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Members Present:

Honourable Olayuk Akesuk, Mr. Ovide Alakannuark, Mr. Jack Anawak, Mr. Donald Haviyok, Mr. David Iqaqrialu, Honourable Peter Kattuk, Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Mr. Glenn McLean, Mr. Patterk Netser, Mr. Jobie Nutarak, Honourable Kevin O'Brien, Honourable Ed Picco, Mr. Uriash Puqiqnak, Mr. Hunter Tootoo, Ms. Rebekah Williams.

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker: I would like to call on Mr. Alakannuark to say the prayer this afternoon.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker: Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

**Minister's Statement 214 – 1(6): Team Nunavut's Cultural Delegation for 2004
Arctic Winter Games**

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as the Minister for Culture, Language, Elders and Youth I am pleased to announce the names of the youth who have been chosen to join team Nunavut as the Cultural Delegation for 2004 Arctic Winter Games in Wood Buffalo, Alberta.

The Cultural Delegates we will be sending are; Olivia Tagalik, Joe Owingayok, Freida Nibgorarsi, Mary Nibgorarsi, Charlotte Kuksuk, Natasha Tattuinee, John Paddy Illungiyok and Leo Ussak.

These youth have been given the opportunity to travel to Wood Buffalo, Alberta for the Arctic Winter Games from February 28th to March the 6th and demonstrate Nunavut's traditional arts. People from across Canada as well as from around the world will be attending or participating in the games and will have the opportunity to see these young people performing and visual artists from Nunavut.

Team Nunavut Cultural Delegation gives youth the opportunity to promote Nunavut and showcase our rich heritage. It also offers these youth the chance to travel and learn about the rest of the world.

Mr. Speaker, our youth are our future. It is our responsibility to instil pride in who they are and where they come from. We must nurture them and provide them with opportunities to grow and learn. It gives me great pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to provide such an opportunity to the youth of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Akesuk.

Minister's Statement 215 – 1(6): Mining Industry

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon my constituents.

Mr. Speaker, recently the 7th Nunavut Mining Symposium was held here in Iqaluit. The Symposium provided an opportunity for industry, government, Inuit organizations, community organizations and delegates to update each other on the current status of projects, regulatory issues and many other subjects.

(interpretation ends) Feedback from industry and other participants was extremely positive. This symposium attracted 130 delegates and resulted in new training and science committees being formed. Also, prospectors from several communities were present to display samples and promote their grassroots exploration ventures.

I would also like to take this opportunity to provide Members with an update on mineral exploration activities within the territory. As you are aware, Mr. Speaker, the current status of Nunavut's mineral industry marks both the end of an era and a beginning of a new one. All three operating mines in the territory are now closed and in the reclamation process. These closures mark the end of a quarter-century of mining in Nunavut.

(interpretation) But a new era of increased investors confidence has also begun. Since 1999, exploration expenditures have risen from \$35 million to a projected \$90 million for this year. Three exploration projects are in various stages of the permitting process and the first of those projects could be in production within two years.

(interpretation ends) Finally, Mr. Speaker, my department will soon be completing a discussion paper titled *Towards a Mineral Exploration and Mining Strategy for Nunavut*. This paper will provide government with the framework to build a comprehensive mineral exploration and mining strategy that reflects our vision. This document will be based on a comparative approach with policy from a wide variety of jurisdictions and it is intended to promote dialogue leading to a final Government of Nunavut strategy on exploration and mining. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Are there any further Ministers' Statements? Mr. Kilabuk.

Minister's Statement 216 – 1(6): Inuktitut/Inuinnaqtun Uqauttin (Language Week) Youth Poster Challenge

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in order to ensure the survival of our traditional Inuit language and Inuinnaqtun, our youth must be made aware of how important language is to our culture. They must be encouraged to speak from as early an age as possible, and we must reinforce pride in their traditional language throughout their schooling.

As part of the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth's contribution to Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun Uqauttin, we invited youth from throughout Nunavut to submit posters expressing what the traditional language means to them. The department received hundreds of posters from across Nunavut. Four were selected, one from primary, elementary, junior high and high school levels.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the winning posters; Joseph, Kilabuk, grade three, from Alookie School in Pangnirtung promoting the message "I like the Inuktitut language because it is our language"; Kyle McLean, grade six, from Rachel Arnngnamaktiq School in Baker Lake with the message, "Keep our culture alive"; Kathleen Merritt, grade eight, from Alaittuq High School in Rankin Inlet, telling people "When you talk to your children in Inuktitut, it keeps our language alive"; and Bobby Misheralak, grade 10, from Inukshuk High School in Iqaluit letting people know "Inuit don't have to lose their language."

The intention of the contest was to find a message that captures how youth of Nunavut feel regarding the traditional Inuit language and share this message with the rest of the youth in the territory. We are delivering their message of pride with traditional Inuit language, *from youth, for youth*.

Mr. Speaker, the department is currently working on new initiatives for Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun Uqauttin 2004, which will contribute to the promotion of Nunavut's traditional language.

I invite my colleagues and you Mr. Speaker, to view the work of the four winners of the youth poster challenge, which are on display in the lobby of the Legislative Assembly. Their posters have been reproduced as full size posters that have been distributed by the department to all schools in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Are there any further Ministers' Statements? Mr. Picco.

Minister's Statement 217 – 1(6): Minister Ng, Thompson and Okalik Absent

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the House that Minister Thompson, Minister Ng and Premier Okalik will be away for part of this afternoon but they should be here around 4:00 this afternoon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Moving onto Item 3. Members' Statements. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Item 3: Members' Statements**Member's Statement 696 – 1(6): Nunavummiut Today as a Government**

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about Nunavummiut and my constituents to be able to try to reach the goals of what the needs of the people are.

On April 1, 1999 when Nunavut became a Government, the nineteen of us were elected to represent the people of Nunavut. Those first few years were very important for us and for the people of Nunavut. The people out there were hopeful that as Members of the Legislative Assembly that we were given the task to do things that they needed for us to do.

We have been here for four years now representing the people of Nunavut and now the people expect, since the time we became Members, that they would have more strength and be able to stand up for ourselves and to be able to negotiate with the Federal Government.

Mr. Speaker, I am especially proud of our ancestors who worked very hard to try to stay alive and they looked after their children in a cold climate. If it was not for them, we would not be here and I am very grateful for that.

At that time when we became the Government of Nunavut, we have seen many changes such as Legislation that has nothing to do with the people of Nunavut and the things that we did not expect.

When we created ITC it was an entity that we created to create a future for our people. Mr. Speaker, the issue of same sex marriage is a topic we are dealing with today. When there is, Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my Statement.

Speaker: The Member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you Members. When we were growing up we used to go out hunting together as friends, male to male. I know we did not think about any other thing except to go hunting.

So, I would like to be able to ask my fellow Members to be a friend with me and to stand up and be friends together. We are very good friends, according to our Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, we are just friends, we are both hunters and we want to go hunting together.

In short, there is a law according to Inuit ways, but then the law does not say anything about having to marry each other and to adopt children together. That is not what it says according to Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

There are different things that come about now since we became a Government. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, we were elected to this House to represent our Constituents. We do not have to approve things that we do not want to approve in this House.

We know that there are two women here at the Legislature who cannot live together, but if they were really good friends, they would have the same point of view. We too, as males cannot live in the same house.

Even if it is like that, we are all friends. So, when we get new laws as a Government from other Governments, we are told to approve laws that we did not create and I feel that we do not have to agree with the people who are telling us to approve the Legislation that we are not going to use. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Anawak.

Member's Statement 697 – 1(6): Nunavummiut a Priority Consideration for Contracting

Mr. Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I want to recognize Jean Kusagak, whom I call my sister-in-law in the old Inuit naming tradition. I am named after the little one over there, who is her son. And Steve Maksagak, who is also the Mayor of Repulse Bay.

Thank you. Just a couple of days ago during question period, the Government kept stating that they are going to be giving priority consideration to local contractors and companies in awarding contracts. Sometime today, or some other day, I am going to be asking questions regarding the number of contracts that were awarded to locally owned companies or businesses for construction, etc.

This has been mentioned in more than one place during our Session. I am very glad that a contract was awarded in Rankin Inlet for the health facility. But what I would like to know is how many other communities were treated in this manner when awarding contracts to construct buildings?

We have heard that this is the case for more than one Minister. If we give full support to the locally owned businesses, then please, award those contracts to the locally owned businesses, as a Government, so that we as a government will practice what we preach. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Netser.

Member's Statement 698 – 1(6): Wrestling Medal Winners

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During this past week we had delegations from communities to compete in wrestling.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to share with the Members today the results of this weekend's wrestling territorials which took place in the Inukshuk High School here in Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, the team from Coral Harbour once again, demonstrated its strength and dedication winning a total of 12 medals this weekend and capturing first place overall.

>>*Applause*

Truly a dynasty, just like the Montreal Canadians.

>>*Laughter and Applause*

Mr. Speaker, the gold medal winners were, be quiet. Mr. Speaker, the gold medal winners were Davidee Adams, Patrick Adams, Johnny Eetuk, Abraham Owpaluk, Erica Shimout and Joanne Nakoolak. The silver medal winners were Logan Kadlak, Nicotee Nakoolak, Troy Netser, Bernice Alogut, and the bronze medal winners were Matthew Netser and Laura Kadlak.

Mr. Speaker, Patrick, Johnny, Nicotee, Erica, and Joanne will be competing on Team Nunavut in next year's Arctic Winter Games. I want to pay tribute to the hard work of their coach, Coral Harbour resident and teacher, Bruce McKitrick, who has demonstrated great leadership for the team.

Mr. Speaker, the Inuit of Coral Harbour have consistently shown that the strength that comes from believing in yourself can take you to the top. I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the team on their successful results. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Nutarak.

Member's Statement 699 – 1(6): Adjustments to Rental Scales

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In Nunavut, there has to be an adjustment to the rental scales for public housing.

We know that there has to be operations and maintenance dollars but there are people who cannot find a job but still have to pay rent as long as there is a wage earner who is residing in that rental unit.

A young person who is 15 years old will have to pay a portion of the rent and the Housing Corporation has a policy where it says that they can only get a rental unit when they're 19 years old. There has to be an adjustment to the rental scale so that the 15 year old and the 19 year old discrepancy can be resolved. I did hear that there are probably going to be no further adjustments made from the one that became implemented last year in January.

If we were to urge our Premier to look into this policy, I believe that we will have to table a motion so that there could be a re-adjustment in this age bracket. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Havioyak.

>>Applause

Member's Statement 700 – 1(6): Concern About Income Support Policy

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Greetings to those in Kugluktuk and those who are viewing the session and we'll be coming home soon.

(interpretation end) Mr. Speaker, I would like to raise a concern today about the way in which our income support system operates.

Mr. Speaker, I understand the income support system is one of last resort. I know that it is there to assist those people who have tried every other means to support themselves and their families.

But, Mr. Speaker, when someone does need to turn to the system to get assistance, their financial situation should be given proper consideration and I am concerned that this is not the case, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, almost exactly two years ago, the Minister of Education announced that the review of the income support policy was under way. In June of 2002, the Minister finally announced one positive change in the income support policy, that the level of exemption would be increased.

Mr. Speaker, the changes should not have ended there. It is important that the types of money considered as income be reviewed as well. To take child support as an example, I do not think that an entire family should suffer because of funds provided for the support and maintenance of one child are considered by the income support worker as income for the entire household.

As a result, the whole family suffers from the lack of sufficient funds because money is provided for only one member of that family. Mr. Speaker, a number of my colleagues have raised a similar concern with what income support workers consider to be client income.

I would like to urge the current Minister of Education to review this act of the income support policy regulations as soon as possible, Mr. Speaker, Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Alakannuark.

Member's Statement 701 – 1(6): Recalling the Past

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make a comment about good things I recall. If I could show you this picture, the Elder beside me was very old and his name is Akasuk. It was Olayuk Akasuk's father and what you can see in this booklet is some of the traditional knowledge he knows.

Inuit of today are different from the Inuit of the past. From 1930 to 1950, we lived on subsistence hunting. We went through hard times and other times where it was not as hard, but even though that is the case, we had a happy life, whether or not animals were scarce.

We lived in snow houses and when you woke up in the morning it was extremely cold because there was no heating. Our kamiks were frozen and when you first woke up in the morning, the top of your sleeping bag was frosted with ice. In the winter, you had to wait over the ice hole in order to catch the food of the day.

Mr. Speaker, what we use today is different from the years before. From the 1970s to 2000 we now live in heated homes and when you wake up in the morning, you turn on the coffee and hot beverages are served. We have fast modes of transportation, but then again, we are still concerned about our day to day existence.

We have to worry about the money, we worry about making ends meet on a monthly basis. What is it going to be for our future and what it is going to be for the future of our children? Those are some things that we have to think about today and talk about.

I do know that this individual took very good care of his children and one of them is now a Minister in the Nunavut Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statement. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Member's Statement 702 – 1(6): Pangnirtung Trip Concerns of Pangnirtung Residents – Rent and Power

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I smile at you, I think you will be nice to me today. I rise today to thank Mr. Peter Kilabuk, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Pangnirtung, who brought us up with him on Saturday.

I would like talk about people in his Constituency. We met quite a lot of people up there and the people of Pangnirtung were concerned about the fish plant and the high rental rates with the housing association units and because of this, increasingly people do not want to work at the fish plant. I also heard some of the issues and one was in regards to the power rates, where the people of Pangnirtung cannot keep up with their monthly bills.

There are some people who have already received notices about getting their power cut. Those were some of the comments that I heard from the residents of Pangnirtung and I am sure the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Pangnirtung will be making additional comments on this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Ms. Williams.

Member's Statement 703 – 1(6): Launching of Rocket – Concern of Communication

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon and I send my regards to the people in my Riding and I give them a smile. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reiterate some of the issues that I talked about on Friday regarding the launching of a rocket.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the communities that I represent have been in contact with me to express their concerns about this situation, especially the uncertainty regarding any potential environmental damage that might occur as a result of the incident.

Mr. Speaker, incidents like this remind us of the need for clear communication with our communities. I would just like to quote one line from Community Government and Transportation to the hamlet of Grise Fiord; this is just information for them.

OCIPED Operations is in contact with DND, NDCC and D3 Continental TC and EC to share information and consider follow options. I don't know what that means but that sounds really bad.

>>*Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, I understand that the government has been monitoring this situation and is keeping contact with the hamlet, but that was some of the information that was provided to the hamlet of Grise Fiord.

I also appreciate the efforts of our Member of Parliament in this situation. Mr. Speaker, I want to see better communication with our communities regarding these situations in the future, especially when situations arise and might confuse or frighten our elders and unilingual residents.

The community needs to know 100 percent that there is no danger to the environment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. McLean.

Member's Statement 704 – 1(6): Suicide in Nunavut Higher than Ever

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Monday morning, I turn on the radio after a long weekend in Iqaluit, the third weekend away from my family and I hear bad news. I've been in a bad mood most of the day until I walked past that poster there and saw my son's poster, "Keep the culture alive", so that cheered me up a bit.

Mr. Speaker, suicide numbers reach a new high in Nunavut. In Nunavut, the number of deaths by suicide is higher this year than it's ever been. So far, Mr. Speaker, 31 people have taken their own lives in 2003.

This is the worst year yet. We have 31 and we have 2 months to go says Tim Neilly, the chief coroner of Nunavut. He says the government has kept records of suicide since Nunavut was created and this year is the worst he's seen.

Since 1999, Nunavut has seen a total of 128 suicides. The group that is at the highest risk is the age group between 14 and 15 to 23 to 24. Probably 85 percent of those are males in that age group he says.

Mr. Speaker, we stood up in this House and we made motions. Mr. Speaker, we stood up in this House and we talked. Mr. Speaker, as of today, that's all we've done. And the statistic that we don't see and I could probably say is that in our graveyards in Nunavut today, the young people who are supposed to be starting their life cycle are outnumbering the older people at the end of their life cycle.

I'm sure the Minister is going to table his report. We as politicians are helpless. We as parents, our hands are tied. We as civil servants, what can we do? Until this government and this territory recognises that we can't deal with this and get past this pride of asking somebody someplace, in the world, in the United States, United Nations, World Amnesty, or something like that to come in and help this territory deal with this issue some way, Mr. Speaker, I hate to say this but a friend of mine told me in Rankin Inlet, Glenn the bodies are going to pile up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Kattuk.

Member's Statement 705 – 1(6): NTI Annual General Meeting in Sanikiluaq

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my appreciation and also to welcome Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated's Annual General Meeting this week. I would like to welcome the delegates from NTI. I know that residents of Sanikiluaq will be great hosts. I am sorry that I am unable to make it to my community but I will be going home sometime this week. I want the residents of Sanikiluaq and the delegates to know that I will be home later in the week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Picco.

Member's Statement 706 – 1(6): Fund Raising Program for Joamie School Cultural and Land Program

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon. Mr. Speaker, there was an exciting event that happened at the Northmart, here in Iqaluit. Northern hosted an on site live radio broadcast featuring Glenn Craig, from CKIQ Raven Rock.

Mr. Speaker, the main focus of the live broadcast was to announce the launch of a fundraising campaign to benefit the cultural and land activities program at our Joamie School.

We know that all the camping gear, the drums, the amautiit, etc., were lost in the Joamie School fire. Our Northmart has been given the support of Mr. Edward Kennedy, the President and CEO of the Northwest Company, to run a fundraising program, Mr. Speaker, to a final earnings target of \$50 thousand.

Mr. Speaker, this amount will be raised by the donation, Mr. Speaker, of 1% of all Northmart customer purchases from November 1st, to December 31st. As well, they will

be hosting and putting on a 'Be a Friend of Joamie School Promotion', that they will add in the month of December.

Mr. Speaker, the recent fire at Nakasuk School, has again cancelled classes for Joamie and Nakasuk School students today. This is indeed tragic. The fire was deliberately set and we, as parents need again to reinforce that vandalism, that vandalism of any sort will not, Mr. Speaker, not be tolerated.

Hopefully students and staff will be able to return to school tomorrow. Mr. Speaker, we have been overwhelmed, overwhelmed by the support of Iqaluit and Nunavut residents and businesses in support of our Joamie School.

I would ask that, Mr. Speaker, you, and this House, join with me to thank Mr. Glenn Cousins, the Manager of Northmart, the staff and the people at Northern Stores for their generous offer to support Joamie School's rebuilding project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you. Members' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

Member's Statement 707 -1(6): Pangnirtung Trip

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As my colleague stated we went to Pangnirtung for the weekend and I would like to thank my colleagues for coming with me to Pangnirtung; Davidee Iqaqrialu, Ovide Alakannuark, and Minister Peter Kattuk.

We went to visit Pangnirtung, and I would like to extend my appreciation on behalf of my constituents; I would also like to thank them for coming into Pangnirtung.

During our visit to Pangnirtung, they took part in a constituency meeting that I held. We also toured the community; we visited the fish plant, and also the water treatment plant. While we were there on Sunday morning we went boating and went to the fiord and went to look at the construction of the road there.

It became evident that the construction workers are very good workers and it was very interesting to see the construction there. They are constructing a trail for the fisherman and hunters.

Jaypeetee Qappik, I would like to extend my appreciation and the work that they are doing is going to benefit many hunters. And also, Mr. Speaker, Jaypeetee, and his wife, and Meeka Alivaktak, Adamie, and Geeboa, Manasaa, and Iga, Mary Sukkulaaq, Padluq Kilabuk, Jayko Qaqqasiq, Poasie and Regilee and their children, Olee.

These are some of the people who went over there along with my wife Rosie, my daughter Jenna and my son Joseph.

We went to tour the place where they are constructing the trail. Once the ice freezes up, they will be able to utilize that trail from Kuulik. The road builders had to go through a very steep area, so I would like to thank the crew from Pangnirtung. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Coral Harbour wrestlers and join with Mr. Netser in being proud of their achievements. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Item 3. Members' Statements. Are there any further Members' Statements? If not, we will move onto Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Minister Kattuk.

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions

Return to Oral Question 598 – 1(6): Update on Fuel Situation in Hall Beach

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to provide a response to a question posed to me by Mr. Enoki Iqittuq on October 22nd regarding the quality of gasoline in Hall Beach.

(interpretation ends) During the second week of July, the general contractor responsible for upgrading and expansion of tank farms and for gasoline from old and used tanks found some of the gasoline contained excess water.

As soon as it was discovered that gasoline contained excess water, my officials airlifted 44 thousand litres of gasoline. The Member requested that the Government of Nunavut provide compensation for the damages caused by the gasoline that contained an excess of water.

To date, my officials have not received any complaints from communities regarding issues with the mixed gasoline. Mr. Speaker, with regards to the gasoline in question, it has been transferred to isolated areas, in separate horizontal tanks.

My officials will be making arrangement with Woodward's to dispose of the fuels during next year's resupply. As well, the contractor in the community has been made aware that fuel is not to be mixed or sold. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Returns to Oral Questions. Moving onto Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Alakannuark.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize an individual from Repulse Bay; he is the Chairman of the Mayor of Repulse Bay, Steven Maksagak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Welcome to the Gallery, Steven. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Anawak.

Mr. Anawak (interpretation): I am sorry. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Although Steven Maksagak was already recognized, I would like to introduce Steve because he is also from my hometown community of Repulse Bay.

When he was a small child, he was mugged by dogs and he is okay today. He is a hunter in Repulse Bay and he is also a tourism outfitter. I would like to congratulate him for being really good. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am quite happy today; I do not know why I am grinning today. Perhaps I am full of gratitude today.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognise an individual from Qikiqtarjuaq, Stevie Audlakiak. He's been a full time hunter and he works very hard and diligently with his hunting.

During the Rankin Inlet session he was the first individual to write any correspondence to me in regards to diving for clams. As he is a diver he wrote a letter to me regarding his proposal.

Ever since his proposal, they've been working very hard and he has trained quite a few people in diving in Qikiqtarjuaq. We encourage them to keep on diving for clams and we would like to congratulate him for completing his diver training course. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognise an individual whom I saw yesterday.

It is very rare that I have the opportunity to recognise anyone in the gallery. I would like to recognise our former Sergeant-at-arms, Jayko Isullutaq from Pangnirtung. I would like to welcome him to the chambers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to recognise our former Sergeant-at-arms. He is a very good hunter and everyone knows him because he's a very good carver.

He has been able to sustain himself as a carver and a hunter all his life and he has provided for his family very well. I would like to recognise our former Sergeant-at-arms, Jayko Isullutaq. I would also like to welcome Steve Maksagak and Stevie Audlakiak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 6. Oral Questions. Mr. Nutarak.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 676 – 1(6): Art Classes for Students

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth.

When you are a young person you have to go to school to learn about language, sewing, arts and crafts. As a young person you have to learn how to do things because you do not possess the skills or knowledge.

Today's youth, are being taught by the elders and by the women how to sew and by men how to carve. Could the Minister introduce curriculum for learning how to create things such as qamutiks or things you have to create with your hands for the future that would be accredited with some form of recognition? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Yes I'm sorry. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are many things that I signed that recognise people when they have taken some courses when they complete them. If the Member here or my fellow Members know of any individuals who have to be recognised or given an award for art work, I would like them to inform me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When we first became Members of the Legislative Assembly, it was hard to ask questions and we had to learn how. I am pleased that the Minister gave me an excellent response, to which I would like to ask another question.

Who would the awards go to? Is the award given to that individual or is it awarded in a different way? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We give out the awards and give recognition to the participants or students and we send them out to the communities where these individuals are.

We try to make sure that we know the names of the individuals and the courses that they completed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We use Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtut as working languages in the Legislative Assembly and push to have it recognized with the Nunavut Government.

I was wondering if there could be similar recognition of the people who do art work such as sewing and carving in the future, or is that in the plans for the future? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are aware that Nunavut Arctic College has given out those courses, but if there is going to be a course in a community, they can apply to my Department to recognise those individuals. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Final supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What about people taking jewellery making and literacy programs?

When they complete their courses, they usually work on the course that they took and they are recognized by the college or by the school. Sometimes there are women out there who teach traditional sewing and tailoring.

Do you have to apply to Nunavut Arctic College before those individuals are recognised who teach traditional sewing and crafts? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is possible.

The instructors who teach the students how to sew and do carvings and other things, as long as you apply to my Department, and then they can be recognised. We will work along with the Department of Education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 677 – 1(6): Late Payments for Power Bills

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be elaborating on the question that I asked before to the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Power Corporation.

In his response, the Minister stated that the problems due to billing and late payments have been resolved. Unfortunately, when listening to what is coming out of the communities it has become more confusing and uncertain than before and some individuals are now denied service.

What action will the Department finally take to resolve the issue of bills that have to be paid to the Nunavut Power Corporation? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for the Power Corporation, Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the Member's question. As the Member knows, it is not a new issue. We have had to pay the power bills since the Northern Canada Power Commission, NCPC, and then NWTPC and now Nunavut Power Corporation came into existence.

Mr. Speaker, there is a Policy there on the collection of accounts that are under standard financial practises and Mr. Speaker, I want to ensure the Member that every effort is being made to help clients and customers when they cannot meet the obligation of their power bill; as we stated in the House before, Mr. Speaker, the cut-off is a last option.

Over the last few days we have been made aware of several instances where people have not been able to pay their power bill. I had a conversation, for example, the Mayor from Igloolik on the issues up there in Igloolik raised by the Member of the Legislative Assembly from Amittuq and Mr. Speaker, we would be proactive in working with the clients to make sure that at the end of the day that the bill payable, that the accounts payable situation is resolved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I appreciate the Minister's response. Some people are starting to say that their power bill comes in and they have to pay it the very next day and that is what was mentioned in Pangnirtung.

I am not sure how to describe it; it just seems like we are just slaves to the Power Corporation because we have to pay it right away. There should be a way where the Power Corporation have an agent that has a computer or though payment agents. Is it the computer's fault; is it too slow? Can you make sure that this is ratified, be it a slow computer that causes peoples' bill payments to be applied late. Can this be looked into? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there have been concerns raised where people have paid their bill, for example, on a Monday and if they have to pay money, and I will use Northern as an example or Co-Op.

Sometimes, Mr. Speaker, people could pay their bills at Northern or Co-Op, they go in, and they pay the bill on a Monday, the Co-Op or Northern may not fax out immediately on Monday afternoon at 5 'O' Clock everyone who has paid, they may wait until the end of the week when they have had 13 or 15 or 20 people pay.

So, Mr. Speaker, there has been a concern raised by some clients that even though they paid on Monday, because the payment was not faxed in until Friday and then maybe not put under the account with the following Monday when they received their bill, it shows that it is in arrears and that they actually have not paid.

That is why, Mr. Speaker, we have told people that they have a copy of the receipt or invoice when they have paid the bill, then we could go back and credit any of those charges that have been on the bill because of those standing errors.

In some cases, Mr. Speaker, people have not been able to pay their accounts. In those cases, Mr. Speaker, they may be 90 days overdue or 50 days or 30 days. In those cases, Mr. Speaker, a disconnect notice is given to a client and at the same time, Mr. Speaker, the power plant operator or a staff person in each individual community communicates with the client and says look, this is what your bill is, can you pay it?

In most cases, Mr. Speaker, we are able to reach an agreement or an arrangement where a person can come in and pay \$50, \$60, \$70, \$100 dollars to try to get their bill down. At the same time, Mr. Speaker, instead of allowing the bills to continue, the Power Corporation sometimes put a regulator or a limiter, a load limiter onto that person's house so that power is not cut off, but limits their ability to have electricity in the house so that, Mr. Speaker, their bill does not go up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I understand the Minister's response and it's very interesting to hear but when we were in Pangnirtung over the weekend, someone said that when it's almost 5 o'clock and it's a Friday and an individual does not have the money, he is going to get cut off the very next day; those are the types of things that they have problems with.

Because it happens on the weekend and they're going to get cut off on the weekend and it's almost 5 o'clock on a Friday and the individual is going to get cut off on a Saturday. I wonder if the Minister can tell if the Nunavut Power Corporation Board will look at it again to make sure that there is a better system that can be put into place. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, that's something that I've asked the senior management of the Corporation to do, is review the situation around the billing and again Mr. Speaker, the Power Corporation is owned by all residents of Nunavut.

It shouldn't be in a position where we're causing heart ache but at the same time Mr. Speaker, the Corporation needs to have bills paid to stay in operation. We know some of the concerns that have been raised in this House with the financial stability with the Corporation, so we have to be able to balance both of them.

So, I can confirm with the Member that one of things that we're looking at is the way that the accounts receivable are dealt with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Are you just going to be doing a review and not do anything to fix it? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, Mr. Speaker, I think it's important to point out that a lot of people are dealing with this issue, not just in Pangnirtung but in some of the other communities.

I asked, again, on the weekend for an update. I met with my Power Corporation guys over lunch today to discuss it again. Mr. Speaker, what occurs is this; there is 30 day, 60 day and 90 days, so if a bill, Mr. Speaker is 90 days, three months over due and it's over \$50 dollars, then a 48 hours to disconnect is given to the home owner or the person who has the bill.

Mr. Speaker, if there's a large amount owing, then we try to set up a payment plan. So there's a lot of work that goes into working with the residents at the community level. And I want to point out Mr. Speaker, the people who are dealing with the Power

Corporation at the community level, also live in the community and they are aware of the situation of the people who live there.

So, we will review it, Mr. Speaker and make sure that in every opportunity, that the accounts receivable have been dealt with fairly and honestly for the satisfaction not only of the Power Corporation getting it's money, Mr. Speaker, but at the end of the day, where the client or the customer who should be the very best in coming forward with the proper understanding of how the bills are done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Picco. Oral Questions. Mr. Anawak.

Question 678 – 1(6): Oil and Gas Exploration

Mr. Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister Responsible for Sustainable Development.

I would like to ask the Minister if he's talking with the Federal Government of Canada on repatriating the natural resources and oil and gas to the Government of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are having discussion with the Federal Government in regards to natural resources and Mr. Nault who is the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. We are also talking about how we can further develop the natural resources that are available out there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Anawak.

Mr. Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In his statement, he stated that in 1999 there was \$35 million dollars and it today it is approximately \$90 million dollars now but nothing has been started yet.

In Rankin Inlet and Baker Lake, in the Amittuq area and in the Kitikmeot area, they have found diamonds. Even though they're not exploring today, I'm sure that there is going to be many other mineral explorers coming up here.

There is also the Nanisivik Mines and Little Cornwallis that have operated up here in Nunavut but since the beginning of their operation, millions and millions and million of dollars have gone out of our territory.

The Federal Government of Canada and the Government of Nunavut do not have an agreement in place for repatriation of our natural resources. Instead of just doing studies, how can we try to repatriate our resources so that the money starts flowing to us and not the Government of Canada? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think you're talking about devolution.

The Premier at every opportunity meets with the Federal Government to negotiate on how we can get more revenue through the industry Minister. We as a government have been working on this issue on an ongoing basis and this is also included in the discussion paper that I touched upon earlier. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 679 – 1(6): Starting Up an Outpost Camp

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will direct my question to the Minister of Sustainable Development.

Mr. Speaker, on more than one occasion, we've had discussions with the people in our ridings and this was one issue that was brought up by my riding in regards to the outpost camps and how they can start up an outpost camp.

You can probably go through the local Hunter's and Trapper's Organization to get the required paper work done and once that is completed would the potential outpost camper have to go to your department first or does the local Hunters and Trappers Organizations have the authority to approve their application? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will try to respond to your question. If I don't give you the answer that you're looking for, then please feel free to ask further questions.

We have set aside some money that is used specifically for setting up an outpost camp. For example, if Mr. Havioyak wanted to set up an outpost camp, he would have to construct a house in the desired location and the Federal Government and the Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated are the owners or the crown administrators land and so they would have to consult with them.

We as Government of Nunavut do not have any lands but there are crown lands administered by the Federal Government and the private lands are operated by Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.

I think it would be better if you asked those questions to those two entities that I've just mentioned. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I wanted to establish an outpost camp and I didn't know how to speak or write in English, I would need help to do the paper work.

Since the Government of Nunavut are not land owners, it would be up to the potential client to get in touch with the Federal Government or Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. Who is the contact person at the community level? Who would be the entity that they would approach? Would it be the local Hunters and Trappers Organization or who would I approach? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Wildlife Officers can help the potential client on how to proceed if they're looking at establishing an outpost camp. The local Hunters and Trappers Organization would probably be able to help you because they've done that in the past. Those are some of the entities that you can approach at the community level. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There was an individual who wanted to establish an outpost camp and he approached the local Hunters and Trappers Organization and they didn't have the authority to approve his application.

So the question is where would this individual go? Who else can they approach? Who has the authority to approve these applications? If an individual doesn't know where to go, then we have a communication problem here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In terms of the local Hunters and Trappers Organization, I am at a loss in being able to provide an answer. It would be good to get some more information on what lands they want to acquire.

We can talk to the local Hunters and Trappers Organization to see where they can get further support but I'm not sure exactly how to respond to your question. But the Hunters and Trappers Organization are the ones that you can talk to in order to come to a conclusion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Just a minute. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In your statement, you said that there are government employees who can help at the community

level. How do they go about getting the information on the kinds of funding that is available to set up an outpost camp? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated earlier, the local Hunters and Trappers Organizations have the staff and you can probably approach Renewable Resources employees to get further information and what is made available to clients. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Ms. Williams.

Question 680 – 1(6): Update on Nanisivik Mine Cleanup

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Sustainable Development. It is in regards to the Nanisivik mine and the status of the cleanup of the site.

Could the Minister provide my constituents and myself with an update on the cleanup of the Nanisivik Mines? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regards to Nanisivik mines, it is being cleaned up by the Strathcona Company. I would like to inform the Member for High Arctic that I was down in Ottawa to meet with the Minister of DIAND and I had a discussion with him in regards to the cleanup and what additional funds we can obtain for the community. I will follow-up on it, but the cleanup is being done by the Strathcona Company.

The Government is more or less a watchdog of the cleanup project and to ensure a proper cleanup is done, we will decide on what we are going to be doing. The Government departments and the Federal Government are working together to see what the camp will be used for after a full cleanup. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I welcome his response, but my question is, I was not talking about the Federal Government, I was talking about what the Nunavut Government is going to be doing about the cleanup of the site.

The employees of Department of Sustainable Development go to Nanisivik to deal with pre-cleanup projects and they have had consultation with the public up there. I would like an update on what the Nunavut Government is doing in regards to the cleanup.

We can talk to the Federal Government on our own; I am talking about the Government of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you. To rephrase it, we, Nunavut Government are more or less the overseers. The Strathcona Company had money to initiate the cleanup of the site and had signed an agreement with the Federal Government and if you can understand me, the Nunavut Government will do all they can to assist in the cleanup.

Monies for the cleanup are available through the company or the mine and also the signatories of that agreement. Nunavut Government has more or less agreed to be the overseers and we are also looking into what we can do after the cleanup. Like I said, we are asking for training dollars from the Federal Government to help with cleanup. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Sustainable Development employees go up there and talk to the people, and they take notes of comments that are made, for example, what kind of training is required, and what has to be done while the cleanup process is going on.

They are looking at kitchen workers, they are looking at heavy equipment operators, and they are looking at all aspects of training that are required in order to cleanup the projects.

Can the Minister tell us today what the training components of this project are? Are there any dollars set aside for the training programs? Where is it at today? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The government is not the only ones involved in this project. Nunavut Tunngavik is involved; the Federal Government is involved on how we can further develop this project. The cleanup of the mine, I believe is slated to start in May. That is the case today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Final Supplementary. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask another question to the Minister in regards to the Nunavut Water Board where they had a hearing and the Nunavut Government representatives were also up there.

The people up there wanted to see Inuit of Arctic Bay to be involved and to be employed because they were the major workforce during the operation of the Nanisivik Mine. One of their requests was to employ people of Arctic Bay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To date, that is exactly what we are trying to do. The majority of the workers will be coming from Arctic Bay. I am sure, and the Member knows, that they are the ones who know what the landscapes should look like after the completion of the cleanup. They know what requires cleaning up. This is going to be our first priority, to hire the maximum percentage of the Inuit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Mr. Havioyak.

Question 681 – 1(6): Kitikmeot Patients a Priority of the Lena Pederson Home

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services. First of all, I want to make a little statement, I know that it is not anything new, but we have to reiterate what has been said about the Lena Pedersen Boarding Home in Yellowknife. It is old and dilapidated, and it is very small. It gets very crowded, not only with people from the Kitikmeot but from elsewhere; it gets very crowded.

Sometimes from the Baffin, the Keewatin, or maybe from the Inuvik area. Many people use that boarding home. I just want to make sure, do the people of Kitikmeot get first priority, or are they not a priority when they go to the Lena Peterson Boarding Home. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I thought I had heard every possible question on the Lena Peterson Boarding Home except for that one and this is a new spin by the Member.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the patients that are facilitated through the boarding home are done on an as needed basis and based on the contingencies that are there.

So, for example, Mr. Speaker, our patients are rated equally to any other patients that are referred there. Indeed Mr. Speaker, the majority of the patients that actually stay at the Lena Peterson Boarding Home are our patients. When I say our patients, I mean patients from Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Minister, for your response.

Recently I had met with people from Kugluktuk who weren't happy with the boarding home. When the Kitikmeot communities have no room in the Lena Peterson Boarding Home, they have tried to go down to the other boarding home down at Old Town or else be placed in a hotel.

Residents from Kugluktuk, they are sent either somewhere else or in a hotel to have their appointments and they are not happy when they're put somewhere else. I would like to see the Kitikmeot prioritized to stay in that boarding home rather than somewhere else.

I would like to see the people of Kitikmeot given priority for that boarding home rather than being sent somewhere else rather than the Old Town Boarding Home or the hotel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to say first of all, that for many of the people in the House here have never thought about the boarding homes in the regard that we have heard in the last four years.

I think it's important to point out that this government has been proactive and I think it's also important to point out that for example, Mr. Speaker, we never had a boarding home in Iqaluit.

As Members know, right up until 1998, we were still accessing homes in Iqaluit before we actually got a place for our patients, since 1960, 37 years, and that's not acceptable. So, we have moved forward very quickly I believe Mr. Speaker, in the last four years of opening up boarding homes in Iqaluit, new homes in Ottawa, new homes in Winnipeg, new homes in Edmonton.

Mr. Speaker, we're in the process of renovating and having a new home brought on in Cambridge Bay for the Kitikmeot residents and I agree with the Member, that the Lena Pederson Boarding Home has not, I would say in the last year and half, been up to snuff as it were, for patients and so on.

However, Mr. Speaker, the boarding home is there for the usage of our patients, but it is also there through the NIHB for other patients who are covered under the NIHB like the home in Edmonton.

So, Mr. Speaker, what we can do is review, with the managers as well as the referrals, to ensure that there is space available for our patients. However, Mr. Speaker, sometimes the boarding homes are full.

A good example again, in Yellowknife, at the Lena Pederson Boarding Home, when the home is full, we have to allocate and billet out the patient. For example, as the Member said, rightly so, to hotels.

Mr. Speaker, the same thing happens here. We have to put patients in the Frobisher Inn or indeed go to billeting in private homes. Mr. Speaker, we're trying to alleviate that issue. With the boarding home coming on in Cambridge Bay, we believe the number of clients having to travel through Yellowknife will decrease, and that is why Mr. Speaker, we've talked about looking at an analysis of what we actually need on the ground in Yellowknife.

What we need today certainly won't be what we need in the coming months. So, if the Member knows of specific cases where people have been referred out to date and so on, if he could provide that information to me then I can review that with the Member, in writing, to let him know exactly what has occurred and see if we can try to eliminate that type of situation from occurring again.

However, Mr. Speaker, I have to say because of the number of patients who are coming through, it would be very difficult to be able to budget for all of the patients. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Havioyak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did not hear any answers for my question here, but maybe I will ask the Minister. Do you have a policy in place that may be through contract, I do not know I am just trying to find out if there is such a policy where say the people of Kitikmeot uses the facility there? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I do not have a copy of that Policy with me. What I am trying to say to the Member is that for example, like the Edmonton Boarding Home. Mr. Speaker, it is more than just our clientele who uses that facility. The same thing with the Lena Pederson Home, Mr. Speaker, if there are five or six beds available, a patient is referred from the Stanton Hospital if they have no place to stay and they would want to refer them to the boarding home. It would be very difficult for an elder, whether she would be from the Nunavut Region or maybe one of the other western communities because, Mr. Speaker, before Division, that facility was used for both territories as it did with the Edmonton facility.

So, that has continued, Mr. Speaker. That is why we have talked about a dedicated facility for Nunavummiut and that is why, Mr. Speaker, although you may not like the answer that is why we need to be able to do the proactive analysis to see what is needed in the communities.

Now the short answer, Mr. Speaker, the Member wanted me to bring forward to say yes, we can guarantee the space, but Mr. Speaker, I am not in the position to do that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 682 – 1(6): NPC Housing and Capital Projects

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Rather there are only 16-minutes left and I am worried about asking the Minister of the Power Corporation a question. We might not have enough for the answer. I know Mr. McLean would like to ask him a question as well.

Mr. Speaker, my question to the Minister responsible for the Power Corporation, as I am sure you recall earlier on in this Session, I questioned him in Committee of the Whole on there is staff housing and also, your capital projects.

So, I would like to ask the Minister, I know in a correspondence he made, he indicated that there are roughly 52 owned properties that they have and I would like to ask the Minister if he could provide a list of any capital upgrades that have been done to those properties since 1999. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for the Power Corporation, Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Minister Akasuk was timing me on the last response. There were only 5-minutes and 19-seconds. So, Mr. Speaker, very quickly, yes, we can provide that to the Member. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess it's in the question. When? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Mr. Speaker, I just signed off a letter for the Member on the status of his question last week on the houses. So, I would hope that I would have that in the next few days. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the Minister also provide a list of all of the capital projects that have gone through the Power Corporation, considering the fact in Baker Lake I believe it indicated that they were restricting non-essential capital projects. So, if he could provide that as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Final Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will that be at the same time as the other information that he had indicated he is going to provide me? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 683 – 1(6): 2003 Deficit of Power Corporation

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question today is for the Minister responsible to the Nunavut Power Corporation. Mr. Speaker, the rumour mill runs rampant in Nunavut, and far too often, it is about the Nunavut Power Corporation.

Can the Minister answer me today if in fact the Power Corporation as of March of 2003 has an accumulated deficit of \$40 million dollars? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The Minister responsible for the Power Corporation, Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I can respond to the Member. Mr. Speaker, I would hope tomorrow that I would be able to table the Annual Report of the Power Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, the rumours are rampant, and Ron and I have heard the same rumours. The accumulated deficit of the Power Corporation is not \$40 million dollars. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not want to waste too many of my supps. Could the Minister, if he said that he is going to table the Report tomorrow and we should hear about tomorrow, and know about it. Can he give me a ballpark figure of what we are looking at, and how much of it is O and M and how much of it is Capital? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in June, in this House before, we had talked, we believed, and I believed, and the department believed that we could be anywhere between \$12 and \$15 million dollars deficit for the second year of operation.

Mr. Speaker, after June, after the Sitting in Baker Lake, we have put in a lot of costs contingencies. We have changed, as the Members here know, many of the senior members, senior staff people at the Power Corporation; we have put in a revised Capital Budget. We cut it from \$12 to \$4 million dollars.

Mr. Speaker, all of those things are done to address the fiscal situation of the Power Corporation, and Mr. Speaker, we will be able to bring the budget in the Tabled Documents tomorrow, on the financial status of the Corporation. We will identify indeed that we were a lot less than the forecasted \$15 million dollars loss up to March 31st, 2003. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess that I can get more detailed answers from the Minister when it is tabled. On that question, on this next question, I am sure that the Minister has a long-term debt recovery program with the Power Corporation. Does he anticipate a large power increase for Nunavummiut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Mr. Speaker, I think that it is important to point out when we did not put in the rate increase, or the fuel rider in place in June, when we announced that we were freezing rates, and so on, we did it on the understanding, as the Members here know, Mr. Speaker, that 88% indirectly, or directly, of any increase in power rates would be borne by the Government. That is officio, or ex-officio government.

If I had increased the rates, then this Government would have ended transferring to the Power Corporation about \$15 million dollars, that is 88% of any of those increases. Mr. Speaker, what we have planned to do, as the Member know, we are working on the general rate application, a GRA, to bring forward to the Power Corporation and its Board. That is being worked on right now, as we announced in June. There are a lot of complications, Mr. Speaker, because right now, for example, the rates were set in 1998. The power subsidy, right now is based on a Yellowknife rate.

So, Mr. Speaker, the short answer is that we would hope to be in the position, probably in February or March, to bring forward a GRA, and then it would be a full open public disclosure, because it would go to the URCC where we would have public hearings and so on. So that is the timeline. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Final Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It seems that the Minister is starting to get his house in order on the Power Corporation, and I commend him for that, and he seems to be getting his numbers down pat, and I commend for not having a \$40 million dollars accumulated deficit.

My last question is, once they form the Qulliq Energy Corporation, and there's a lot of hoopla and we all support the Qulliq Energy Corporation and self-sustainability etc. etc. and all the fancy press releases, but my final question is we're going to have whatever the deficit is going to be; we'll find out tomorrow. Can the Minister give me a time line on when the final jobs are going to be moved from Iqaluit to Baker Lake? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Responsible for Power Corporation. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the jobs were announced by the Premier; those are being facilitated.

Mr. Speaker, I believe the Premier announced at that time that he would try to be expeditious in the transfers of those positions. Right now, Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to announce as part of the restructuring and the decentralization, we have put three certified accountants in the Baker Lake office as part of the transfer of the new positions to Baker Lake and those are in place.

We would hope to have the others completed over the next four to six months. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 684 – 1(6): Inuit Hired as Counsellors

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister for Health and Social Services.

I have asked this question previously. There are social workers or counsellors in the communities and they don't usually use Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit.

(FLOOR) The elders in the communities that possess counselling abilities, do they help out? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Responsible for Health and Social Services. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, at one time we only had in communities, social workers and the social workers did the parole work, they did the probation work, they did social work and they did all income support.

Mr. Speaker, today, we have social workers but we also have mental health workers, community wellness program workers. Mr. Speaker, we have actually hired 5 youth and Outreach Workers to work in our communities on the social issues.

Mr. Speaker, under the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, we were the first department to appoint a Senior Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Coordinator, a specialist to work in the department. So, I can tell the Member that that work is continuing and Mr. Speaker, we have people working with those counsellors.

In most cases, our community wellness workers, our mental health workers are all Inuit from the community and therefore and thus Mr. Speaker, they use Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in their daily work. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister stated that there are five individuals who have been hired. Which communities are those Inuit hired in? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm just looking through my book on the communities where we have place the child and youth workers. Mr. Speaker, if the Member would give me a second, I will find that answer for him and the number of positions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When he gets the answer for my question, will the Members of the House be given the response to my question when he finds the number of communities and the number of people who are Inuit hires? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Just a reminder to the Ministers, they have an option to answer the question, to not answer the question or take it as notice. So, I would like you to keep that in mind, Ministers. We have 3-minutes and 18-seconds left in the clock and I believe we still have another Member yet to ask a question. So, Minister Picco will you take the question taken as notice?

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, Mr. Speaker, the Member asked if I received the information, I would make it available to the House and the answer is yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Final Supplementary. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Inuit that help out with the social workers and the counsellors, are they being paid for the services that they provide? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, Mr. Speaker, they are employees of the Department or, Mr. Speaker, they are funded through our Community Wellness and Brighter Futures Program and they are remunerated pay for their services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. We will start the second time around and we have Mr. Nutarak on the list.

Question 685 – 1 (6): Polar Bear Study

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, very much. I would like to ask the question to the Minister of Sustainable Development in regards to polar bears.

Who does the study on polar bears, wildlife officers or Fisheries and Oceans? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Government has their own biologists and we get the help from the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board when we do polar bear studies. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): We know that polar bears just don't stay on land, when they go hunting for food; they go into the water. Can you try to work with the Fisheries and Oceans on that because the present people that do the study only study it on the shore and on the land. Can you try to get the help of Fisheries and Oceans? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Nunavut Wildlife Management Board has a board and they have appointed individuals from Fisheries and Oceans as well as NTI and they work together in regards to any wildlife study, not just for polar bears. They are already working along with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and our Government and NTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last summer, there were some tourists who came by the ship. The reason why I am asking this is because there we have seen polar bears in the offshore.

There are quite a few of them in Pond Inlet that have not been tagged and the reason why I am asking this question is because we would like to be able to do the study on the polar bears that are offshore. That is the reason why I am asking. Can you include them? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will speak with them and see if they can be involved to do a wildlife study because we're going to be doing that again.

We would also like to use Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit when we do any studies. I will inform the Member and see if I can work with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Members will note that question period is now over. Moving onto 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. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Item 12: Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

Committee Report 021 – 1(6): Bill 42, An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act – COW Review of Bill

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to report that Bill 42, an Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act has been reviewed by the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit and that the Bill is ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waive Rule 68(5) and have Bill 42 moved into Committee of the Whole for today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. There is a request to waive Rule 68(5) for the Standing Committee Report on Bill 42 so it can be immediately referred to Committee of the Whole. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Bill 42 is referred to Committee of the Whole for today. Thank you.

Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister Kilabuk.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 147 – 1(6): Qullit Nunavut Status of Women 2002/2003 Annual Report

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the Qullit Nunavut Status of Women 2002/2003 Annual Report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Are there any further Tabling of Documents? Item 14. Notices of Motions. Mr. McLean.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

Motion 030 – 1(6): Extended Adjournment - Notice

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, November 5, I will move the following motion. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kugluktuk, who by the way cooked me a great supper Saturday, that notwithstanding, Rule 4, that when the House concludes its present sitting in Iqaluit, it shall be adjourned until December 2, 2003 in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. McLean. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you.

Speaker: The Member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed. Mr. McLean.

Item 16: Motions

Motion 030 – 1(6): Extended Adjournment

Mr. McLean: I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kugluktuk, that notwithstanding Rule 4, that when the house concludes its presenting sitting, it shall stand adjourned until 1:30 p.m. on December 2, 2003 in Iqaluit and further, that any time prior to December 2nd, if the Speaker is satisfied after consultation with Executive Council and Members of the Legislative Assembly that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during adjournment, the Speaker may give notice thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact businesses that has been duly adjourned to that time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. McLean. The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried.

Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration of Committee of the Whole of Bills and other matters. Bill 12, Bill 33, Bill 40, Bill 41 and Bill 42, with Mr. Puqignak in the Chair. And in accordance with the authority provided to me by Motion 2-1 (6), the Committee of the Whole will stay in session until it reports itself out.

Before we proceed to Committee of the Whole, we will break for 15 minutes.

Sergeant-at-arms.

>>*House recessed at 15:32 and resumed at 16:08*

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

Chairman (Mr. Puqignak) (interpretation): Welcome everybody. We can get started. We will be dealing with Bill 12, Bill 33, Bill 40, Bill 41 and Bill 42. What is the wish of the Committee? Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to proceed with Bill 33 and afterwards, we can deal with Bill 40 and Bill 42. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Williams. At this time I would like to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr. Picco, do you have Opening Comments?

Hon. Ed. Picco: Mr. Chairman, first of all, indeed in this historic day in the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, we are able to bring forward this progressive piece of Legislation that we have discussed and talked about for at least, I guess, two years now.

First of all, Mr. Chairman, if I may begin by going back to our good friend from Kugaaruk and for Naujaat and give the answer to his question that we did not have about 10 minutes ago.

If I may, the first, Mr. Chairman, the five communities that would have the youth and outreach worker are Baker Lake, Arviat, Cambridge Bay, Pond Inlet and Pangnirtung and that is good news, Mr. Chairman, that indeed, Mr. Chairman, that Baker Lake and Arviat have been filled and we are in the process of hiring for Cambridge Bay.

Mr. Chairman, Bill 33 is new Legislation and a key part of Nunavut's plan to reduce diseases caused by the use of tobacco. The Bill has five main features, Mr. Chairman. It seeks to protect the public and workers from second hand smoke in public spaces and work places with very few specific exceptions.

For example, like designated spaces in elders' facilities, we thought it would be inappropriate to allow the elders to smoke, even if they're in confined facilities. It will require owners, operators and employers to ensure compliance.

It will establish a three, Mr. Chairman, a very important, establish a three meter smoke free zone around where smoking is banned, with the exception of partially enclosed, designated outdoor smoking areas like the Iqaluit and Cambridge Bay airports. Common areas of apartment buildings and condominiums will also be smoke free.

Mr. Chairman, the Bill will also reduce the sale and supply of tobacco to the most vulnerable of our society, our youth, by taking measures such as owners liable for tobacco sale by their employees, and requiring due diligence with the respect to the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products to minors.

It will also make it possible Mr. Chairman, to place signs on stores that have been convicted of tobacco sales offences and to place notices of this in the local media such as Nunatsiaq News and New North.

It also prohibits tobacco vending machines. Mr. Chairman, this Bill will restrain encouragements to purchase tobacco products by prohibiting displays that allow patrons or customers to handle tobacco products before purchase and it creates the ability to regulate tobacco advertising. This is a very important concept and part of this legislation.

This Bill will also put in measures to ensure compliance. Mr. Chairman, consequential amendments to the tobacco act will permit the Minister of Finance to suspend or revoke the right to sell tobacco products if a person holding a permit or an employee of the person holding the permit has been convicted of a prescribed number of offences under our act.

The suspension or revocation will be related to the location. In other words Mr. Chairman, where a business has numerous locations, the suspension or revocation will apply only to the location where the offence has occurred.

For example, Northern has several different stores. If it's their main store, for example, that has a problem, then the revocation will be there but not necessarily at their Quick Stop store, as an example.

Finally Mr. Chairman, the Bill contains a number of important miscellaneous provisions and these provisions include provisions for owners and operators to remove from their premises or cause to be removed from their premises, persons who are smoking.

So, for example, Mr. Chairman, if you go to a store and start smoking, then you can be removed. You will be removed. The Act allows this. It will require the Chief Medical Health Officer for Nunavut to report to the Legislative Assembly on progress being made through the legislation.

Now, Mr. Chairman, the sale of tobacco at health related facilities such as hospitals and pharmacies will also be prohibited. In line with this government's commitment to local empowerment, the Bill will provide enhanced by-law making authority. This is very

important here, Mr. Chairman, the by-law making authority giving municipalities enabling legislation which they may chose to pass more restrictive tobacco legislation or initiatives.

Mr. Chairman, this wraps up my Opening Comments on Bill 33, the Tobacco Act. Again, this is a very historic day for this Assembly. This legislation has some of the most progressive tobacco legislation introduced anywhere in Canada, and has had a long genesis and now today, Mr. Chairman, we're able to bring it to fruition.

I hope Mr. Chairman, that if there are any questions, that we will be able to answer them with our dedicated staff that are here with us today.

I want to conclude by thanking the Members of this House, and especially, Mr. Jobie Nutarak, and the Standing Committee on Health of this Assembly, which has been endorsing and supporting as advocates the role tobacco plays in our society, and how we are trying to legislate against it with the Act, Bill No. 33.

With that, I thank you, Mr. Chairman, and look forward to comments from the Members.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Picco. At this time I welcome the Chair of Health and Education. Opening Comments. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee on Health and Education has had the opportunity to review Bill 33 and I am pleased to be able to make some comments today on the proposed *Tobacco Control Act*.

Mr. Chairman, for many years we have recognized that smoking rates in Nunavut are among the highest in the country. Youth begin to smoke at a very early age and become addicted very early. A large number of Nunavut adults, both men and women, are regular smokers. Smoking is a costly habit. It is not only expensive for the smoker, but there are long-term costs and burdens on our health care system that occur as a result of tobacco use.

The Standing Committee on Health and Education has supported the principle of this Bill from the outset. It is an important step for Nunavut to take to begin to directly address this costly and unhealthy habit.

Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee on Health and Education met with the sponsoring Minister to discuss the proposed legislation and greatly appreciated his willingness to work with the Committee to make amendments to the Bill to better meet the needs of the people of Nunavut.

During its deliberations on the Bill, the Committee addressed a number of issues.

The Committee felt that there is a need for the Government to conduct a comprehensive information campaign directed at communities, community agencies, retailers and any other organizations that will be directly affected by the legislation.

The Committee recommended a number of amendments to those sections of the Bill which would have a direct impact on the activities of retailers who sell tobacco. Members felt that the policies, practices and procedures originally outlined in the Bill were excessively onerous, especially for retailers in the smaller communities, and were pleased that the Minister agreed to amend this section accordingly.

As well, the Committee welcomed a submission from the Iqaluit NorthMart store, which suggested a clarification of the definition of “business premises” of a pharmacy. Given the fact that in many communities a number of businesses may be included within the same multi-purpose structure, Members agreed that the definition should be clarified so as not to unduly restrict the development of retail outlets, which may offer a number of businesses, such as a pharmacy and a grocery store, within a single complex.

Members had some concerns with the extent of the powers and authorities given to persons appointed to enforce the Act and were pleased that the Minister agreed to amend the Bill accordingly. In particular, it was felt that Inspectors should not have the power to enter a dwelling without a warrant, especially given the availability of Justices of the Peace in all Nunavut communities.

Members again note that the power to direct through regulations is excessively broad. This raised some concern that while specific issues such as penalties and fines are written into the legislation, other matters relating to carrying out the intent of the Act, whether they be general or specific, such as definitions of terms used in the Act, can be prescribed through regulation. The Committee remains concerned with the disturbing trend of relegating such powers to regulation.

The Committee fully concurred with an amendment proposed by the Government to ensure that smoking restrictions on establishments that serve food or drink be applied equally.

Mr. Chairman, on the very last day of the Committee’s deliberations, we heard that the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal had determined that a specific section of that province’s tobacco control law was invalid because it contradicts federal law.

The Committee considered this information in light of how it affects the proposed legislation here and agreed to proceed with Bill 33, which was amended in part to respond to this ruling. The Committee would advise, however, that developments in the area of tobacco legislation across Canada should be carefully monitored by the Government.

Mr. Chairman, as this is a brand new piece of Nunavut legislation, it will be important to closely evaluate its effectiveness in achieving its aims. Members are therefore pleased to

note that the Bill contains the requirement for an Annual Report to be tabled before the Legislative Assembly. In the interest of accountability, Members encourage the Minister to ensure that this report contains information on the costs of implementing the Act as well as related savings in related health care costs.

That concludes my opening comments, Mr. Chairman. The Committee supports the Bill as amended and reprinted, and recommends its passage to all Members. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>>*Applause*

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Nutarak. Minister Picco, the support of the Committee is clear. At this time, you can go up to the witness table with your officials.

Sergeant-at-Arms. Escort them to the witness table please.

Thank you, Minister Picco. Can you please introduce your officials? Thank you, Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I said earlier, I believe Bill 33 is probably one of the most important pieces of legislation this government and this term will have the opportunity to pass.

With me today Mr. Chairman, is the legal drafter with the Department of Justice for the Government of Nunavut. On my immediate right is Mr. Don Ellis who is the Director of Population Health for the Department of Health and Social Services with the Government of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Picco. Following Rule 77(1) I will give Members an opportunity for general comments for ten minutes and another ten minutes for general question.

At this time the floor is open for general comments. Since there are no general comments, I think we can go directly to the Bill. Why doesn't anybody have any comments to make? Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This tobacco control act was a concern at one point.

It's quite clear if you should read it but this Bill is more geared for the retail outlets. For example, if they're going to sell tobacco to a minor for example, it would contravene the act.

It's up to the people out there to quite smoking if they want. It's not trying to restrict anybody from smoking, as it is their choice. It is geared more towards the retail outlets. I just wanted to point that out. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Any other comments? We can then move onto Bill 33, Tobacco Control Act. Any comments from the Ministers? I'll start with Clause 1. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 2. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 3. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 4. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 5. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 6. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 7. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 8. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 9. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 10. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 11. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 12. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 13. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 14. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 15. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 16. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 17. Agreed? Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Clause 17, on page 10, I have a question.

Chairman (interpretation): In the English it's page 10 in the Inuktitut it's page 12. That's for the information of the Members. Go ahead Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question is who is going to be enforcing the Tobacco Act? Could you clarify that? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Williams. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Within the Committee itself we debated this for a while.

Mr. Chairman, this allows for the RCMP or it allows for example, in all communities we have by-law officers, the by-law officer can also be in a position to implement the legislation.

The Minister may appoint persons or a person as inspectors for the purposes of this Act and that means tobacco inspectors as we designate it. In reality, the majority of the inspectors designated would be the by-law and the RCMP. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Picco. Any additional questions? Clause 17. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 18. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 19. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 20. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 21. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 22. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 23. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 24. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 25. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 26. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 27. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 28. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Do you agree to Bill 33 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Does the Committee agree that Bill 33 is now ready for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Picco. Do you have any closing remarks. Thank you.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I said earlier, I think this is one of the most important pieces of legislation that we're going to pass and determine in this Assembly.

Mr. Ng said to me in the year 2000, Ed you've got to get some kind of tobacco legislation in place. So, I'm very pleased to be able to say to Mr. Ng today that it's in place and it's there.

I'd also like to thank the Committee and the Members Mr. Chairman. This is a wide ranging piece of legislation that I hope will help stem the tide that we see right now with smoking among our young people. I think over 60 percent of population smoke right now. We need to limit and lower that amount. So, thank you very much Mr. Chairman.

>> *Applause*

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much Mr. Picco and your officials. We've concluded Bill 33 and we'll see the results in a number of years. Thank you very much for debating Bill 33. What is the wish of the committee? Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We would like to continue on with the review of Bill 40. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Bill 40. Does the Committee agree that we will review Bill 40? Minister of Sustainable Development, Mr. Akesuk, if you have Opening Remarks.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Right now they are making copies of my Opening Remarks and I am sure that they will be completed shortly. So, I will start off, Mr. Chairman, Bill 40, an Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Business Credit Corporation Act and we are going to be making changes to the Act to reflect the change from Northwest Territories to Nunavut.

I am out of breath. (interpretation ends) The Bill is to make an addition to the definition of business enterprise. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>>*Laughter*

Chairman (interpretation): At this time, I am going to request for 5-minute break because I am not prepared right now. We will take a 5-minute short break.

>>*Committee recessed at 16:36 and resumed at 16:45*

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you for returning. The Minister is concluded with his opening remarks. Does the Chairperson of the Standing Committee have any opening comments? Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee on Community Empowerment and Sustainable Development reviewed Bill 40, An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Business Credit Corporation Act with Minister Akesuk and his officials on October 30, 2003.

Mr. Chairman, this Bill is quite straightforward. The Standing Committee recognizes that its intent is to allow the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation to lend money via the community futures organizations.

Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee is concerned that the Minister has not tabled an annual report for the Business Credit Corporation since the 1999-2000 annual report, which was tabled in this House on March 28, 2001.

Mr. Chairman, Committee Members are concerned that the confidence of Nunavummiut in the impartiality of the loan granting process has been shaken in the past. There is a perception, especially in smaller communities, where family relationships are extensive, that decisions are made based on those relationships and friendships rather than on an objective review of applications.

Mr. Chairman, Committee Members are aware that negotiations are underway to form a community futures organization in the Kitikmeot. The Committee strongly urges the Minister to ensure that Board members are chosen to reflect both the diversity of the business community and the diversity of Nunavummiut as a whole.

Mr. Chairman, the Committee would like to see detailed annual public reporting by the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation and the community futures organizations to ensure that the confidence of Nunavummiut in the fairness of the loan approval process is maintained.

Mr. Chairman, Committee Members understand that commercial confidentiality can be an issue; however, it is important that a high level of transparency and accountability be maintained.

In addition, Mr. Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to urge the Minister to table the 2000/2001, 2001/2002, and 2002/2003 Nunavut Business Credit Corporation annual reports as soon as possible and to ensure that the 2003/2004 annual report is tabled in a timely fashion.

Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee supports the Bill at the clause-by-clause stage of standing committee review and recommends its passage to all Members. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, chairman of the Standing Committee, Mr. McLean. Minister if you can bring your officials down to the witness table, you can do so now.

Sergeant-at-Arms. Please escort the officials.

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Please introduce your officials for the record. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is Ed McKenna who is in the development area and also to my left, Peter Allison from the Department of Justice will also be here. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Akesuk. Before we start, according to the Rule 77 (1), each Member has ten minutes for general comments. Does anyone have any comments? Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This Bill is an Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Business Corporation Act to Nunavut. The public out there will really not know what the intent of this Bill is.

The businesses in Nunavut are going to be impacted, hopefully in a positive manner, on the information with the various contracts in Nunavut, or, if they could put in a bid for Nunavut contracts and if this is not going to help the businesses by changing from Northwest Territories to Nunavut.

I will be asking questions in regards to this question especially, as it is going to have an impact on the businesses in Nunavut. The striking out of the Northwest Territories and substituting Nunavut, it will have to be Nunavut relevant.

And I am very proud that the Department of Sustainable Development and the Standing Committee would like to see the passage of this Bill. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. I have no more names on my list for General Comments. According to Rule 77(2), I will allow 10 minutes for questions, we will move on to questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): I would like to get clarification from the Government of Nunavut. When we get licenses from the Government and they provide licenses for various things, NTI and Government of Nunavut will both work together to make sure it happens in Nunavut. I would like the Minister to elaborate to us on how Nunavummiut will be impacted. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is to amend the Bill because we are using the Northwest Territories Act. We would like to strike out Northwest Territories and substitute Nunavut so that we can work with the Act in the future. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): When will they start implementing it? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have been working on this Bill for four years and I know that we will have to review this Bill again. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When do you plan to start implementing the amendments in Nunavut? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We still have not set the date as to when we can review the Bill. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Have you asked your Officials, since there will be a general election held shortly, have you given them direction as to when they could implement it?

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If we ask them to work on it starting from now I am sure it would take two to three years to review and usually, we are asked not to deal with Bills hastily. I myself do not really know the date as to when it will be implemented. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): This Bill is just to change the name from Northwest Territories to Nunavut. Will it strengthen Nunavummiut and their businesses? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Mr. Akasuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akasuk (interpretation): Yes, if we change it from Northwest Territories, it's going to have an impact on Nunavut. I recognize the strength of the word Nunavut. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): I have no more names on my list. Mr. McLean, do you have any comments or questions? We would like to start off by line by line. Just a minute. An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Business Corporation Act. Clause 1. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 2. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 3. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 4. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 5. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Does the Committee agree to the Bill as whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Does the Committee agree that Bill 40 is ready for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Minister, for appearing before the committee. Do you have any closing remarks?

Hon. Olayuk Akasuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank my officials and the interpreters. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Chairman (interpretation): What is the wish of the Committee? Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak: We would like to continue with the review of Bill 42.

Chairman (interpretation): We're now going to deal with Bill 42. Minister of Justice or his designate. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I'm very pleased to be the designate today for the Minister of Justice.

It gives me great pleasure Mr. Chairman, to bring forward the opening remarks for the Committee of the Whole on the Labour Standards Act, the compassionate care leave section.

Mr. Chairman, I believe strongly that the proposed amendments to the Labour Standards Acts will be of significant benefit to those Nunavummiut whose employment is regulated by the Labour Standards Act.

Mr. Chairman, the Federal Government through Bill C28, the Budget Implementation Act 2003, which is expected to come into force on January 4, 2004, makes provisions for certain benefits concerning compassionate care leave.

If passed Mr. Chairman, the federal legislation will provide up to 8 weeks of job protection under the Canadian Labour Code and up to 6 weeks of employment insurance benefits for compassionate care leave to care for or to support a seriously ill family member. Important legislation.

And as such, leave will be dependant on a qualified medical practitioner issuing a certificate stating that the family member, indeed, has a significant risk of death, Mr. Chairman, within 26 weeks. The leave and benefits may be shared between two or more employees.

Mr. Chairman, the Nunavut's Labour Standards Act currently provides for pregnancy, currently provides for pregnancy and parental leave, but makes no provision for compassionate care leave.

It is important for Nunavut to amend its Labour Standards Act in order for employees, who are subject to this legislation, to be able to avail themselves of the benefits envisaged pursuant to the proposed Federal legislation.

With that, I will welcome comments on the Bill. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Are you going to bring in your officials to the Witness Table?

Sergeant-at-Arms. Please escort them in.

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Please introduce your officials for the record.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, with me today on my immediate left is Peter Allan, our extremely confident lawyer from the Justice Department, who later drafted our Legislations. On my immediate right is the incomparable Nora Sanders, the Deputy Minister of Justice for the Government of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome. I will now ask Ajauqtiit's Chairman, Mr. Iqaqrialu, to do his Opening Comments.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit has reviewed Bill 42, an Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act, Compassionate Care Leave.

Mr. Chairman, this Act will be amended to provide for compassionate care leave consistent with the compassionate care leave amendments met by the Federal Government in Bill C-28, Budget Implementation Act 2003, which received royal assent on June 19, 2003 and is scheduled to come into effect on January 4, 2004.

Mr. Chairman, Members are pleased that this will entitle individuals up to eight weeks of job protection to care or support a family member who has significant risk of death. Mr. Chairman, Members believe this Bill to be straight forward. Members also understand that it is very important for Nunavummiut to spend time with family members in their time of need.

Mr. Chairman, Members did raise the issue of definition of family member, for example, the concept of family is very unique in Nunavut. There are many children that are raised by their grandparents or other relatives.

Members urge the Minister to work on this issue in the future. Mr. Chairman, this concludes my Opening Remarks. Members of the Committee are all in support of this initiative and recommend the passage of this Bill. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu, Chairman of the Standing Committee, Ajauqtiit. We are now on General Comments. The Floor is open for General Comments now; I have no names on my list. We will move on to Questions. I have no names for questions. Would you like to go Clause-by-Clause now?

Bill 42. An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act. If you're on that Bill, clause 1. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 2. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Does the Committee agree to the Bill as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Does the Committee agree that Bill 42 is ready for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Do you have any closing remarks Mr. Minister?

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, we've worked very hard on this piece of legislation over the past several months. We've been moving forward on this very progressive legislation, so thank you very much Mr. Chairman, and thank you to the capable staff that we have with us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): I would like to ask what the wish of the Committee is. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to report progress. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): There is a motion on the floor to report progress. To the motion. All in favour. We can call upon the Speaker to return to the Chamber. Thank you.

Speaker: Returning to Orders of the Day. Item 20. Report of Committee of the Whole. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Puqiqnak.

Item 20: Report of Committee of the Whole

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your Committee has been considering Bill 33, 40, 42 and would like to report that Bill 33, 40 and 42 are now ready for third reading.

Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the Committee of the Whole be concurred with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just for the record, there were no amendments in that clause. There is a motion on the floor. Do we have a seconder for the motion? Do we have a seconder for the motion? Mr. Kattuk.

>>*Laughter*

The Motion is order. All those in favour? All those opposed? The Motion is carried.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Mr. Akesuk.

Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

Bill 40 – An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Credit Corporation Act – Third Reading

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Pangnirtung that Bill 40, an Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Credit Corporation Act be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. The Motion is in order. All those in favour? All those opposed? The Motion is carried, and the Bill has had third reading.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Minister Picco.

Bill 33 – The Tobacco Control Act – Third Reading

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It gives me great pleasure, Mr. Speaker, and indeed, great pleasure today, to move that Bill 33, Mr. Speaker, I will begin. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Baffin South that Bill 33, The Tobacco Control Act be read for the third time.

Bill 42 – An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act – Third Reading

And I would also move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Pangnirtung that Bill 42, an Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Picco. The Motion is in order. All those in favour? All those opposed? The Motion is carried, and the Bill has had Third Reading. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills.

Item 22 Orders of the Day. Mr Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A reminder for tomorrow morning, for Tuesday, November 4, a meeting of the Standing Committee on Government Operations at 9:00 in the Tuktu Room.

Orders for the Day for Tuesday, November 4th.

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
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
 - Bill 12
 - Bill 41
20. Report of Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Tuesday, November 4th, 2003, at 1:30 pm.

Sergeant-at-Arms

>>*House adjourned at 17:13*

