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**Cambridge Bay, Nunavut  
Tuesday May 22, 2001**

**Members Present:**

Honourable Olayuk Akesuk, Mr. James Arvaluk, Mr. Donald Haviyok, Mr. David Iqaqrialu, Mr. Enoki Irqittuq, Honourable Peter Kattuk, Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Honourable Kelvin Ng, Mr. Jobie Nutarak, Honourable Kevin O'Brien, Honourable Ed Picco, Honourable Manito Thompson, Ms. Rebekah Williams.

**Item 1: Opening Prayer**

>>*Prayer*

**Speaker:** Before we continue with the Orders of the Day, I would like to read a document that I received from the Commissioner of Nunavut, Mr. Irniq. It states:

“I wish to advise that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, the passage of the following Bills during the Fifth Session of the First Legislative Assembly. Supplementary Appropriations Act, No. 1, 2001-2002.”

Returning to the Orders of the Day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Ng.

**Item 2: Ministers' Statements**

**Minister's Statement 070 - 1(5): Ministers Absent From the House**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to advise members of the House that the Honourable Paul Okalik and the Honourable Jack Anawak will be absent today due to weather conditions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Minister's Statement 071 - 1(5): Nunavut Director Zacharias Kunuk Wins Cannes Film Festival Award**

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, during the weekend one of Nunavut's most talented artists was presented with a significant international award.

(interpretation ends) At the closing ceremonies of the international Cannes Film Festival in France, Zacharias Kunuk of Igloodik was awarded the Camera d'Or prize for the best first time director for his work on *Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner*.

Taking five years to complete, *Atanarjuat* is the first feature length film shot completely in Inuktitut using Inuit actors and crew. It was released several months ago to rave

reviews and earned the opportunity to participate in the prestigious Cannes Film Festival. It has been instrumental in building a northern filmmaking industry.

Through his work, Mr. Kunuk has exposed the world to the culture and language of the Inuit. In fact, in accepting the award, Mr. Kunuk spoke Inuktitut.

This is an exciting time for filmmaking and I look forward to an opportunity in which the government is able once again to contribute to such a worthy project.

On behalf of Nunavut, Mr. Speaker, I extend my most sincere congratulations to Mr. Kunuk and his colleagues involved in Atanarjuat. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

### **Minister's Statement 072 - 1(5): Development of An Ocean Curriculum**

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to inform the Assembly of the publication of our department's work on the development of an Ocean Curriculum in the Department of Fisheries and Ocean's newsletter, "Oceans".

We are working in partnership with DFO and others in writing a curriculum for the Nunavut Department of Education; NWT Department of Education, Culture and Employment; and the Yukon Department of Education.

This curriculum will provide an opportunity for teachers to bring Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit values and beliefs into the classroom as a foundation upon which to study western science concepts.

Mr. Speaker, in an effort to continue this work, the Department of Education has recently held meetings with elders in both Arviat and Rankin Inlet to gather traditional knowledge. Additional meetings are planned for the Kitikmeot, Kivalliq and Qikiqtani regions to ensure that knowledge is gathered from across Nunavut. This information will then be shared with the project team and integrated into the curriculum.

Mr. Speaker, at the Nunavut level, this partnership also includes regional wildlife federations, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, Sustainable Development and Hunters' and Trappers' Organizations. This approach, using broad collaboration and full consultation in the development of new curricula for Nunavut, will be a model for other work that we will be doing in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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



**Minister's Statement 073 - 1(5): Mining Update**

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon my colleagues. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity, especially while we are visiting the Kitikmeot, to update members on the work my department is advancing in support of our mining industry in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, the goal of our government is to ensure that the development of our mining sector involves the full participation of Nunavummiut in the employment and business opportunities associated with any exploration, mine development and mine closure in Nunavut.

I am pleased to announce that this month we will be launching a Mineral Exploration Field Assistant's Course. The course is sponsored by my department and the Canada-Nunavut Geoscience Office and includes funding partners such as the Department of Education, Nunavut Arctic College, Regional Inuit Associations, the Kitikmeot Economic Development Commission, Kivalliq Partners and Kakivak Association along with NTI and DIAND.

The goal of this course is to provide Nunavut residents with the skills and knowledge necessary to take advantage of opportunities in the mineral exploration sector. Mr. Speaker, we had tremendous interest in this course with 66 people applying for the 12 seats in the 8-week course.

Many of the geologists, engineers, and senior managers working with mineral exploration and mining companies started their careers as field assistants. So the students that successfully complete this course can expect to be sought after by the exploration companies investing in Nunavut.

It is also my hope that some of the students that complete this course will go on to further their education to become the geologists and engineers that Nunavut will need in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I want to assure all members that this government is committed to building opportunities in our mining sector that adopt the very best practices of a beneficial, environmentally responsible mining industry. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Ministers' Statements. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Picco.

**Minister's Statement 074 - 1(5): Federal Commission on the Future of Healthcare in Canada**

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Koana, Uqaqti. Uqaqti, I wish to inform the House of the appointment of Mr. Roy Romanow, former Premier of Saskatchewan, who has been appointed by the Prime Minister to lead a Federal Commission on the future of healthcare in Canada.

Mr. Romanow took up his new responsibilities on May 1, 2001 and has been instructed by the Government of Canada to report on the state of healthcare in Canada no later than November 2002.

Mr. Romanow has been in contact with Premier Okalik and has indicated that he would be prepared to travel throughout Canada to seek input to his commission as he looks at the state of healthcare in Canada and develops recommendations for the future of healthcare in Canada.

Mr. Speaker, the Government of Nunavut is fully supportive of an open, national discussion on this issue. I look forward to participating in the debates which will follow. We hope to be part of a dialogue that is broad enough to identify real and lasting solutions to the crisis facing healthcare across this country and particularly here in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, our government is committed to a healthcare system that is as good as any in this country. Mr. Speaker, to ensure that all citizens of Nunavut can access such a system requires substantial, Mr. Speaker, substantial investment by the federal government in healthcare in Nunavut and I will be bringing these concerns to the Romanow Commission as healthcare in Canada is reviewed and as recommendations are developed by the federal government on this topic. Qujannamiik, Uqaqti.

>> *Applause*

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

**Item 3: Members' Statements****Member's Statement 195 - 1(5): Zacharias Kunuk, Cannes Film Festival Award Winner**

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Zacharias Kunuk of Igloolik for his remarkable triumph at the Cannes Film Festival. He was already congratulated as well by Minister Kattuk.

He just received the Cannes Award this weekend. As members know Mr. Speaker, Igloolik Isuma Productions was responsible for the motion picture called Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner, filmed entirely in Inuktitut.

Atanarjuat tells a story that is very well known to Inuit. Zacharias was awarded the Camera d'Or prize for best first time director. His great personal achievement is one which we should all be proud of. Congratulations are also in order for the many residents of Igloolik who participated in the creation of this historic work. Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in recognizing Zacharias who has demonstrated that our art and our stories can touch everyone. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It also provided Inuit with much needed employment and income. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Mr. Havioyak.

**Member's Statement 196 - 1(5): BHP Mine Tour, Mining Week & Inuit Training**

**Mr. Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to make a brief comment. Yesterday we went to the BHP mining site. MLAs and ministers went there to look at the operations and we were very happy because there were a lot of Inuit employed at that site. I just wanted to mention this before making the rest of my statement.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Mining Week which ran from May 14 to May 20. As members of this House know, Nunavut is a territory with a rich abundance of both renewable and non-renewable natural resources.

It is an exciting time for the mining industry in northern Canada and Nunavummiut in the Kitikmeot are eager to seize the growing opportunities for development in this sector. We look at projects like Jericho as examples of the great potential we have here.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the theme of National Mining week this year is "Innovation". Advances in science and technology have allowed the mining industry to be innovative and extract resources from the land while minimizing negative environmental impacts.

As a new jurisdiction, we need to learn from the advances that have been made in Canada over the last century in this sector. Great strides have been made in socially responsible and environmentally friendly approaches to non-renewable resource development. We must work to ensure that these innovations also be used in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, in preparing for the continuing increase in mining activity in Nunavut, we as a government must assist Nunavummiut in obtaining the skills, training and work experience necessary to participate in and take full advantage of economic opportunities. We must also work with our partners to ensure that projects proceed in an environmentally responsible manner, ensuring a positive legacy for our families and communities.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, it is important that the Nunavut Government continue to work for an agreement with the federal government that will allow us to keep a fair share of revenues from the resource sector. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for consent to complete my statement.

**Speaker:** Are there any nays. There are no nays. Please proceed.

**Mr. Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, colleagues. It's short now. We need to remember that one has to be careful also because there is wildlife out there. We need to be well aware of the impacts that mining can have.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in support of a strong and responsible Nunavut mining industry. Koanaqtit, Uqaqti.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Member's Statements. Mr. Arvaluk.

#### **Member's Statement 197 - 1(5): Trip to Mount Pelly & Outing**

**Mr. Arvaluk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues, I would like to thank the people of Cambridge Bay for organizing a fishing trip for us on Sunday. They gave us a lunch and they also gave us supper while we were out fishing and looking at the omingmak over at Mount Pelly.

(interpretation ends) I'd like to say that during our outing, Mr. Akasuk and Mr. Peter Kattuk managed to help us with food by getting some geese and ptarmigan. I myself and Mr. Iqaqrialu managed to hook a couple of trout. But I can't tell you about the one that got away, especially Mr. Iqaqrialu's fish. I think it's called a fryer.

Nonetheless we had a great outing going to see the musk-ox herd and some of us have some souvenirs to take home as a result of taking pictures. I have never seen Inuit hunting with a camera but that was a wonderful experience. It's a change and Mr. Speaker, the Musk-ox posed for us patiently and beautifully while we got all of our pictures.

On behalf of the MLAs, I would like to thank some of the people, I may miss some. Especially Wilf Wilcox who gave us a great lunch, barbecued arctic char but he wouldn't tell us his secret recipe but it was delicious. Doug Crossley who brought some seal meat and caribou meat and we had beautiful seal meat that we don't often get in the capital. Anna Kowtaluk, Mathew Crossley, Jack Immirutok, Ruth Wilcox, Christina McKenzie, Ronald Wilcox, Rea Immirutok.

(interpretation) These are the people that I would like to thank and give my appreciation to. Also, other people provided us with sleds and other equipment, people such as Bill

Lyall and others and it was very good to be out on the land instead of being cooped up inside. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Member's Statements. Mr. Ng

**Member's Statement 198 - 1(5): Cambridge Bay May Long Weekend Events**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to, first of all on behalf of my constituents, formally welcome Ms. Rebekah Williams to Cambridge Bay and I want to speak briefly on the past weekend's events.

As members know, the annual Omingmak Frolics took place. The kick off parade and the snowmobile races for Friday were delayed due to the weather conditions, however, the CBC, the Cambridge Bay Bureau did host the caribou stew luncheon and an open house that was well attended. Shortly after that the Premier, Commissioner Irniq, Mayor Peterson and myself attended the Annual Cadets Awards and Inspection Ceremonies at the community hall.

Weekend activities were abundant with snowmobile races which included the drags, the snocross, relays, track races and of course, the endurance cross country races that we're all accustomed to. There were also numerous children's events, traditional games, a dart tournament, pancake breakfast, snowmobile poker derby and live music and entertainment nightly at the Luke Novoligak Community Hall.

Mr. Speaker, overall, despite the breezes and sporadic rain and snow, attendance and participation levels were excellent. Many of you, as Mr. Arvaluk noted, my colleagues and the staff around had an opportunity to watch and participate in many of the events over the past weekend.

I'm pleased also that many of you had an opportunity to take a trek out on the Cambridge Bay land, to travel out to Grenier Lake and to Long Lake out behind Mount Pelly. Some of you, as my colleague indicated, were successful in their fishing or hunting pursuits, others had an opportunity to encounter and view the muskox in their natural habitat. I know that you all enjoyed the opportunity to get out of town, to get out on the land, I hope there will be other opportunities to follow up on that first trip.

Finally as minister, sorry as Mr. Havioyak noted, Ministers Akesuk and Picco, other MLA's Arvaluk, Havioyak, Iqaqrialu and I, along with the KIA president Charlie Evalik, Mayor Keith Peterson, Kitikmeot Corporation President Charlie Lyall and a couple of staff members Bob Vardy the Finance Deputy Minister and Mr. Chris Lalande my EA, had an opportunity to visit the BHP Ekati mine site for a tour.

And at this time I want to apologize to my colleague Mr. Irqittuq, unfortunately there was a mix up in communications, he was supposed to go on the trip but got left behind.

So Mr. Speaker, once again though, weather was a factor and our return to Cambridge Bay was delayed, causing many of us to miss the closing ceremonies for the frolics last night. However Mr. Speaker, despite the less than ideal weather conditions, there were numerous successful events and activities that took place over the frolics weekend.

I ask all members to join me in congratulating the dozens of organizers and volunteers that contributed to the overall success of the 25th Annual Omingmak Frolics. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Member's Statement 199 - 1(5): Stevie Audlakiak's National Fishing Award**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to say how proud I am of a constituent of mine in Broughton Island, who is one of the winners of the 2001 Romeo Leblanc Medals for responsible fishing.

Mr. Speaker, the national awards for responsible fishing are presented annually to commercial fish harvesters in recognition of their outstanding contribution to responsible fishing practices and conservation initiatives to rebuild, maintain and strengthen fisheries' resources.

Mr. Speaker, Stevie Audlakiak has played a big role in the fishing industry in Nunavut. He has been active in this industry for over fifteen years, he is the director of the Broughton Island Hunters' and Trappers' Association and he has also participated in the establishment of community quotas to ensure that char remains a sustainable resource for future generations.

Most recently he was involved in the development of the clam fishery in the waters of Broughton Island. This new industry involves working very closely with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and researchers from Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Mr. Speaker, these clams are being sold successfully in Iqaluit and I see this as a very positive sign for our local economy. Mr. Audlakiak has also been very active in testing different fishing gear and clam fishing technologies to ensure minimal impact on the environment.

I ask all members to join me in congratulating Mr. Audlakiak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Ms. Williams.

**Member's Statement 200 - 1(5): Quttiktuq Constituency Visit**

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation to the community for their welcome. I was in the high arctic meeting with different organizations, with the Hamlet, Education, Housing Association and other co-operative groups and the residents who brought their concerns to me.

So this afternoon I would just like to state that it's very important that we speak in Inuktitut so the residents of Nunavut are able to understand us clearly. I would also like to tell my colleagues that they should be expecting letters from my constituency about certain issues.

There was a dog derby from Pond Inlet to Igloolik and it went very well. They were using Inuit dogs and next year the plan is to have the derby from Clyde River to Hall Beach. When I was visiting my constituency they raised again the concern that they don't have a social worker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Item 3. Members' Statements. Mr. Picco.

**Member's Statement 201 - 1(5): Fauna Kingdon - Young Canadians' Forum**

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, many of our youth here in Nunavut have brought recognition, awareness and pride through their accomplishments for themselves, for their communities and for Nunavut.

This may have been through academic achievement, sports, artistic or other skills. One such young person who has combined all of these is Fauna Kingdon who lives in Happy Valley in Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, Fauna is no stranger to the political world, having been a page in both Yellowknife and Iqaluit and a secretary for the Inukshuk High School student council. Last month she attended the forum for young Canadians, in Ottawa. There she met and learned with youth from across Canada about our government and our institutions. This month Fauna was in Toronto attending the youth truth conference. This conference again brought youth from across Canada to participate with the objective of promoting a positive youth image in the media.

Mr. Speaker, overseas Fauna has travelled to Ecuador with teen missions where she worked as a missionary with 27 other young people from across Canada and the United States. She was a participant and a fundraiser for Europe Trip 2000, where she travelled to England, France, Germany and the Netherlands.

In sports again, Fauna has excelled. She was a skip for the Nunavut Junior Girls' curling team at the Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse and she's also a senior life guard at the Iqaluit swimming pool.

Mr. Speaker, Fauna has been recognized nationally for her work to promote youth and youth issues. She was a recipient of the Federation of Aboriginal Advancement of Youth national bursary for the year 2000.

Fauna Kingdon demonstrates some of the best qualities of Nunavut youth at home and abroad. With the support of her parents Allen and Eliza, Fauna has been able to travel, to experience other cultures and most of all is an excellent ambassador for youth and particularly for Nunavut youth.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that you and this House join with me in congratulating Fauna and all of our Nunavut youth for their accomplishments whether they be in sports, academics, culture, at home or abroad, they deserve our support and recognition. Qujannamiik, Uqaqti.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Picco. Members' Statements. Mr. Nutarak.

#### **Member's Statement 202 - 1(5): Fossilized Rock from Tunnuniq**

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to talk about the stone I brought in from Pond Inlet. It was a very heavy stone and it's from a tree, part of a tree and if you want to see it, I am able to show it to you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Item 3. Members' Statements. Moving on to Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Kilabuk.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe we have the Grade 7 Class here with us today and I'd like to welcome the class as I believe there is mock sitting taking place on Thursday at 4 o'clock.

I'm going to try and mention the participants from the Grade 7 Class, forgive me if I mispronounce your name. Dana Sutherland, Brendon Peterson, Josh Fisher, Melissa Aknavigak, Julianne Tologanak, Robbie McDuffy, Tannis Peterson and I believe she is going to be the Minister of Education, Brian McCullum, Candace Berness, not here. AJ Aknavigak, Steven Angulalik, Catherine Anakjuak, Sarah Jencke, David Ohokannoak, Qaqa Kaniak, Bubba Kiugak, and last, Courtney Klengenber, not here also.

Those are the students that are taking part in the mock sitting scheduled for Thursday. Once again welcome to the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



>>Applause

**Speaker:** Welcome to the Assembly. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to thank Minister Kilabuk my colleague for recognizing the students, I won't have to go through the whole routine. But I would also like to recognize accompanying them, the minister I believe forgot the teacher, Ms. Patty Bligh, also with the Grade 7 Class. Also of course, we have, if you bear with me Mr. Speaker, once again Mayor Keith Peterson is with us.

We have a few individuals, staff members from the Nunavut Housing Corporation. David Aquak, Tamlin Gillis and Bill Gothan, who is also the representative on the NEU bargaining team for the region. We have long time friends and associates Jimmy and Ruby Hanniliak here. We have Judy Triniak, the vice president, or sorry, the Vice Principal of the Killinik High School, along with a few high school students, here in the audience.

We have Reverend Russ Blanchette and we have Sean Peterson who works for the Kitikmeot Employment and Training Partners and I also see just coming in Steve Anaktak, another constituent. And of course, sorry Mr. Speaker, I just noticed the spouse of my colleague from Kugluktuk, Margaret Havioyak who is here as well. So join me in welcoming our guests. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Havioyak.

**Mr. Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you Kelvin, you beat me to it, I just want to recognize today my wife Margaret Havioyak and her younger sister Ruby Haniliak, my brother in law Jimmy Haniliak, I will recognize others tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Maniok Thompson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to say Mr. Ng is just like Mr. Picco in Iqaluit, so I guess I'll repeat whatever he says right after. I would just like to recognize my staff again, David Aquak, who is the Vice President of the Housing Corporation and also Bill Goethe, Technical Manager and Tamlyn Gillis, Finance Officer. Kelvin said the rest, we don't have anything to say any more. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to recognize David Aquak who has already been introduced but I'd like to recognize him, he worked very hard with us while we were working on the housing task force. I'd also like to recognize a CBC staff person Jennifer who is here, who grew up in Pond Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Mr. Kattuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize and thank an individual that was already recognized but I wanted to thank that person because I used his warm clothing this weekend. I want to thank him as I was able to get two geese this weekend so I want to thank Bill Gothan for giving me his clothing. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to begin by thanking Ms. Thompson for her wonderful remarks earlier concerning the welcoming of guests to the Legislative Assembly which is a nice privilege that we have.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin by thanking a resident of Cambridge Bay and he's not in the Gallery but I want to thank him publicly for the weekend for getting me a ski-doo and filling it up with gas and helping me and several other people with the kamotik to go out fishing. We weren't lucky with the fish but we were lucky with the good friends and the excellent food in Mr. Crossley's cabin. Also Mr. Brent Boddy an old friend of mine from Iqaluit.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome to the gallery Leetia Nowdlak. Leetia is well known, if you have ever been to Iqaluit, she does TV bingo every Saturday evening, recognize her for that and also research at the ledge. I would like to welcome Leetia to the gallery.

Also behind me Mr. Speaker, my neighbour, used to be my neighbour in Iqaluit. Mr. Michael O'Shaughnassy. Mike is here now with CBC based in Yellowknife as a camera person. I would like to welcome him. Now that we are at the media I would like to welcome our media friends beginning with Cambridge Bay, CBC's own Tara Tayeur who is up on the stage I believe here from Cambridge Bay for CBC.

I would also like to welcome Denis Rideout from Nunatsiaq News, as well as Kerry McClusky from News North both from Iqaluit, are here today.

I also welcome you back in that wonderful chair Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Picco. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. I don't believe there's anybody left to be recognized, but I will recognize David Akuak of the Housing Corporation as he will be settling into his new position in Arviat in the next month or so. Welcome. Item 6. Oral Questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

### **Item 6: Oral Questions**

#### **Question 226 - 1(5): Community Government & Transportation & Chesterfield Inlet's Community Dock**

**Mr. Arvaluk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct this question to the Minister of Sustainable Development. I asked previously about the docking facilities that we require. A docking facility is not just a place where you stop your boats, the hunters use them in Iglugigajuk. We want to get a dock in Iglugigajuk because the fisherman use that dock.

First of all, I would like to thank the minister for supplying us with a freezer but I would like to ask the minister if he is going to be working with the Minister responsible for Transportation when we are trying to get the dock so that the commercial fisherman will be able to have more opportunities in Chesterfield Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Qujannamiik. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I thank the Member for Nanulik for his good question. In regards to giving more support to the programs, especially when it comes to commercial use, I can speak with the Minister for Community Government and Transportation to look at these, how we can work together on this and what the method will be. So I'm willing to speak with the Minister responsible for Transportation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

**Mr. Arvaluk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What is the Minister for Sustainable Development going to do when he is discussing these issues with the Minister responsible for Transportation. What kind of funding are you looking at for the docking facility to help them out. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister responsible for Sustainable Development. Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps once we start working on that we'll look at the funding for different programs. We have funding for

different programs for the communities or for projects. Especially when they are projects for commercial purposes or for the community itself. Once the written document is prepared, we'll look at ways to work on the dollar figure. So once the document is written up, we'll look at how we can work on the dock in Chesterfield Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

**Mr. Arvaluk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister is already aware that if the community doesn't have adequate docking facilities or if they don't have a proper freezer it hinders the number of fish that the fishermen are allowed to catch for commercial purposes, even prior to using the full quota. When you are working on this issue, once this docking facility is completed, will you know the total allowable harvest the Chesterfield Inlet fishermen can get. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes I will have my officials work with the communities and look for ways to improve the docking facilities.

Our staff will work with the community of Chesterfield Inlet closely to find ways they can improve the docking facilities and work with the community itself, while we are dealing with this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Supplementary. Oral Questions. Mr. Havioyak.

### **Question 227 - 1(5): Environmental Concerns with Mining**

**Mr. Havioyak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to direct this question to the Minister of Sustainable Development. (interpretation) Sometimes it's very dangerous out there in terms of mining, especially for wildlife. As you heard in Ekati, they'll be drilling for diamonds and it'll be expanding and they'll be requiring licensing from the water board.

I just want to ask the minister responsible, it'll get harder again sometimes once we move on, and for the mining companies and it'll be very difficult for us at times in regards to mining.

**Speaker:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know if I can give you an adequate response because I didn't quite understand your question. But I will try and reply to you. Yes in regards to environmental issues whether it be the Nunavut Water Board or other various agencies, environmental agencies and also with the Federal Government. We'll have to be very careful with the Nunavut land and review the environmental impacts, especially when we are creating mines in Nunavut and plus mines are going to help with job creation and other opportunities.

Yes, as a government we'll do the best we can to work with the environmental boards and agencies as well as the Nunavut Water Board so that we can look at development and review it with the affected community prior to these things happening. Especially in regards to mining so we can ensure we don't have a negative impact on the environment. That's my response. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you for your response. It can be very dangerous because the drinking water that we have in Kugluktuk might be affected by the mining sites there. There are many streams going into Kugluktuk as well. You being the minister should be able to look at this right away instead of having to wait for them to get permits and so forth in looking after the environment in that area. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we are aware that it's very dangerous, especially in Nunavut when we are creating mines. We'll work with the mining companies on this, to look at how best we can work together.

First of all we will have discussions with them and perhaps with these entities who represent us such as the Nunavut Impact Review Board and the Nunavut Water Board. We will carefully review their proposals and our department doesn't just want to wait until this happens but we want to do it ahead of time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the response. When are you going to be meeting with the mining companies. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. They have rules to follow and we as a government have representation and the mining industry has representation on the Environmental Monitoring Board. There are staff already there reviewing that. Once the meeting is set, I will inform you as soon as possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once I hear from you I'll be meeting with you again. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** I didn't hear a question but Mr. Akesuk do you care to respond to the comment that Mr. Havioyak made. There was no question, we'll move on. Oral Questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Question 228 - 1(5): Polar Bear Management and Surveying**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for Sustainable Development in regards to the same questions I have been asking, about polar bear management.

When we start dealing with polar bear management, I would like to ask the minister that we have heard in Nunavut for several years now that the number of polar bears are decreasing but according to our knowledge, this is not the case.

But with all the heavy equipment, whether it be airplanes or ships, once they start using these modes of transportation they scare away our animals in Nunavut. I was wondering what your department is going to do in trying to research the noise pollution, not just on the Inuit but also deal with the noise pollution. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps before the airlines and the ships started arriving in Nunavut we had more abundance of animals, but we require them to come up north.

In regards to having research on that, yes, if it's requested and I'm sure it's already included in some of the research. I'm sure the noise pollution has been researched.

If we came here by dog team from Iqaluit I don't think we would have made it yet to Cambridge Bay. I'm sure it could be researched. Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge have to complement each other when we do surveys on the animals. Not just on polar bears, but also caribou and seals. We need to do surveys on our animals because we need to have proper wildlife management. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the hunting areas I'm just talking about mainly our hunting areas when these companies want to do their exploration on our hunting grounds. I was more talking along that line, I was wondering if you could speak to that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Yes, we can research it with them. I am willing to discuss this matter with the Minister responsible for Transportation as their department

can take care of the transportation part and we will take care of the wildlife part. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much for a great answer, and that's what I'd like to see. My question is that when we hear about the polar bear population decreasing in Nunavut, down south they have polar bears in zoos and when we see them in zoos they are skinny and their fur colour changes and it's not nice to see them in cages. I was wondering if they can be brought back to Nunavut. I was wondering if you can look into this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Just a reminder to members that when they start a line of questioning it has to stay in the same line, I guess, the same subject. That's a different question Mr. Iqaqrialu. I will allow you to re-ask the question following the same line of questioning you had earlier. Proceed.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have to rephrase my words. My question is in regards the polar bears that are caged in the zoos and especially these animals that came from Nunavut. We hear from the polar bear biologists that our population of polar bears is decreasing. I was wondering if we can increase the numbers of polar bears by bringing back the polar bears from the zoos to Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister responsible for Sustainable Development. Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will look into it to see what we can do to bring back the polar bears from the zoos. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Irqittuq.

#### **Question 229 - 1(5): Funding for Nunavut Filmmakers**

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to Mr. Kattuk. He made a statement saying that government will be able to assist people that produce films in Nunavut. I just wondered if there is any funding available from the Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth for this purpose. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Kattuk.

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In response to the member's question, there is funding available from Culture, Language, Elders & Youth. The statement that I made earlier was about providing funding for that purpose, just for that purpose. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Mr. Irqittuq.

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I understand his response. If his department deals with providing funding for these awards, would they be able to provide funding for producing films. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Kattuk.

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In Nunavut there have been various organizations that have requested funding and I'm not exactly sure at this time which agencies or organizations are going to be approved. There are over 200 applicants that have to be considered for the dollars they have requested. I'm not exactly sure which of those organizations or agencies will be provided funding at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Mr. Irqittuq.

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm just following up the response I got in the beginning. He mentioned there will be money available for this type of project, such as the film Atanarjuat. Is there any funding for producing films such as this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Kattuk.

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I mentioned in my statement earlier that funding is available for culture and languages. We will give the opportunity to people or organizations that request funding if it has to do with Inuit culture and languages. Last year we had some funding available for those filmmakers at Isuma Productions, and if there are any organizations such as these people that request funding for these purposes, we will consider them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Nutarak.

### **Question 230 - 1(5): Bachelor of Education Graduation Ceremonies**

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is directed to the Minister of Education. There are teachers being taught in Pond Inlet and they will finish at the end of May. I wonder if the minister would be able to go to Pond Inlet for the graduation on the 25th of May, before noon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We knew beforehand that the graduation for the TEP program or the bachelors of education that was being taken by some students over there will be on the 25th of May. But up to today what we have done is to have my Deputy go to the graduations on the 25th. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



**Speaker:** Oral Questions. Mr. Havioyak.

**Question 231 - 1(5): Time Frame for Meeting Environmental Groups**

**Mr. Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Sustainable Development. (interpretation ends) Earlier he stated he would be meeting with different organizations in regards to the environmental issues on the mining companies.

The question was whether there is a time frame. I was asking if he plans to meet with them within six months to a year. Do you have any time frame as to when you plan to meet with these organizations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Havioyak. I just want to point out that there was a technical problem before and we didn't pick up that he did have a question but we didn't hear it. So this is why we are continuing on with this line of questioning. Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't think I could say the time frame right now, I could look into it and let him know this week when I could try and set up a meeting with them. As you know we have to talk with them before we make any decisions about a meeting date. So we have to talk with them first, and I'll let the MLA for Kugluktuk know the time frame, when I know. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

**Question 232 - 1(5): Funding for Access Road to Tourism Site**

**Mr. Arvaluk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Sustainable Development. The minister is aware that in Coral Harbour last year there were about 5 thousand snow geese harvested and also a little over 5 thousand caribou. In the summertime there are also tourists that go over there or big game hunters and some tourists that go and take pictures of that area.

The minister heard the Minister of Transportation say that there will not be an access road built to that tourism area. I just want to ask the Minister of Sustainable Development, we already have a bridge but there's just a short access road required from the bridge. There's a lot of tourism potential in that area and I just wondered if his department would be able to provide some funding for that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know there's some potential money that should be coming in from tourism in the Nunavut area, especially when tourists come in to communities. There are more parks being created in the Nunavut area.

We will be looking at all the potential for making money from tourists and talk to people from the communities to work with them. If there's any money to be made from tourism in a community we would be able to give them some assistance and we would be able to work with them to provide a longer access road to potential visitors' sites. I could work with the Member from Nanulik and I could assure him that we would be able to look into this to see what else we can do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

**Mr. Arvaluk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister is aware that there's already been a study done for Native Point there and there's also a Bird Sanctuary that receives visitors. Also in the Gibbons area there's a sanctuary. A lot of tourists would like to visit that area, part of that area of Coral Harbour or Southampton Island.

When there is already a bridge over there and they want to extend their access road, can the hamlet request the Department of Sustainable Development to extend their access road from the bridge. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we welcome requests from the Hamlet Councils and we will speak with our staff in the Kivalliq region, the person that is in Rankin Inlet. Our staff in Rankin Inlet would be able to work with the people in Coral Harbour to help them access that kind of funding and to put a proposal in on behalf of the people of Coral Harbour to get to some funding to extend their access road. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

**Mr. Arvaluk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The response from the minister is greatly appreciated. Perhaps not just Coral Harbour, but have there been studies done in any other Nunavut communities to try to get some funding to assist the people in making more money through tourism. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, some of the communities have had a study done and our staff, the regional directors have just begun some studies and they are working well in the Kitikmeot and the Baffin regions. Recently the Rankin Inlet staff just started the region of Kivalliq and she will be visiting here, she will be visiting communities to see what other kinds of assistance Sustainable Development can provide to help the communities.

We will also work with the Federal Government to provide those kinds of services and to do a study on potential tourism in other Nunavut communities. I know that communities

have to get more assistance so they will be able to improve the wage economy in their communities.

Some communities that have not had a study done will be concentrated on and we will provide the information to our staff in each region. But there are three people that deal with that kind of thing in those three regions and we will be doing that as much as we can. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Ms. Williams.

**Question 233 - 1(5): Increased Funding for Local Housing Organizations**

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation.

(interpretation ends) My question is that, as you are all aware, municipalities were given extra dollars when the cost of fuel increased. My question is Mr. Speaker, are there any plans to increase local Housing Authority funding to make sure that the services are being provided as much as municipalities. Housing Authorities in the communities have a very large responsibility and services to provide. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation. Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to welcome Ms. Williams to Cambridge Bay.

(interpretation ends) I would just like to say Mr. Speaker that we passed the budget just last month and in my budget for O&M dollars we put in 4 million dollars more this year for housing associations so that they'll be able to function effectively in their communities. So we did provide for housing associations to reflect the changes of fuel. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My next question is when will the housing authorities know of this increase. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The members of the Housing Associations and the staff are already aware of the budget being passed. The regional offices monitor the communities very well so they are already aware of the increase of fuel and also the increase in O&M dollars.

When I was in Rankin for the meeting I had with all the representatives from each community, I also talked to them that we have provided to them so that they will not be

going through any hardships. If they do, we monitor them very well and we're always of assistance to them if they need it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

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

#### **Tabled Document 023 - (5): A Community Plan for Fish Enhancement Near Clyde River**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to table a document. It's from the community of Clyde River regarding fisheries and the work that was done. It's a report to assist Sustainable Development to do their work and my name is also included because I was involved in the work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### **Tabled Document 024 - 1(5): Report on the Review of Conflict of Interest Legislation**

**Speaker:** Thank you. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. If there are no others, I have one. At this time I have the honour of tabling the report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner of Nunavut, entitled, "For a Culture of Integrity - A Review of the Conflict of Interest Legislation Applicable to Members of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut". Thank you. Tabling of Documents. Moving on to Item 14. Notices of Motions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

### **Item 14: Notices of Motions**

#### **Motion 006 - 1(5): Changes to Standing Committee Portfolios - Notice**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on May 24th, 2001 I will move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kugluktuk, that Tabled Document 1 - 1(1), Terms of Reference for the Standing Committees, be amended as follows:

The Department of Justice be moved to the Standing Committee, Ajauqtiit from the Standing Committee on Community Empowerment and Sustainable Development and further;

The Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth be assigned to the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit from the Standing Committee on Culture, Education and Health and that the Standing Committee Culture, Education and Health be now known as the Standing Committee on Health and Education and furthermore;

The Legislative Assembly has chosen to make revisions to the membership of the Standing Committees and therefore, Rebekah Williams, Member for Quttiktuq be reassigned as alternate member to the Standing Committee on Health and Education from the Standing Committee on Community Empowerment and Sustainable Development. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

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

#### **Bill 7 - Integrity Act - First Reading**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kugluktuk, that Bill 7 - Integrity Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Ng. The motion is in order. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 7 has had first reading. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Mr. Picco.

#### **Bill 8 - An Act To Amend Certain Acts Concerning Health Professions - First Reading**

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, 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, Minister Picco. The motion is in order. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 8 has had first reading. Item 17. First reading of Bills. Mr. Picco.

#### **Bill 9 - Change of Name Act - First Reading**

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 9 - Change of Name Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister Picco. The motion is in order. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 9 has had first reading. Item 17. First reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

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

### **Bill 11 - Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 1, 2001-2002 - Second Reading**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hudson Bay, that Bill 11 - Supplementary Appropriations Act No. 1, 2001-2002, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, the purpose of the Supplementary Appropriations bill is to provide additional funding for the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31st 2002. Authority is requested for a total of 22 million, 186 thousand dollars in additional appropriations. This is made up of 160 thousand dollars for operations and maintenance and 22 million, 26 thousand for capital expenditures. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister Ng. The motion is in order. To the principle of Bill 11. Question. Question had been called. All those in favour. All those against. Motion is carried. Bill 11 has had second reading. Accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee. Second Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I seek unanimous consent to go back to Item 2, Ministers' Statements. Thank you.

**Speaker:** The minister is seeking unanimous consent to return to Ministers' Statements. Are there any nays. There are no nays. Please proceed Mr. Ng.

## **Item 2: Revert to Ministers' Statements**

### **Minister's Statement 075 - 1(5): Nunavut Employees' Union Vote Results on Government of Nunavut Final Offer**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have an emergency statement on the Nunavut Employees' Union vote results on the Government of Nunavut final offer.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to report to the Legislative Assembly that the Nunavut Employees' Union has announced their vote results on the Government of Nunavut's final offer to its employees. Employees across Nunavut have voiced their democratic right to vote on this agreement and have ratified the Government of Nunavut's final offer.

>>*Applause*

Mr. Speaker, by accepting this offer, it will result in the first collective agreement between the Nunavut Employees' Union and the Government of Nunavut.

The Government of Nunavut's final offer to its public service employees is both responsible to Nunavut taxpayers and fair to its employees. The salary offer over three years provides approximately a 9.27% increase over the life of the agreement.

It also recognizes the high cost of living and travel in our territory. We have addressed this reality with a new formula to calculate the Nunavut Northern Allowance. This new formula will result in increases between 15 and 59% for all union employees depending on the employee's community of residence.

It also includes a travel component equal to the cost of four trips to a designated southern centre per employee annually. Further Mr. Speaker, employees will have the option of taking their Nunavut Northern allowance in annual lump sum payments which will give our employees more flexibility in how they spend their earnings.

Mr. Speaker, this new agreement is also supportive of the language and culture of Government of Nunavut employees. The new contract provides for a 25% increase in the language allowance for those employees who speak Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun.

>> *Applause*

Mr. Speaker, this will further promote the long-term goal of our government of having Inuktitut as a working language and will also work towards helping fulfill our goals under the Inuit Employment plan.

The Government of Nunavut also addressed several other issues in the final offer - issues that were discussed during several rounds of negotiation with the Union. These include: an optional leave program to replace the existing mandatory leave program; enhancements to dental benefits; relocation assistance upon removal out that an employee would be entitled to 100% of expenses after six years instead of eight and Mr. Speaker; recognition of continuous service for service dating back to before the Government of Nunavut came into being.

Mr. Speaker, the government's final offer to its employees will result in increased costs to salaries for unionized employees of 19.4% overall during the life of the agreement. For example, based on salaries of 100 million dollars, this would be an additional cost to the government of approximately 19.4 million dollars.

Further monetary demands would strain Nunavut's fragile financial position and would have a negative impact on programs and services.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank each member of the Nunavut Employees' Union who voiced his or her personal opinion on the Government of Nunavut's final offer by voting. By voting in favour of this agreement, you have spoken in volumes and have sent a very important message to the people of Nunavut that the Government of Nunavut's offer is fair and responsible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister Ng. Returning to the Orders of the Day. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. Before we go to Orders of the Day, I would just like to remind everyone there will be coffee and snacks served in the open area, down the hall after the meeting.

And now we go to Item 22. Orders of the day. Mr. Clerk.

### **Item 22: Orders of the Day**

**Clerk** (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Meeting of the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services at 4 o'clock in the KIA Boardroom and a reminder to all members of the dinner invitation from Minister Ng starting at 6:30 at the Arctic Lodge Hotel. Meeting of regular caucus tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in the KIA boardroom.

Orders of the day for Wednesday, May 23rd:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motions
15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
  - Bill 10
18. Second Reading of Bills
  - Bill 7
  - Bill 8
  - Bill 9
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
  - Bill 11



20. Report of Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Sergeant-At-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 3.06 p.m.*

