterson who you all met last night and I did see earlier I think he might have left, it was the First Vice-President of Nunavut Tunngavik, Mr. James Etoolook. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to recognize a few people here, my cousins, my relatives out there, I would like to recognize them. My mother, my mother's uncle, my mother's brother's son, John Kayuranuak and my father's brother's son, Kane Tologanak. Also my father's sister's daughter, Mary Avalak. I want to recognize my relatives here. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you. I don't have people here that I represent from my community of Rankin Inlet but I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize my niece Jennifer Anawak. Also I would like to thank this person that I have been working with for a long time Kane and Abe Tologanak that I have known for quite a while.

I would also like to recognize a person that I was with in Ukasetik for a few years David Pelly. We were working there for a number of years and also Charlie Evalik, Helen Tologanak and I would also like to thank Keith Peterson for a warm welcome. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to recognize at this time Phil Bourdeau who is my Executive Assistant. He is down there with the sealskin vest. Just watch his face turn red.

>>Laughter

I would also like to on behalf of my mom and dad thank Mr. David Pelly who is right behind me. He has done quite a bit of interviewing and has really been a pleasure to work with. On behalf of my mom and dad I would just like to recognize him at this time and maybe he will take me out fishing. Thank you.

>>Laughter, applause

Speaker: Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not have very many people to recognize while I am here. There were hardly any elders to recognize in Iqaluit. I cannot recognize everybody who is here but even if I do not name you, please do not think I left you out intentionally.

First of all I would like to recognize from the Kitikmeot Development Corporation Charlie Lyall who is from Taloyoak, the other community that I represent. Also the Mayor Keith Peterson who I know very well and I have worked with both of these individuals. Also my sister's nephew the Commissioner Peter Irniq I would like to recognize him, the Commissioner of Nunavut.

I would also like to recognize Cecil Kane Tologanak. He was a former Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Northwest Territories and I do not know when he became a Mayor but it is very hard even when you only represent two communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the elders who are sitting directly behind us today and especially the elders in the audience who actually stayed to hear the opening statements and comments this afternoon.

I would also like to thank and welcome all the staff that have come in over the past week from Iqaluit. Many people from Iqaluit are here today especially my good friend and neighbour Mr. Philip Joamie who came in over a week ago and is here to do the AV work and set up the audiovisual equipment.

Also Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not welcome Mr. Charlie Lyall. The Lyalls have been good friends of my family for quite a few years now and so I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Charlie to the Assembly. Another excellent gentleman Mr. Speaker, who by e-mail correspondence seems to be able to find me wherever I am in this country, the Mayor of Cambridge Bay, Mr. Keith Peterson. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Just to make sure that we did not leave anybody out, on behalf of the Premier and members I would like to recognize anybody that has not been recognized and especially the media that are here covering the session for the next few weeks. Welcome.

Moving on to item 6. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. If there are no oral questions we will move on. Oral Questions. Mr. McLean.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 213 – 1(5): Compensation for Polar Bear Hunt

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there has been a lot of coverage in the media this last couple of days about Cambridge Bay, Taloyoak, and Gjoa Haven being the recipients of a 200 thousand dollar grant to compensate hunters because of the polar bear quota being too low.

My question today is to the Minister of Sustainable Development. Can he explain to me where in his department this money came from. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Sustainable Development. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Ma'na, Uqaqti. The money that is going towards the M'Clintock channel communities is coming from the Community Initiatives Program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Koana, Uqaqti. Uqaqti, it came from the Community Initiative Programs. When I was doing the standing committee assessments and business plans, in the Kitikmeot Region there is 300 thousand dollars for CIP and he committed 200 thousand dollars so that leaves roughly 100 thousand dollars left in the Kitikmeot CIP fund. Is this a one-time grant or is it going to be an ongoing grant from the regional CIP. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Koana, Uqaqti. What we are doing now is we are trying to figure that out. The money that we have now is 200 thousand dollars and we do not know what is going to come up next year. It depends how far we go with this 200 thousand dollars to help out these hunters that are being affected or the communities.

So it is really hard to tell whether it is going to be an ongoing program or not but in the future we will see, maybe by next year what else we have to do for these communities. So I cannot really say that this is ongoing or we will continue next year to fund this program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Koana, Uqaqti. Uqaqti, on that, the Kitikmeot Region has 300 thousand dollars in CIP and they have taken 200 thousand dollars of it for this initiative for which I praise the minister for trying to help the polar bear hunters. But taking that money out of that pot of money of 300 thousand dollars is going to be a short fall in other areas of the CIP. Where does the minister hope to make this up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. McLean. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We budgeted CIP for 300 thousand dollars but by the end of the year if there is a program where it is not being used as much as it is being used on CIP, there are different programs in our department.

So what we are trying to do is in the long run that we are going to make sure that we try and get to use all the money from the programs that are not being used to transfer them to the ones that are being used more. But we won't know until like maybe four months

before the year-end or something like that. So we will try and be very flexible with our programs and make sure that the programs are also available to the communities, different programs that we have. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Final supplementary. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Koana, Uqaqti. A few more things going on in my head. Can the minister assure me that the money that is committed to CIP for the other two regions, the money will not be taken out of those other two regions and put in the other region. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I will. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 214 – 1(5): Following GNWT Polar Bear Survey Guidelines

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Sustainable Development. The 200 thousand that has been raised, we are doing something similar in the community that I represent.

Are they following policy when they are assisting those communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We stated as a government that we inherited the policies from the GNWT and the members are aware that we are reviewing the policies that were inherited from GNWT and we are presently following them.

As a minister we are following Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and the policies that were inherited. So as the Department of Sustainable Development we will be reviewing the policy and we will be looking into how we could assist those communities better in the M'Clintock Channel.

We will be looking at how we can provide better assistance and we will follow the policies. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It seems that Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is being respected and is that how it is being done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Like I said we have to follow the rules and the policies that are in front of us. I stated at the last sitting that we are presently following the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. With the survey of polar bears, as the Minister of Sustainable Development the survey that is continuing is something that will be assisting us as it continues. We will continue to review the policy as we deal with this item. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand his response but I would like to ask him about the surveyors. The polar bear surveyors are doing their survey by air and they're flying over Nunavut. Are the surveyors paid by the Nunavut Government or who funds them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Nunavut Government funds them and when there's a survey on wildlife, we often do the survey by air or by land. As the Government of Nunavut our staff and the people that are affected by the survey, not only in this area but also in the Baffin, we make sure that we respect all communities and the people. Also that people work together in order to get the survey completed. So to respond to your question, we are having people in the communities work on the survey. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Final supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this was set up right away and so it was done without any input from the communities. So my question is, are you not getting any input from the community members when we have more knowledge in this area. Do you not believe in the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. This was already completed, it's been done for a while now. We have worked with the communities and these are the same questions that the member raised at an earlier date and as a government we will continue to work with the communities and professionals, scientists. So this was inherited from the previous government and we were just continuing this survey.

The previous government did the preliminary activities, so we were just taking on some areas that needed to be done. We will work with the communities when we are doing surveys in the communities. We will work with the communities as much as we can. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Havioyak.

Question 215 – 1(5): Funding for Community Initiatives Program

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. In Inuinnaqtun. Today he mentioned 200 thousand dollars from CIP was utilized. To make things clearer, how is CIP utilized, for what activities is this money utilized. Three hundred thousand dollars was allocated and what kind of activities are these funds used for. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sorry. Mr. Speaker, the funding, the money, right now we are starting to deal with them and review how we can use it in the best manner. But we have to abide by the policies of the Community Initiative Programs and we have to follow the policy. For the three communities that is what we will be using, the Community Initiative Program, to help the communities or the Inuit.

We will not be utilizing money just like that but we will be using the policies when we are dealing with the Community Initiative Program funding.

The three affected communities, as I have stated and I have spoken to the three communities and we have made the CIP available to them, we told them that we would be utilizing the policies of the Community Initiative Program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for a partial response. I guess the 200 thousand dollars will be directed to the three communities. In terms of activities for 100 thousand dollars for Kugluktuk that is not very much.

I want to ask you if the 100 thousand dollars is not enough in terms of activities Kugluktuk wants to participate in, where will that extra 100 thousand dollars come from or will it originate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said earlier when Mr. McLean asked me the question about the funding. I know that 100 thousand dollars is limited funds for the three communities. We have made the funding available to the two affected communities as I said earlier.

I have stated that we would not use funding from another program geared towards Kivalliq or Qikiqtaaluk. Without touching the funding for the other regions we will find

funding from other programs that has not been used and put them into another program as long as this program was not used.

So therefore we can make that available and re-profile them as I have stated before, if this funding is inadequate. If we are able to provide some more funding we could re-profile from another program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you. That was my question. Because those funds will be allocated from other places and put elsewhere, then where do you allocate it from. There will be shortfalls in that program you need to be aware of that. Funds will be utilized, for instance in the Kitikmeot if the funds are insufficient and we allocate funds from elsewhere those other funds will be depleted. This needs to be reviewed very carefully.

For example, from where will you allocate other funds. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize. I could not tell you which programs it would come from because we have different programs. I cannot tell you at this time. But as I have stated before, at the end of the fiscal year, providing we at the end of the fiscal year did not use this program, that if there is a surplus in that program, from different programs, that is least used, we can re-profile funds from there if we can. But I'm not saying that the Community Initiative Program will get an additional million dollars that's not what I'm saying.

I don't think I can allocate additional funding to that at this time but I'm just letting you know our authority, although we may have limited resources given to communities under the Community Initiative Program, we will make that funding available. In the future we don't know how much money will be expended, how much money will not be used from that program and from other programs. So we are looking at how we can give communities more support but I cannot tell you how much more money will be put in the Community Initiative Program.

But it's evident that it's not going to be large sums of money because you know, this government has limited resources and we want to use this funding in the most effective way. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Final supplementary. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. You answered my question partially. You didn't quite answer, maybe I didn't hear when you indicated allocations from other programs. Once they're depleted, in CIP the 100 thousand seems to be very

small. There's not going to be enough. It's not too much of a question but as a concern, we need to be very mature about this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The department that I'm responsible for, I know that we do have limited funding and resources and each community we've visited wants more funding. We know and we are aware of this but we will try and give them support to the best of our ability. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. McLean.

Question 216 – 1(5): Roof of Rachel Arnamaktik School

Mr. McLean: Koana, Uqaqti. Uqaqti, last evening I got a phone call from a constituent of mine expressing his concern about the roof being blown off the Rachel Arnamaktik Elementary School last night and the public safety involved. Has the minister been briefed on that and what actions is he taking. Thank you. The Minister of Education. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. McLean. Minister responsible for Education. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just prior to us coming here at noon hour today, we received a fax from my office that the wind is still too strong so they haven't really estimated the damage yet because the winds are still so strong.

I will update you after we hear how much damage was done. Thank you.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Koana, Uqaqti. Uqaqti, the school year in Qamanituaq ends May 31 and we are into about two weeks of school being left. Does he anticipate that this will close the school for the next couple of weeks or does he anticipate it being a couple day closure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. McLean. Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was hoping the winds that have done the damage over the night ease up a little bit. But as long as there are no safety concerns, no concern for the students and also the staff I would hope that the wind eases and that school will continue. We are aware that the end of the school year is just around the corner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Koana, Uqaqti. Uqaqti, so the minister is committing to fixing the situation as soon as possible and sending his great staff or the Minister of Public Work's great staff in there and directing them to rectify this disastrous situation immediately. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. McLean. Minister responsible for Education. Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, let me first state again that I am going to have wait for the assessment before we can determine the extent of the damages. Also the Department of Public Works is responsible for the repairs and I would have to work closely with that department to get a better time frame. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Moving on to item 7. Written Questions. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 10. Petitions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Item 10: Petitions

Petition 004 – 1(5): St. Theresa's Home in Chesterfield Inlet

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This petition is dated April 6, 2001. The staff of St. Theresa's Home made a petition asking the general public to support them in their desire to keep the home open and running, so that the residents of the home continue to live with us in Chesterfield Inlet. That is it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Minister Picco.

Item 15: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

Bill 8 – An Act to Amend Certain Acts Concerning Health Professions - Notice

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on May 22, 2001, I shall move that Bill 8 - An Act to Amend Certain Acts Concerning Health Professions, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Picco. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Picco.

Bill 9 – Change of Name Act 2001 - Notice

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I give notice that on May 22nd, 2001, I shall move that Bill 9 - Change of Name Act 2001, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Picco. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Premier.

Bill 10 – An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act - Notice

Hon. Paul Okalik: Qujannamiik, Uqaqti. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on May 22nd, 2001, I shall move that Bill 10 – An Act to Amend to Labour Standards Act, Parental Leave be read for the first time. Koanaquti, Uqaqti.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Premier. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters.

Moving on to Item 20. Report of Committee of the Whole. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

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

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20. Report of Committee of the Whole
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22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Just two announcements before I call on the Sergeant-At-Arms. I would like to also recognize the Sergeant-At-Arms officially, we have Mary Avalak as our Sergeant-At-Arms in Cambridge Bay and she will be with us for the next week.

Also on a last note, the school itself and the schoolyard are smoke free. So anybody wishing to indulge in cigarettes would actually have to leave the school property. That is a long-standing rule here.

>>Applause

I would call on the Sergeant-At-Arms.

>>House adjourned at 3.44 p.m.

