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Mr. Ovide Alakannuark, Mr. Olayuk Akesuk, Honourable Jack Anawak, Honourable James Arvaluk, Honourable Levi Barnabas, Honourable Donald Haviyoyak, Mr. David Iqaqrialu, Mr. Enoki Irqittuq, Mr. Peter Kattuk, Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Mr. Glenn McLean, Honourable Kelvin Ng, Mr. Jobie Nutarak, Mr. Kevin O'Brien, Honourable Paul Okalik, Honourable Edward Picco, Mr. Uriash Puqiqnak, Honourable Manitok Thompson, Mr. Hunter Tootoo.

Item 1: Prayer

Speaker (Mr. Levi Barnabas): Before we begin I would like to ask Mr. Daniel Aupaloo to say the opening Prayer.

>>Opening Prayer

>>Lighting of the Qulliq

>>Singing of O'Canada

The Speaker introduces Commissioner Maksagak.

Item 2: Opening Address

Commissioner Maksagak (Interpretation): Elders, Mr. Speaker, honoured guests, Premier, Members of the Legislature, I am pleased to welcome you to the opening of the Second Session of the First Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

The tradition of the Throne Speech being read by the Commissioner is rooted in deep history. Parliament and Legislatures across Canada traditionally open with a speech prepared by Cabinet, and delivered by the Governor General, Lt. Governor and Commissioner, which sets forth the government's policies and plans. Thus the speech that I am reading to you today, represents our democracy's link to the past and the future.

Here in Nunavut, this speech takes on a greater significance in that it is also a symbol of our self-reliance as a new government and a new territory.

For these reasons, it gives me great pleasure to present to you our government's goals and plans in this opening address.

During my address at the April 1 opening ceremonies, I spoke about the trust that the people of Nunavut have put in this Assembly. I spoke about our Elders who have carried us into the modern world.

As stated in *Interviewing Inuit Elders, Volume 1*, produced by Nunavut Arctic College, “it is quite clear that if Inuit are to succeed in preserving their own cultural identity, they should not just adopt Western ideas and values, but transform them so that they make sense in their own society and culture”.

Our government is committed to creating a Nunavut that reflects the people it serves, that reflects our Inuit and non-Inuit values, that builds on our strengths and addresses our challenges.

This cannot be done by the government alone; we must reach out, involve others and create meaningful partnerships.

(interpretation ends)

Building Partnerships

To achieve true consensus government, all Members of the Assembly must be involved in the priority setting of government. To this end, Cabinet has agreed to meet with Regular Members at a retreat in June to consider and establish the priorities of the Government.

Cabinet is also dedicated to working co-operatively with the Legislative Assembly Standing Committees, to provide them with the information they need to be fully involved in the decision-making of government.

The first round of Standing Committee presentations occurred last month. Our government respects the opinions of all Members of this Assembly and looks forward to continuing to receive feedback and suggestions from them as together we move forward for Nunavut.

Our government is also committed to working in partnership with NTI. A protocol agreement between government and NTI is already underway. This agreement will lay the ground work for future relations, ensuring that both parties are fully aware of, and agree to, each other's roles and responsibilities.

It is also important to recognize the positive relationship that has been established between the Legislative Standing Committee Ajauqtiit and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

The Nunavut Land Claim Agreement is a fundamental and permanent part of Nunavut's jurisdiction landscape. The goal of the Ajauqtiit Committee is to ensure the Government of Nunavut lives up to both the spirit and the intent of the Agreement.

Our government welcomes the advice and counsel of both Ajauqtit and NTI in regards to the implementation of the Claim. We are committed to the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement and what it stands for.

There are many other groups and organizations to which our government will look for advice, assistance and co-operation, such as; Nunavut Social Development Council, Local

Authorities, interests groups, communities and business organizations. The people of Nunavut have much to offer our government and we will be calling on you for that advice often over the coming months.

Our government will be hosting leadership forums for many groups and organizations across Nunavut. With local authorities, youth, elders, and businesses, these leadership forums will provide an opportunities and examine options.

Our government is committed to openness, accountability and transparency. We will listen to the people of Nunavut, we will ask them for their advice and counsel and we will base our decisions on the knowledge and wisdom they impart to us.

If we use the knowledge of our people, particularly our elders and community leaders, we can establish a path that is right for Nunavut.

First Steps

Our government has taken the first steps to setting the path to continue the journey begun by the Founders of Nunavut.

Cabinet held its first retreats in the South Baffin community of Kimmirut. Cabinet members considered their priorities and goals and began to establish the path for Nunavut for the next five years.

Cabinet also set rules for its own operations, including agreeing that Inuktitut will be its working language. Although all Cabinet members speak and understand English, Cabinet agreed it must take a leadership role in using Inuktitut.

This decision is in keeping with the government's commitment to incorporate Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit is a basis for all government decisions and actions.

As a first step in establishing our path, our government will work to unify Nunavut. We are committed to drawing on the strengths of Nunavummiut, especially our elders.

Our government is committed to one single time zone for Nunavut. We are committed to making the administrative and support structures of various Nunavut government bodies and agencies more efficient and to cut down on the duplication of costs. Government departments have been directed to look at options for providing one point of access for government services. We are committed to bringing the government closer to the people we serve.

We have also begun to establish relationships with the federal, provincial and territorial governments to ensure that Nunavut receives the benefits of national funding programs and the full benefits of being a member of confederation. By participating in important national forums like the Social Union Framework negotiations, Nunavut ensures it's place within Canada, to the benefit of Nunavummiut.

Our government understands the importance of maintaining positive working relationships with governments beyond our borders; however, it is Nunavut that is our priority. It is the land and people of Nunavut that are our focus.

Change

Our government has been in office for 42 days. In that time we have begun to establish our path. Change takes time but we are committed to action.

We have announced our intent to restructure the way health care and public education is delivered across the territory.

Footprints 2, written by the Nunavut Implementation Commission, in partnership with NTI, questioned the existing education and health board structure.

To address the concerns raised in Footprints 2, our government will be introducing Legislation to this Assembly to phase out regional health and education boards over the next year. This will create an estimated \$4 million in annual savings that will be reinvested in direct program delivery. That means more of our education dollars will be spent on children and youth and more of our health care dollars will be spent on health care and prevention.

Our government has also committed to the establishment of a Law Review Commission. This Commission will work with the people of Nunavut to determine what existing laws need to be revised to truly reflect Nunavummiut values and traditions. Our laws need to reflect the values of our society. In order to determine where the changes need to occur, and in what order, the Commission we will be talking to Nunavummiut and reporting back through the Minister of Justice.

Other changes that our government is committed to making include bringing government closer to the people. We are committed to decentralization of government operations. We are committed to creating a government that is easily accessed and is approachable. We are committed to providing a government to providing a government that people and communities can identify with. And we are committed to effective use of government resources to the betterment of all Nunavummiut.

To do this we must build our future together.

Building Our Future (Interpretation):

Our government is dedicated to looking at creative options for financing Nunavut's future infrastructure projects. Our needs are great, but by working with both private and public sector partners we can build the infrastructure needed to meet our growing needs.

Nunavut has a unique economy. We are committed to building on the strengths of that uniqueness so that all Nunavummiut can participate fully in the economic development opportunities that are available to us.

Nunavut has great natural resource potential and we will be exploring opportunities to take greater control over those resources from the federal government over the years to come. Our goal is to become more self-reliant. This is a concept well known to the Inuit way of life.

Our government is committed to putting Nunavut on a path of self-reliance, where once more we can rely on ourselves and our land. This path, at times, will not be an easy one, but we are committed to making Nunavut work, making it a place where our children can grow strong and proud.

To start this journey, our government will be introducing Nunavut's first budget. Later this week, the Appropriations Act, 1999-2000 will be introduced. Our government considers this balanced budget Bill essential to the good conduct of government business and I recommend it's passage by the Legislative Assembly.

This budget provides a stable environment to plan for Nunavut's future, so we may begin to address our challenges, build upon our strengths and action the priorities of our people.

One of the greatest strengths of our government is the people who work with us. Our government will meet our Inuit employment targets of 50% by the end of this fiscal year. We are committed to hiring Inuit who are fully qualified for positions within the government.

Our government will work with NTI to ensure that article 23 is reflected in all government hiring and placements.

Our government is also working with NTI to ensure that article 24 is fully implemented. To this end we have adopted an interim Business Incentive Policy which focuses on Nunavut owned and operated businesses. This policy will be reviewed in detail over the summer with NTI and Nunavut businesses to determine the exact wording and intent of future incentives to help the government meets its article 24 commitments.

Our government is committed to building our personnel resource base by hiring new staff and by supporting the staff we have. The people of Nunavut should be proud to the public employees that serve them.

The Path Ahead

The path that government will take over the coming months will be one we choose together. With the wisdom and counsel of the Members of this Assembly, and the people of Nunavut, our government is convince that the future of Nunavut will be bright and prosperous.

Our government is committed to listening, considering and acting. Our government is committed to the people of Nunavut.

I now declare open the Second Session of the First Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

May wisdom and fairness guide your deliberations during this Session and may divine providence assist you in your service to the people of Nunavut.

Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation) : Thank you Commissioner, Helen Maksagak. I would like to welcome my fellow MLA's back to Iqaluit to begin our session. I would also like to thank the minister Roger Briggs for the use of the Parish Hall to use for the Legislative assembly during the second session.

Just last Sunday it was Mothers Day and just briefly I want to comment on that. First of all, I would like to thank my wife, for giving me support and taking care of my children even when I am out of town, and I am sure that on behalf of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, I thank the mothers and also on behalf of Manitoq. I also would like to thank my mother in law and my mother in Igloolik, I would like to recognize these family members and all the mothers in Canada. I hope you will have a good day on Mothers Day and I remember that it was your Mothers Day last Sunday.

We had recently heard something that we don't like to hear. Just recently two people died in Igloolik which is sad news. I say that on behalf of the member from Amittuq. The people who died were Luccasie Paul Apik Panimera and Anwartuq who is an elder in Igloolik. He just recently passed away. We will remember their family members and their children and we will also remember the parents of the sixteen year old child who died in an accident. And we will also remember Ami and Rhoda Panimera who had just recently lost their son. Ami is the Mayor of Igloolik.

Before beginning this session I believe we have to first of all deal with the issues that are going to be tabled for the next two weeks. We will be working on important issues during the sittings for the upcoming two weeks, also some Members were just away and of course some of the Members are new and are not familiar with the rules and procedures of the House.

So, for the Members and the Ministers, I believe they will use their knowledge and pass on their experience to the new Members and help the new Members during the proceedings of this House. I will also do the same thing. We will keep in consideration the new Members. With that in mind, Mr. Clerk. Orders of the Day. We are on Item number three. Ministers' Statements. Premier Paul Okalik.

Item 3: Ministers' Statements

Hon. Paul Okalik (Premier of the Nunavut Government) (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all, before I say my opening remarks, I believe that we are going to be going over the allocated time, so at this time I would like to not use 34.6 so the Cabinet

Members will have enough time to make their statements. I would like to ask for consent from the House. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. There is a question. If there is consent for 34.6. Any opposition? Thank you. Thank you, Premier.

Ministers' Statements 1 - 2 (2) : Premiers' Opening Address

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation). Thank you. Good afternoon, Elders, and observers, Mr. Speaker, and also the Members. Now that this House is not so visible to the rest of the world we have to start working as a Government to truly represent the people of Nunavut.

Since there has been only forty two days since we became the Nunavut Government, it seems like a short time to have passed but we are going ahead, and to this date, from April 1, I will be giving you a briefing on what has been going to date.

Just last month the cabinet members and I had my first meeting with the members. We had a three day Cabinet Meeting in Kimmirut, and covered a number of issues that needed review by the Nunavut Government, and we also kept in mind the people of Nunavut that we are representing, and looking through the tasks that we have to do.

As leaders we will always have to be accountable so in Kimmirut we decided that Inuktitut would be the working language or the language used during our sittings. That seems to be of no great significance but we would like to show you that we as a government would like the Inuktitut language to be used at the working level and in running the government.

With the elected members we will urge our Government Departments to use the Inuktitut language in the work force, in the work place and also we hear and we work hard to use the Inuit Quajimajatuqangit. We are going to be urging the Departments to use Inuit Quajimajatuqangit while we are putting together what has to be done by departments.

As your elected representatives, we also made a decision to phase out the Health and Education Boards. We are now, all people, are represented with the Nunavut Government. Therefore I would like to say again that we would truly like to represent the people out there. Those citizens who in the past at our Regional Health and Education Boards, and to those who will continue to represent their communities during the phase out of the Boards, I thank for their contributions to the growth and development of Nunavut.

I know that in the months and years to come, these community-minded citizens will continue to make valuable contributions at the community level and my Government, and I look forward to working with them on that front.

As a Government, we will depend on the forthright comments of the residents of Nunavut to guide us in our decision making, and I encourage all Nunavut residents to express not only their concerns but also their hopes and visions.

In addition to providing greater accountability to the people of Nunavut, the elimination of the Regional Boards will save the Government an estimated four million annually.

We have committed to reinvesting these savings into Health and Education. These are two areas, the residents of Nunavut have expressed are particularly important to them and the Government has heard, and acted on those concerns.

Throughout the decision making Cabinet has not acted in isolation.

We recognize that for true consensus Government, we must rely on the knowledge, advice and support of our Legislative Assembly colleagues.

We have sought their input.

We have had frank and I think progressive discussions. We realize we may not all agree all the time, yet we look forward to healthy and constructive debates in the future with resolutions in the best interests of the people we serve.

Our initial discussions have been positive and I have no doubt that as our relationship matures I will continue to be open, consultative and enlightening.

To continue along this stream, the full caucus will hold a retreat in Baker Lake the week of June 14. Among other topics, we will use this time to formulate a list of priorities and solidify a plan of action that will carry this government through the five years of its mandate.

Our vision statement will be prepared and presented at our next Legislative Assembly session this fall. Knowing that this statement will be the result of input throughout Nunavut, we will use it to guide us as we build a stronger and healthier home.

Also during that fall session, we expect to begin introducing some of the legislation that will create laws that are appropriate and relevant to the people of Nunavut.

We have inherited more than 100 statutes from the Government of the Northwest Territories. Many of these laws do not reflect the philosophical direction of the Government of Nunavut.

We are in the process of establishing a Law Reform Commission that will examine these statutes. This body will provide an ideal opportunity for our elders to play a prominent role in reshaping the laws that govern Nunavut.

The task of reviewing this legislation will be long and arduous, in those areas the need for major amendments- or possibly entire new laws- we ask for patience to allow the Commission to do that work.

Once completed though, we will have a set of Nunavut statutes that will better reflect the people and philosophy of our territory.

Before we get to next fall, however, we have much work to do.

This summer will be a time to renew longstanding friendships and build new alliances.

Next week I will attend the Western Premier's Conference in Drumheller, Alberta where I will join in all discussions as a full participant.

I will add Nunavut's position and concerns to the discussions as I gather there with my counterparts from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba, Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

At last year's Western Premiers' Conference, Premiers reaffirmed their statement that strengthening north-south highway links and promoting increased trucking efficiency would promote expanded trade with the United States and Mexico.

I will pursue discussions with my counterpart in Manitoba about connecting our two lands through a transportation link from Churchill to the Kivalliq region of Nunavut. I will also be speaking with Alberta Premier Ralph Klein and Northwest Territories Premier Jim Antoine about a link into the Kitikmeot region. The potential economic links such as these could provide an encouraging partnership.

Building relationships with the leaders of all Canadian provinces and territories will be a key area as Nunavut forges ahead in its goal to become more self-reliant.

I will also begin discussions with the Premiers of Yukon and the Northwest Territories on a Memorandum of Understanding outlining our common concerns. Nunavut will join the voices of its neighbouring territories in a lobby of the federal government for our share of the royalties realized from the development of resources within the North.

Currently, Nunavut receives zero percent of all the revenue collected from revenue (resource) development.

The Government of Nunavut will also be looking to the federal government to change the fishing quotas off our coasts to better represent the people. Most of the quotas are currently allotted to fishers living outside Nunavut, whereas our fishers are given a very low percentage of the fishing quota.

This is very unfair and we will be asking the Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to correct this disparity.

I have also asked my staff to begin discussions with the aboriginal community living alongside the southernmost boundary of Nunavut, the James Bay islands.

We look forward to the progressive discussions on a number of common issues.

But while we look to form alliances outside our geographical boundaries, the Government of Nunavut understands it will be essential to form strong ties within Nunavut as well.

We look forward to signing a memorandum of Understanding with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated regarding the development of our relationship in the coming months and years. The Government of Nunavut is committed to honouring our obligations as outlined in the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement.

We will also be looking to the Nunavut Social Development Council to advise us of the social implications on Inuit of government policies and decisions. Their input will become increasingly necessary as we gradually phase out regional health and education boards.

In this ever-shrinking world, it will be necessary to look outside Canada to our international neighbours.

Later this summer, in June, two Cabinet Ministers and I will travel to Nuuk to celebrate with the people of Greenland their 20th anniversary of Home Rule Government, which was introduced on May 1, 1979. This is their 20th anniversary.

We in Nunavut have learned a great deal from the Greenland experience and we will continue to look to our closest international neighbour for inspiration.

Amid the celebrations, there will also be business, and I hope to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Greenland Premier Johnathan Motzfieldt outlining future relations between our two governments.

This government has also begun work on establishing a single time zone for Nunavut. We will work with the federal government to ensure the federal regulations that need amending will be done as quickly as possible. The establishment of a single time zone will unify Nunavut and ease problems currently encountered in day to day business.

While there is much work to do during this session and in the coming months, I encourage everyone to take time this summer to enjoy the beauty Nunavut has to offer.

Take time to fish and hunt and enjoy the traditional activities of summer. Take time to be with your friends and families. Take this time, as Members of this Legislative Assembly, to remember why we were elected and why we want to make Nunavut a better place for everyone to live.

Qujannamiik. Merci. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier, for your opening statements. Mr. Ng.

Ministers' Statements 2 - 1 (2): Budget Address

Hon. Kelvin Ng: I wish to advise the house that on Friday, May 14, 1999, I will deliver the Budget Address. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you from the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Kelvin Ng. Minister's statements, Paul Okalik.

Ministers' Statements 3 - 1 (2): Labrador Inuit Association

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Inuit of Labrador for their recent signing of their Land Claim Agreement in Principle. The Inuit of Labrador have struggled long and hard for this agreement, which includes recognition of land rights, financial compensation, and an extensive self-government agreement. The Inuit of Labrador still have much work ahead of them to ratify this agreement in principle, and to implement this very complex land claim but I have the utmost confidence in their abilities, and vision to implement this. The fourth and final Inuit Land Claim Agreement in Canada. That finalizes the Inuit land claims agreements in Canada. I can provide a copy of this historic agreement to all interested members when I receive a copy. I'm sure, Mr. Speaker, that the people of Nunavut join us in congratulating our southern Inuit neighbours in Labrador. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier, Paul Okalik. Ministers' statements, Mr. Picco.

Ministers' Statement 4 - 1 (2): National Nursing Week

Hon. Ed Picco: Qujannami, Okakti. I am pleased to inform you that May 10-16 is National Nursing Week. I'd like use this opportunity to thank and pay tribute to every one of our nurses for the commitment to serving and caring for the people of Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, nurses and other health care professionals in Nunavut make a significant contribution to our communities. Every day, they face and deal with challenges that are unique to the Nunavut region, including being the primary care-givers in many of our communities. The purpose of this week is to increase awareness among the public of the many contributions that nurses make to the well being of Nunavummiut. Their commitment to prevention and promotion is a crucial component of the integrated system. Okakti, join me and the rest of our communities, the public service, and private business to recognize the contributions that nurses make to ensure our communities are healthy and safe places to live in. Qujannami, Okakti.

>>Applause.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Picco. Ministers' statements... Ministers' statements...we'll move on to item #4, members' statements. Members' statements, Mr. Kattuk.

Item 4: Members' Statements

Members' Statements 1 - 1 (2): Thanks to Constituents

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): I don't have very much to say, Mr. Speaker, but I would just like to thank the people of Sanikiluaq for having elected me to be their member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kattuk. Thank you Peter Kattuk, MLA for Hudson Bay. Members' statements. David Iqaqrialu.

Members' Statements 2 - 1 (2): Thanks to Constituents

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to thank my riding in Uqurmiut community of Qikiqtaqjuaq and Clyde River that they have elected me to represent them at the first Legislative Assembly of Nunavut. I would like to tell them that I'm very proud of them and I'm very happy to be representing them. We hope to make a contribution in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. Puqiqnak?

Members' Statements 3 - 1 (2): Gjoa Haven Wall Hanging

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I wish to congratulate all of the people of Nunavut for becoming Nunavut for all the hard work they have done to make this dream come true, and I would like to note that we are all very proud to have been involved in my riding near Gjoa Haven and because we became Nunavut, they wanted to make something to commemorate the very important day and what you see hanging behind you is what was created by the people in my riding with the assistance of two elders and they donated this to the Nunavut Legislative Assembly. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Puqiqnak. We will write them a letter of thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Irqittuq?

Members' Statements 4 - 1 (2): Thanks to Constituents, Sympathies to Families

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the people of my riding who elected me to this seat, and also, Mr. Speaker, I would just like to make a correction to your opening address; it was Eugene Amaroalik who was known as Anguataq, who had passed away, he had made a significant contribution to all the people of Nunavut, and also to the people of Igloodik, to the children and Mr. Panimera's son was six years old, not sixteen, and I would like to express my sympathies to these families in my riding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Irqittuq. I apologize for the information that was passed to me which was erroneous, and these will be corrected in the Hansard and we

will write a letter to the mayor and to the relatives and elder who just passed away. Members' statements, Mr. Ovide Alakannuark?

Members' Statements 5 - 1 (2): Thanks to Constituents and Family

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to express my appreciation to the people who have elected me to this seat, especially to the people of Pelly Bay, and special thanks to my family, especially to my wife who supported me wholeheartedly when I decided to run for MLA. I would also like to thank the people here who have been most helpful when I come to Iqaluit and who will be providing guidance to us in the future as we are working to get the Nunavut government up and working. I think that as elders we will be trying to assess everyone so we can have a better future and I'd just like to thank you for the privilege of being here. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alakannuark. Members' statements. Members' statements. Mr. Tootoo.

Members' Statements 6 - 1 (2): Thanks to Constituents, Challenges of Nunavut

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on opening day to say how honoured and thankful I am to be an elected member of the first Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, and to represent the people of Iqaluit Centre and Nunavut. It has been a long struggle to have an elected body representing the people of Nunavut and I thank the Inuit leaders who persevered and brought us to this point in our history.

Looking around the world, we see the other jurisdictions such as Scotland that are also voting the first time for their own assemblies, and I know how proud and hopeful the people there must feel too. The Inuit of Labrador will be voting this summer on their land claim agreement with the government of Newfoundland. It's very inspiring to see these changes happening where people are able to have their own representatives who understand their concerns, making decisions about their own people and their land.

Mr. Speaker, members of this house have an important opportunity to shape our assembly so it operates in a more productive and co-operative manner than is seen in other places in Canada. I share with the other members the hopes that this assembly will be open, accountable, and accessible to the people of Nunavut, and the goal of that is that this assembly helps people realize their dreams, at the same time, it also helps address the painful realities that many people face on a daily basis, like the lack of adequate housing and jobs, family violence, and other hardships. We're here to do a job, get the job done.

I also share with the members, the hope that this assembly, will proudly support and promote the Inuit language and culture and honour our elders and the way of life that has enabled us to survive and flourish under extreme living conditions and giving Inuit our distinctive character. At the same time, the government of Nunavut is a public government and our legislative assembly will be a leader in creating harmony among all people who live in Nunavut and equality among all our communities in this vast region. I look forward to

working together with all my colleagues in this house to fulfill the goals that were envisioned by those who worked to create the new territory and to see Nunavut become a successful reality. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Members' statements. Members' statements. Mr. McLean?

Members' Statements 7 - 1 (2): Thanks to Constituents, Sympathies to Families, Constituency Issues

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon. I would like to take this time to thank the people of Baker Lake for electing me as their first Nunavut MLA, I hope that I can represent them in their best interests. Since the election, February 15th, I have lost a number of elders and friends and would like to acknowledge their families for their loss and I feel for them.

As Baker Lake MLA, the people gave me a mandate to follow; housing, education, health care, job creation, outpost camps, and lastly, the traditional economy; these are the issues that I will be bringing forward and promote for both my community and all of Nunavut. We are heading into the millennium. We as a new government could recognize, and should recognize, working together to achieve our goals and objectives, to keep the circle strong and collectively, we will achieve what all the residents of Nunavut inspired to do. Thank you. God bless.

>>Applause.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Members' statements. Mr. O'Brien?

Members' Statements 8 - 1 (2): Thanks to Constituents and Family, Challenges of Nunavut

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to acknowledge and thank the residents of my home community of Arviat for electing me as their MLA and I can only try to promise to deliver... I'll do the best I can. Mr. Speaker, it's one thing to be elected, that's one of the highlights I think of being an MLA. It's actually that the work begins, and that's where we are today. We have an enormous challenge ahead of us; there's a lot of people counting on us, and as I look around the room here at the other new members, I believe that we're up for the challenge. It's refreshing to see all these new faces and the fact that you're all really from the same people.

Mr. Speaker, one of the difficulties of being an MLA is being away from families...our families. I bring this up because I feel that there are times when some of our constituents don't realize that it is difficult to get home, we can't be home as often as we'd like to be, because of the schedule that we have at the assembly and in other cases, because of the

weather, for example, last week, myself, when we went from Baker Lake, we were attempting to get home, unfortunately, because of the weather, we couldn't make it.

Mr. Speaker, the issue of working with our constituents and looking after their concerns, I think is critical to what we do here. I believe that if we all work collectively, we can carry out the wishes that our constituents are looking for us to deal with and, I believe that at the end of the day, it'll be a better place for all the people in Nunavut. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. O'Brien. Members' statements. Mr. Ng?

Members' Statements 9 - 1 (2): Thanks to Constituents and Members

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to recognize and thank the residents of Cambridge Bay, Umingmatok, and Bathurst Inlet for the confidence they gave me and the mandate to represent them in this first Nunavut assembly. I would also like to recognize and thank them and also the residents of Kugluktuk for the honour of being able to have represented them in the past two NWT Legislative Assemblies.

At this time, I would like to thank my colleagues around this table as well for the confidence they've expressed in selecting me as one of their executive council members, and in closing, I want to also on behalf of my constituents congratulate all the members for their election to this first assembly. In a spirit of co-operation, I certainly look forward to collectively working together, serving the people all across of Nunavut over the next four or five years with members of this house. Thank you.

>>Applause.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ng. Members' statements. Mr. Nutarak?

Members' Statements 10 - 1 (2): Thanks to Constituents and Elders

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to thank the people of Tununirmiut for electing me to the first Nunavut legislative assembly and giving me the opportunity to represent them. I would like to express an appreciation for the people who were here before us and the elders who have taught us and for assisting us in identifying what should be in the land claims agreement, and I would like the elders to be recognized for the contribution they have made in different areas including the government and the land claims and I would like to see them included in every aspect of this government.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Nutarak. Yes we will also write a letter to the elders from the legislative assembly for all their contribution. Members' statements.
Mr. Akasuk?

Members' Statements 11 - 1 (2): Thanks to Constituents and Campaign Workers

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would first like to thank Kimmirut and Cape Dorset residents for electing me to this chair and I would like to express a special thank you to the people who helped me to campaign for this seat as I said before, if I were elected, I would be representing all of Nunavut as well as my constituency but I will participate in considering issues in light of all of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Akesuk. Members' statements. Members' statements. Mr. Picco?

Members' Statements 12 - 1 (2): Thanks to Constituents and Wife

Hon. Ed Picco: Kuyannami, Okakti. (interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I wish to thank the residents of Iqaluit. I wish to thank all of Iqaluit residents and Oopah (interpretation ends). Thank you for your help over the last two and a half years and also to members, the people of Iqaluit East who voted me as an MLA in the Nunavut assembly and special thanks to my wife, Oopah, and my family who have supported me over the last three years and who are in with me for the next five. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Picco. Members' statements. Mr. Kilabuk?

Members' Statements 13 - 1 (2): Thanks to Constituents and Family

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to express my appreciation to my constituency. They also know that I have additional responsibility and I have been unable to return to my family ever since. I would like to ask for their patience and I think we made a commitment when we ran as candidates to this legislature that the people of Nunavut come first, and I think our families will have to understand that. I think today is a very first important step in trying to work on our peoples' aspirations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. Members' statements. Members' statements? Item #5 on the orders of the day. Recognition of the visitors in the gallery. Mr. Arvaluk?

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. James Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize Gord Raymond? Gord Raymond and communications students from Arctic College, please stand up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Havioyak?

Hon. Donald Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize people from Kitikmeot, my wife, my daughter Bertha Havioyak, and Margo Havioyak who are here from Kugluktuk.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Havioyak. Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of the visitors in the gallery. Sivuliuqti?

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize one of the elders in my riding, Celestine Erkidjuk, welcome to the legislative assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Okalik, thank you Mr. Erkidjuk. Welcome. Recognition of the visitors in the gallery. Mr. Ng?

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a distinguished resident of Cambridge Bay who also happens to be also the director of Language and Culture, Clay, Mr. Atima Hatlari.

>>Applause.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Welcome to the legislature. Mr. O'Brien?

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I don't recognize anybody there from my home community. I think it only fair to recognize all those people who have not been recognized.

>>Applause.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. O'Brien. Recognition of the visitors in the gallery. Mr. Picco?

Hon. Ed Picco: Mr. Speaker there's quite a few people from Iqaluit, at least I'll try to name some of those that I recognized...Geela Giroux, Simon Nattaq, Anne Crawford, Joe Kunuk, Hugh Lloyd, Jimmy Onalik, Peter Irniq – all from Iqaluit East. I'd like to take this opportunity to say a special hello to a page, Miss Stephanie Rose who's with us a second time, first she came to Yellowknife to serve as a page and now she's one of the first pages in the Nunavut assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Picco. Welcome to the people who Mr. Picco welcomed. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Iqaqrialu?

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to say that some of us who are in Nunavut, I think we've all been to Iqaluit at one time or another, and we know

that Iqaluit residents are one of the most warmest people, and there are many people who are on the verge of just moving to Iqaluit. Please know that the long time residents of Iqaluit are always opening their hearts to the people and will feed you, and I would like to recognize Mr. Irniq from having worked with him over the years and having worked with him in the land claims and I'm very happy to see him, and he's working for Nunavut and I would also like to extend welcome to all the people who are here with us today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. Peter, welcome. You used to be a member of the legislative assembly of the Northwest Territories, I'm sure you recognize a lot of faces here. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Kilabuk?

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize, because he went ahead of me, my sister Geela. When I was in Pangnirtung and having come from the same community, it makes me feel more like at home to be here in Iqaluit. Also Peter, my other sister and my brother, as well as my cousin, Jonah Kilabuk, who all make me feel more like at home in Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Alakannuark?

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): I would like to recognize a resident of Kugluktuk who are just moving to Iqaluit, the mother and her daughter. I would like to just notify the people that they will be moving to Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Welcome, and thank you, Mr. Alakannuark. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): I would like to recognize everyone in the different departments of Nunavut and I would like to recognize the very new department of CLEY, who is department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. The Deputy Minister of that department is Mr. Irniq and I think the department is going to be responsible for what we northerners perceive to be the most important thing on the agenda. That new department is going to be doing very important work for the future of our people. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak.

Speaker (interpretation): Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Even those who were not mentioned by those of us here, I would like to welcome all of you. Item 6, Orders of the Day. Oral questions.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Speaker (interpretation): Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

Question 1 - 1 (2): Dismantling Health Boards

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This question is directed to the Minister of Health & Social Service, Mr. Picco. I must say that it is refreshing to see him on the other side,

because when he sat beside me for three and a half years in Yellowknife, I used to always think that he was stealing my questions from me, now I just have to watch McLean for that.

My question, Mr. Speaker to the Minister, is with the recent announcement of the dismantling of the Health Board, can the Minister tell us exactly how he plans on dealing with the responsibilities and duties that were normally carried on by these boards. How he intends to have these responsibilities looked after so that we do not see any loss of health services or programs?

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Picco, Minister of Health & Social Services.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I thought that Mr. O'Brien was taking my questions. The plan right now, Mr. Speaker, as you know is we're taking the Health Boards and they are going to be in place for the next year. So, indeed, there will not be any confusion or any delay in services right now carried out by the Health Boards. Indeed, the Health Boards will be in place until April 2000. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My second question to the Minister would be, after this transition period elapses, are there any plans presently on the table that the Minister can share with us as to how he anticipates these additional responsibilities being carried on by some other parties or some other groups? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, right now the department is working on an organizational plan that we are hoping to present to the members of the caucus in September for what's going to happen after March 31st, 2000. In the meantime Mr. Speaker we will work with our partners the Nunavut Social Development Council and also getting the community health committees up and running. In some communities they are working very well and in other communities we don't have any committees. So what we would like to do is get the community health committees up and running in the communities and those would provide a bit of an advocacy service for the department of Health & Social Services and their concerns would be brought forward at the community level through the community health committees and also through their elected Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Like last week Mr. Speaker, I had an opportunity to go to Igloolik and we were with the Mayor and the Council members from Igloolik and indeed a lot of the concerns that the Hamlet raised were raised through that forum. So there is also that opportunity to bring those concerns forward. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister could be more clear as to the actual saving from the dismantling of the Health Board. I know there was a figure of 4 million dollars being tossed around for both Health and Education, but for the actual Health Boards, as to what the savings would be.

Speaker: Would you like to respond to that Mr. Picco?

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I thought it was a new question.

Speaker: Mr. O'Brien would you like to rephrase your question?

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you Mr. Speaker for your indulgence. My question Mr. Speaker was regarding the actual saving from dismantling the Health Board. We did have a figure of approximately 4 million dollars for both Health and Education. I am wondering if the Minister can give us a clear indication as to what actually is the saving going to be for health

Speaker: Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker as the Premier again just communicated in his opening remarks, there is an indication of a savings of about 4 million dollars. That's on the conservative side, I don't have a breakdown right now at this time. I am wondering if the member is asking, for example, in what areas do we see a duplication of resources, do we see some cost savings in streamlined administration, do we see savings in economies of scale? All of those things are present in the savings. So I wonder if the member could clarify if he wants it broken down by category or does he want some other type of estimate? Thank you Mr. Speaker

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Mr. O'Brien would you like your first supplementary?

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I will try this again. I get the feeling that Mr. Picco doesn't want to answer my question. I'm asking the Minister if he has a clear figure out of this 4 million dollars, how much is going to be saved by dismantling the Health Board? Is it 1 million, is it 1/2 a million is it 300 thousand, or whatever. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. O'Brien, that's your final question. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, no I am not trying to stall. Indeed, as announced in the press conference several weeks ago, the costs savings in the department of health is estimated conservatively 3 million dollars and in the department of education roughly 1 million dollars for a total of 4 million dollars.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. (interpretation) Questions or comments. Oral Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Question 2 - 1 (2): House of Commons, Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, Tabled Report

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker my question is for the Minister of Community Government, Housing & Transportation, Mr. Anawak. I would like to ask the Minister if he has had a chance to read the interim report of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development tabled on May 7, 1999. This interim report, which draws attention to two issues which are of great importance to those of

us here in Nunavut. The urgent need for better housing and community infrastructure and the negative impact of NavCan fees on isolated northern communities. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just recently saw the report and Community Government, Housing & Transportation has just recently received this report. I will take your question as notice, but I would like to say that the report will be reviewed. In regards to housing and transportation we are working very hard to get this going. I have met with the Minister, Alphonso Gagliano, from the Federal Government, Minister of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. I will be meeting him again, because he stated that he will be assisting us and giving us support. I will also meet with the Transportation Minister at the Federal Government level to discuss the costs that will be increasing. I will be discussing all of these issues. I just want you to be aware of the fact that we are committed to working on the housing and transportation issues because we do have a housing shortage. I will take your question under notice.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Anawak. Taken as notice?

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): If he is asking a question in regards to the report, I will take his question under notice.

Mr. Speaker: Do you have another question? (interpretation) I am sorry, I think I have to elaborate to you that you have to ask the same question because he took your question under notice, Minister Anawak cannot reply to you.

Mr. Tootoo: I guess my question was just asking if he had an opportunity to review the report. I don't know if that is something he will have to take as notice. I believe he just answered me by saying he was aware of it and hadn't yet had an opportunity to review it. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Again because you asked that question a second time, Minister Anawak referred to your question as taking it under notice. That means you cannot ask the same question because he will have to answer you back on another day after reviewing your question. (interpretation). Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

Question 3 - 1 (2): Incorporating Inuit Culture into Government

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Since there are no other questions, I will pose a question to the Minister Responsible for Elders, Youth & Culture. Mr. Speaker one of the cornerstones of the Minister's department is trying to incorporate the traditional knowledge and traditional ways into his department and also into all of the other departments. To sort of mesh this together with, I guess, the modern way of running the government, with incorporating some of the older traditional ways and traditional knowledge. I realize the Minister has limited dollars in his budget, it's going to be a challenge but by the same token I think it is something that everyone in Nunavut is waiting to see happen. My question to the Minister just in general terms, is if he would elaborate as to how he intends to make this happen. For example the topic to which we refer to as IQ, how do you intend to incorporate

that into your department and into the workings of the other departments in the Nunavut Government? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Havioyak, Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth.

Hon. Donald Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. We are preparing this so that this will be available to all the members. We are preparing some plans as to how it is going to be working. Once we have the preparations done I will bring this forward to all the members at that time. In the meanwhile we are working on it and once we have everything all set up and in place, I will inform the members when it is ready. At this time we are working on it. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Havioyak. Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien: Mr. Speaker, realizing that the Minister has limited dollars in his budget to try and accommodate this task and also realizing that this is the cornerstone to the new Nunavut Government, my question to the Minister is does he feel that he has sufficient funds to make sure that this policy or program is integrated into the system? Thank you.

Speaker: Mr. O'Brien. Right now it is taken as notice. Thank you, Mr. O'Brien. Oral Questions, Mr. Puqiqnak.

Question 4 - 1 (2): Roads to Kitikmeot

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): First of all I would like to ask this to the Nunavut Government Premier. In the beginning you stated in your opening address that our world is getting smaller and smaller. Way back, on our way from Gjoa Haven to Baker Lake in the bad weather it seemed so far away, the world was so huge then. Mr. Speaker, when we were talking about the road system, what is "aturiaq"? What does it mean when you say "aturiaq"? I will conclude with that for now.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak. Mr. Premier, Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Yes. "Aturiaq" means a road, it is just a different dialect. Here in Iqaluit, when we say "aturiaq" it means a road. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Yes, I want you to be aware that even though we are all Inuit people we need interpreters because there are three different dialects that we are utilizing at this session, we have Kitikmeot, Keewatin and Baffin dialects. So therefore we will require the interpreters. I just want you to take note of that. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I had a hard time trying to understand what "aturiaq" meant, but when you were talking, Mr. Premier, about "aturiaq" I could not understand. Are you planning to build a road in Kitikmeot, or are you talking about the airline schedules? Maybe I should be posing this question to the Minister responsible for Transportation. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak. We do have a Minister responsible for Transportation. Mr. Premier would you like to refer this question to the appropriate Minister? Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Yes thank you. Since we recently got elected we started discussing the matter of road construction from Manitoba to Arviat and to Qamanittuaq and other communities. Also in part of the Kitikmeot they are now doing a feasibility study to see if this road construction can be done. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Anawak. Oral questions. Mr. Akesuk.

Question 5 - 1 (2): Constituents Letter on Housing & Transportation

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask this question to the Minister responsible for housing and transportation. The other community that I am representing has written a letter to me, so I am asking if you have received a copy of that letter. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Akesuk. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): I am sorry, I did not see the letter but I will look into it right away.

Speaker (interpretation): Do you want to rephrase your question? No. Oral questions. We will go back to the Orders of the Day. Written questions. Item 7, Written Questions. Written questions. Item 8 on your Orders of the Day; Petitions. Item 9, Reports of Special and Standing Committees. Item 10, Tabling of Documents. Mr. Okalik.

Item 10: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 1-1 (2): Letters of Instruction to Commissioner Maksagak From Minister Stewart of DIAND

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. According to 6.62 of the Nunavut Act, I would like to table a document. A letter which was written to the Commissioner Helen Maksagak, from Honourable Jane Stewart, Minister of DIAND.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Tabling of Documents. Orders of the Day, number 11. Notices of Motions. Item 11, Notices of Motions. Notices of Motions. Item 12, Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills.

Item 12: Notice of Motions for First Reading of Bills

Speaker (interpretation): Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

Bill 1, Appropriation Act 99/2000 - Notice

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to give notice that on May 14, 1999, I shall move that Bill 1 Appropriation Act 99/2000 be read for the first time. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Ng. Notice of Motions for first reading of bills. Thank you. Number 13, Motions. Motions. Item Number 14, First Reading of Bills. Item 15, First Reading of Bills. First Reading of Bills. Number 16, Second Reading of Bills. Second Reading of Bills. Number 17, Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 17: Orders of the Day

Clerk: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Orders of the Day, Thursday, May 13, 1999.

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Speaker (interpretation): As this is the case I close the meeting for today. We will resume tomorrow, 1.30 tomorrow afternoon. Sergeant of Arms.

>>Adjournment

