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Iqaluit, Nunavut
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Members Present:

Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Honourable Olayuk Akesuk, Mr. David Alagalak, Mr. James Arreak, Mr. Levi Barnabas, Honourable Levinia Brown, Mr. Tagak Curley, Mr. Joe Allan Evyagotailak, Mr. Peter Kattuk, Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Mr. Steve Mapsalak, Mr. Patterk Netser, Honourable Jobie Nutarak, Honourable Paul Okalik, Mr. Keith Peterson, Honourable Edward Picco, Honourable David Simailak, Honourable Louis Tapardjuk, Mr. Hunter Tootoo.

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Clerk: Thank you. Please remain standing. I will now call on Ms. Jeannie Simailak to say the prayer please.

>>*Prayer*

Clerk: Members, it is my duty to inform you that the Commissioner of Nunavut, the Honourable Peter Irniq, is not prepared to address this House until such time as you have selected a Speaker.

I would now like to call for a motion to elect a Speaker. The Honourable Member for Iqaluit Center.

Motion 001 – 2(1): Appointment of Speaker

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Kugluktuk, that the Honourable Member for Tunnunuiq, Mr. Jobie Nutarak take the Chair of this House as the Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Clerk: Do Members agree with the motion?

Some Members: Agreed.

Clerk: Will the mover and the seconder please escort Mr. Nutarak, the Speaker for the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut to his Chair.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (Mr. Jobie Nutarak) (interpretation): Please be seated. Before I make any opening comments and proceed to the Orders of the Day, I would like to call upon an elder from Iqaluit, Ms. Sami Qaumariaq to light the Qulliq.

Lighting of Qulliq

Ms. Sami Qaumariaq (interpretation): I am very happy today. I thank our ancestors, the reason why we are here today because of our ancestors. We all know that as Inuit we are traditional people and I am happy today that we are able to receive support. A long time ago, it used to be difficult living in a harsh world, we live today in a modern world and we're able to help each other and I am very grateful for that.

Even through hardships, we are guided. We must not forget the hardships we went through and for the leaders here today to be able to guide us. There are more Inuit than non-Inuit here with the Members of the Legislature, and we'd like to be able to have your assistance and we will be using that wisdom throughout the years.

The population is growing and I know that this is starting to affect the communities and I am happy that you are able to assist us to be able to help us care for ourselves. We will be using your guidance as you lead us throughout our lives and for the years to come.

As long as the world goes around we have to help each other and to be strong, to try to be healthy and to look into the future for improving conditions for ourselves. We will use prayers for you to help us.

We will be able to have our grandchildren to help us through in the future even though there is unhappiness now, there will be more joy in the future. I am grateful that you will be able to help us to help the people of Nunavut.

The Qulliq represents our ancestors that used the Qulliq to survive. It was very important to cook food and keep us warm in our igloos; it was used by our people in the summer as well.

Because of our ancestors, we are here today because they worked very hard to survive. It makes one wonder how they did it when they were starving, but now we can receive support from the government and we have to be thankful for that.

I am grateful that I am able to light the Qulliq for the Members of the Legislative Assembly today.

>>*Singing*

Those are the songs we used to sing to heal ourselves as people. Even before the healing centers came, those were the types of things that we used to sing to keep ourselves healthy. I was taught some of them by my grandmother but I have forgotten some of them and I am so happy that I was able to have a grandmother. Taima.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to ask the Aqsarniit School Choir, who are seated in front of us, to stand and perform and sing O'Canada for us.

>>*School choir singing O'Canada.*

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): I would now like to call on the Joamie School Drummers, led by David Serkoak. The drummers will be accompanied today by Winnie Owingayak and Jean Simailak of Baker Lake.

>>*Drum dancing and singing*

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Elders, Honourable Members, distinguished guests and visitors; welcome.

I would like to begin by thanking the Member for Iqaluit Centre for nominating me for the position of Speaker. I would also like to express my appreciation to all Members for expressing their trust and confidence that you have placed in me.

As your Speaker, it is my responsibility to serve this House in the spirit of fairness and impartiality. All Members of this Legislative Assembly have been entrusted with great responsibilities by their constituents.

As your Speaker, I will continue to ensure that the rights and privileges of individual Members and the Assembly as a whole are upheld.

When we come together, we do so in the spirit of consensus, cooperation and commitment to the common good on behalf of our communities and constituents.

The oaths, which we swore yesterday as a group, commit us to upholding the highest standards of public service.

I look forward to working with all of my colleagues in the coming months and years to come in building our territory.

I would also like to take a moment to express my personal gratitude to my family and my constituents in Pond Inlet for their support over the past five years.

I will now proceed to the Orders of the Day and ask the Clerk to determine whether the Commissioner of Nunavut is prepared to enter the Chamber to deliver the opening address.

Opening Address of the Commissioner of Nunavut

Mr. Irniq (Commissioner of Nunavut) (interpretation): Please be seated. Mr. Speaker, Premier Okalik, Members of the Legislative Assembly, Elders.

I am pleased to welcome you to the First Session of the Second Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

I would also like to welcome members of the public with us today in the gallery and those watching on television and listening on the radio. The interest you take in your government shows the importance you place on the democratic process.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Premier Okalik who now has the distinction of being the first leader of a territorial government to have been re-elected to the most senior post in government.

Let me also congratulate you, Mr. Nutarak, on your election as Speaker.

Members of this House have selected well and have bestowed upon you the responsibility of ensuring that the rights and privileges of all Members are upheld, to ensure freedom of speech in debate as each of us carries out our duties. You are charged with ensuring the procedures of this House are followed so democracy prevails. This is in keeping with the long established democratic practices of Inuit culture and reflects the values of all Nunavummiut. I wish you the best as you exercise your mandate over the life of this Assembly and have every confidence you will be successful.

Nunavut continues to face challenges, yet we are also on the cusp of an exciting new era of economic growth. From the public pronouncements that have already been made it is clear that this second government will focus on building economic prosperity and greater self-reliance. This new Assembly also faces the exciting and daunting task of ensuring that our future growth incorporates the values of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit so that Nunavummiut can see their values reflected back to them in the Nunavut that you are committed to building.

Each of you, as Members of this Second Legislative Assembly, bring to this House the hopes and wishes of your constituents and all people of Nunavut. Each of you has the responsibility of representing your constituents and of ensuring that the government serves all those who live in this great territory. Nunavummiut expect and deserve your best efforts in directing the affairs of the Territory and I am sure you are up to the challenge.

The Members of this House will face many challenges during the next five years. I extend my best wishes to the Premier, Cabinet and all MLAs. I am confident that you will serve the people of Nunavut to the best of your ability and will make a positive difference in the daily lives of Nunavummiut. I wish you all well in your deliberations and decision-making.

Mr. Speaker, before declaring open, this First Session of the Second Legislative Assembly, I would like to invite all Members and visitors in the gallery to a reception in the foyer when the House adjourns and to invite all to return to the Chamber for the swearing in of the Executive Council at 4:00 p.m.

As Commissioner of Nunavut, I now declare open the First Session of the second Legislative Assembly of Nunavut. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Returning to the Orders of the Day, Ministers' Statements. There are no Ministers' Statements as we have not sworn in our Ministers yet. Orders of the Day. Item 4. Members' Statements. Mr. Tootoo.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 001 – 2(1): Gratitude to Constituents and Voters

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on this first day of the first sitting of the second Assembly, I am very pleased to be able to rise and begin my statement by congratulating you on your selection as the Speaker for this Assembly. I would also like to offer my congratulations to the Premier and his Ministers and the Members of the Executive Council.

I am very humbled and honoured at the trust placed in me by my constituents who have re-elected me as their Member of the Legislative Assembly. I look forward to working with all of my colleagues in this House over the next few years.

I thank my family for standing by me and the generations before me like my grandmother is here in the gallery today and the generations that will follow me; my daughter that was singing in the choir today, their support means everything to me.

I would also like to thank all the people that contributed and their efforts for my re-election campaign. A special thanks to Kathy Smith, Marilyn Scott, Mary Wilman, Hughie McClellan, Gary Pon, Phil Clark and my uncle, William Tootoo. Time constraints prevent me from naming everyone, but you all know who you are and I thank you all very much again.

Stepping forward to run in an election such as this one takes a lot of courage and I would also like to acknowledge the people that ran against me. Mary Ellen Thomas, Natsiq Alainga-Kango, Kevin McCormack, Pauloosie Paniloo and Mike Courtney.

I greatly respect the effort that were made and many issues that were raised their contributions is the important part of this democratic process.

Speaker, during my campaign I spoke out about the need of our economy to support healthy infrastructures I spoke about the need for quality education, accessible health services, affordable housing and sufficient recreation facilities across Nunavut.

Speaker, I spoke out about an importance of our youth opportunities to feel positive about life. Recreation and sports programs can provide many benefits not only to youth but to their communities as a whole. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

Speaker (interpretation): The Member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays, please proceed Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, colleagues. Mr. Speaker I would to take this opportunity to welcome back those constituents of mine as well as all the other Nunavummiut who recently took part in the Arctic Winter Games in Fort McMurray, Alberta. Congratulations to all the athletes and coaches for a job well done and for also bringing home the Hodgsons trophy again.

Mr. Speaker, I'm committed to be a strong and progressive voice in Legislative Assembly. I look forward to representing my constituency by working with my fellow Iqaluit MLA's, the City council and Mayor for the benefit of our community. I also look forward to working in the best interest of all Nunavummiut during the many challenges that lie ahead, critical decisions will be faced in our Government and hard decisions will need to be made. I will continue to advocate for the principles of transparency and accountability to ensure that the people of Nunavut hear and understands what their government is doing for them in their name.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage cabinet to work together as a team and to work hard to maintain on the ongoing support of regular Members. I encourage all my colleges to bring forward their ideas and contribute fully to success of our consensus government. Mr. Speaker, the second Assembly has hard work ahead of us and I am looking forward to being part of that effort. Thank you, Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Mr. Kattuk.

Member's Statement 002 - 2(1): Challenges Ahead for Second Assembly

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I rise today to thank my constituents and also to congratulate you on your election as Speaker as well as the Premier and the Cabinet Members and all the returning Members of the Legislative Assembly. I'm very pleased to have been re-elected and I would like to thank my constituents of Hudson Bay for re-electing me.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to serving in this House for the next four years with the knowledge that I have gained. Mr. Speaker, for example, there are many issues that we face in our communities. Before I speak about those, I would also like to express my gratitude to my wife and family for their support.

We have many challenges ahead, for example, there are major environmental concerns that we face in the north. It is up to our government to seriously debate on the issue of environmental contaminants.

Transportation is also a major concern to the people of Nunavut. For myself, coming from Sanikiluaq, it is a lot cheaper to take the southern route when you are coming into Nunavut that is just an example of the high cost of living.

Mr. Speaker, we talked a lot about Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit in the previous government. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The Member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Kattuk.

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and colleagues. Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned earlier, Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit was mentioned on many occasions in the previous government. Nunavut Government should make a plan so that Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit is integrated into the Nunavut Government.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to have been re-elected and I will not be concerned anymore about bad gas. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Peterson.

Member's Statement 003 – 2(1): Infrastructure Needs in Nunavut

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your election of Speaker of this House. I would also like to congratulate those of my colleagues who have been chosen to form the Executive Council.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank all of my constituents in Cambridge Bay, Umingmaktok, and Bathurst Inlet for putting their trust in me. I will represent them to the best of my ability. I will make myself available to them to listen to their concerns, issues and priorities.

Mr. Speaker, all Members of this House know how tiring it is to run an election campaign in the middle of winter. I would like to thank my wife and children, as well as the rest of

my family who stood behind and encouraged me throughout the process. I would also like to congratulate the three people that ran against me.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to outline some of the issues that I will be focussing on in the coming years. Mr. Speaker, as Members know, Nunavut was recently ranked third in the world for diamond production. It is a disgrace that Nunavummiut do not receive the full benefit of this production. Mr. Speaker, exploration has been ongoing throughout Nunavut. A new gold and diamond mine are expected to begin operations in the Kitikmeot in the near future.

Mr. Speaker, work continues on the Bathurst Inlet Road and Port; that is the key to unlocking the mineral wealth of Nunavut. I believe that Nunavut will benefit greatly from the devolution agreement with the federal government that would put control of our natural resources in our hands. As a result, the territory will be less reliant on the federal government for revenues.

Mr. Speaker, as the Mayor of Cambridge Bay and President of the Nunavut Association of Municipalities, I saw, first hand the deteriorating state of infrastructure in our communities. We estimated that the infrastructure deficit the municipalities face is almost \$350 million dollars in 2003. Increasingly stringent federal environmental and health regulations will require upgrades across the board.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to ensuring that the government is sensitive to the priorities of the Hamlets, to the balance the needs that meets federal regulations with equally important goal of building Community Halls, gathering places, or recreational facilities. I believe that these facilities, in combination with additional housing, will form the keys to building healthy communities.

They are instrumental to combating social problems in the issue of suicide, and ensuring that our young people grow up in healthy communities and given an opportunity to develop their skills. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

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

Mr. Peterson: Mr. Speaker, finally, I am very pleased to announce that Cambridge Bay will play host to the 2004 Nunavut Youth Olympic Academy next weekend from March 19th to 24th. Olympic speed skater Kristina Grove will also be putting out a speed skating session. More than 40 athletes from across Nunavut will attend the academy.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to finish today by recognizing all the athletes, coaches and volunteers who recently returned from the Arctic Winter Games in Fort McMurray. I would like to recognize the efforts of Ruth Niptanatiak-Wilcox who was Nunavut's Chef de Mission, Peggy Tologanak, who worked as a chaperone, and Attima Hadlari, one of the Officials.

And, of course, Mr. Speaker, no games would be complete without the athletes. The following athletes from Cambridge Bay participated in the Games: AJ Aknavigak, Melissa Aknavigak, Catherine Anayoak, Jerilyn Kaniak, Mitchell McCallum, and my niece, Tanis Peterson. I would like to ask for my colleagues to join me in congratulating these young people and their supporters. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Tapardjuk.

Member's Statement 004 – 2(1): Gratitude to Constituents, Voters and Leadership of Nunavut

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): First of all, I would like to congratulate you on your election as Speaker. This is my very first time being in a place like this and I am sure that I have many things to learn and I am confident that I will have the support of my colleagues here.

First of all, I would like to thank my wife and the child that you are here. Alaralak and also Ukaliannuk are here as well and they have helped me out a lot and also the people in Igloolik, and so I would like to thank them. I would also like to thank John Ilupaalik; in 1999, he has urged me to run for this Legislature and this I accepted to run for the Legislative Assembly. Elijah Ivaluarjuk, the mayor of Igloolik and Gerry Kumaq, Johnny Isigaittuq, Leo Ataguttaaluk and also the candidates that ran, Salomon Allurut, Enoki Irqittuq and Paul Haulli and Levi Qaunnaq. They also ran hoping to represent their constituency.

As we all know, this is not the way that Inuit used to do this, but it is the process that we use now so that we can help our people and our communities.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to Tagak Curley. Tagak Curley started with ITC; we start thinking about our Land Claims so we can run our own affairs such as having a government like this. This was a dream that Tagak had and I would like to thank him very much for that. At this time I seek unanimous consent to conclude my Statement.

Speaker (interpretation): I think that you are learning already. Member Louis Tapardjuk would like unanimous consent to conclude his Statement. Any there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Yes. Hopefully I will learn. And also Paul Okalik, he was a member of Land Claims negotiating team over 20 years ago, he was a youth at that time and I pushed him to try to get further his education and now he is a lawyer. Everybody has the ability to learn, let us not think, as Inuit, that we do not have the ability because we do and the Premier is a good example.

As soon as I heard I was elected, I thought about my late mother, she was the only one that came to mind; I had a very difficult time during my childhood. I thought about my stepfather, Alaralak, who is not my blood father, but he was very supportive of me.

And also, Pacome Kulaut has taught me many things when I was growing up, as well as Mark Ivaluarjuk, who has taught many of us how to sit in the Legislative Assembly like this.

I also thought about Francois Quassa, my father-in-law, he also has supported me with religion. With these in mind I look forward to the next four years to working with you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Item 4. Members' Statements. I have Picco, Simailak and Arreak. Mr. Picco, you may proceed.

Member's Statement 005 – 2(1): Family Support During Election

Mr. Picco (interpretation): Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker. Please be good to me. Did you hear that? Mr. Speaker, first of all, I would like to say thank you to my wife Oopah and also Oopah's relatives and my mother-in-law, Ningoerapik Arnakaq from Clyde River. From Iqaluit, Happy Valley, Tundra Valley and Apex, I would like to thank them as well.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, to be successful at this job, you have to have strong support at home. Over the past several weeks and the recent campaign and indeed, the past eight and a half years, my support, my rock, has been my best friend and confidant, my wife Oopah.

When I was down or stressed out, she helped pick me up and made me laugh on top of the stress, Mr. Speaker, of the recent election campaign, my wife's father died. Oopah's dad was 82 years old, Mr. Pauloosie Arnakaq. He was an elder, he was my father-in-law and he was a very good friend to me.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank the many people here in Iqaluit and Clyde River, who called, visited and supported our family during that very difficult time. The Reverend Methusalah Kunuk and Oki, Joe and Martha Tikivik, the Reverend Mike Gardner, Sammy Peter, Terry and Nick Newberry, Premier Paul Okalik, Brian Twerdin and our mayor, Elisapee Sheutiapik, who was here today and many more people who called, visited and supported Oopah and our family. Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker, at the end of the recent Leadership Forum, Mr. Peterson said, Ed. you get lots of notes and I told Mr. Peterson, Keith, they are not really notes, they are from my son Wally who is a Page here asking for lunch money.

>>*Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, Wally has enjoyed working with the staff and Members over the past few days and is looking forward to going back to school tomorrow. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Mr. Simailak.

Member's Statement 006 – 2(1): 2004 AWG Participants from Baker Lake

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to thank the people of Baker Lake for putting me here to this House. At this time, I would also like to let the people here know that there were many young people who attended the Arctic Winter Games in Fort McMurray.

(interpretation ends) I would like to recognise Lorraine Neigo, Arron Parker, Francis Ajagaq, and Solomon Tularialik, who represented Nunavut in hockey. Justine Killullark, Lianne Mclean, and Vince Paktongoyak, in basketball, and Kiah Ashie, in indoor soccer. These fine young women and men were excellent representatives for Baker Lake and for all of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to recognize the efforts of two of my constituents, Frank Tootoo and Jeff Seeteenak, who were two of Team Nunavut's mission staff at the Games. Their efforts for bringing an excellent group of youth to the Games are appreciated and deserved the thanks and recognition of this Assembly. Athletic skills learned at an early age go on to reap benefits throughout life. I encourage all Nunavut to get active and stay active. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Curley.

Member's Statement 007 – 2(1): Gratitude to Constituents and Family

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also would like to congratulate you on becoming Speaker elect. I could not wait for the elections to be finished. I would like to thank my constituents and I congratulate the Premier on his return, although we know our tasks before us will be challenging, we will be successful in working together. I would also like to work with all the people of Nunavut because we face a difficult task ahead of us.

We have the harshest environment and weather and Nunavut is a remote location. I would like say that even though you may possess more abilities than we do we can only work if we work in partnership. I would also like to thank the people of Rankin Inlet

North for electing me, especially for the young people encouraging me to run, even though I am a lot older than them.

The Inuit way of life is that you cannot just forget the elders. You have to be able to support them and to visit them daily, and get to know them. We should not be shy, we should speak with them and to try to learn from them, that is the Inuit way, you have to be able to visit them and phone them and talk to them everyday.

Behind me is Hamis Tatty, and grandparents that are here today with me, who was my Campaign Manager, I thank him very much; you may see him one day in the House.

I would like to thank the people of Rankin Inlet who encouraged me to run as an MLA. You all heard that there were many people that were going to be candidates, but nobody stepped forward. There are many people that would like to challenge me. I have many enemies. I would like to say that you have to be brave, and to be able to stand up for yourself.

I would also like to thank my wife and my son. If it was not for her, I would not be here today. Wherever I am, she is not worried about me, she is not going think that I am doing anything wrong, and I thank her for that.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Curley is asking for unanimous consent to conclude his Statement. Are there any nays? Please proceed, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have to be able to work together in Nunavut to have strength in numbers. I am also happy that Levinia Brown was elected as well in Rankin Inlet South/Whale and was happy to hear that there would be cooperation between us.

I would also like to thank all the young people, on behalf of all of the people in Nunavut. They just competed against other territories in Fort McMurray and we wish them all the best in the next Arctic Winter Games. Welcome them home, feed them well, and support them well as there will be other events in the future. I would also like to add that many of them came home bruises and tired from competing, but we will always support them. At this time, Mr. Speaker, I thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Mr. Arreak.

Member's Statement 008 – 2(1): Focus on Non-Decentralized Communities

Mr. Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. I rise today and I would also like to first of all like to congratulate you as our first unilingual Inuktitut speaking Speaker.

I would also like to thank my mother, even though she did not vote for me because she did not want me to leave the community, I was voted in here.

>>*Laughter*

We all love our children, she loves me the same way she did when I when was little. I would also like to thank the people of Clyde River. The mayor of Clyde River gave me a tie and I am able to wear it today; the mayor of Clyde River is here today. I would also like to thank the other candidates that ran, Phoebe Hainnu, Samual Nuqiqngak, Lootie Toomasie, Stevie Audlakiak and Peter Iqalukjuak; I too thank these individuals for expressing an interest for wanting to be in this government.

The Hamlets, the communities that are non-decentralized is what I will be focusing on in this House to assist them in finding jobs, to assist the small businesses in the communities that go are not able to sustain themselves due to lack of business.

I would also like to talk about wildlife. There are more and more wildlife such as polar bears that are coming into the communities. Those are the types of things that I will be concentrating on as a Member of this House.

We are all aware of the shortage of housing. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my Statement.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Arreak is asking for unanimous consent to conclude his Statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays, please proceed, Mr. Arreak.

Mr. Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you know, there is a lack of housing in my community and this creates social problems and shortage of employment. I would also like to concentrate on the rental scales that were imposed during the previous government. Those are the things that I will be working towards.

I would also like to concentrate on the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. I would also like to thank David Iqaqrialu, the previous Member for pushing this issue.

I would also like to congratulate the young athletes that went to Fort McMurray, Alberta. I had one daughter that went to the games and I would like to congratulate her as well; I am proud of them all. I would also like to thank my wife and my children, my wife is here today as well as our child.

I would like to inform the Members that there is going to be a dog team race from the communities of Clyde River, Hall Beach, Igloolik, Arctic Bay and Pond Inlet on April 21. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Mr. Akasuk.

Member's Statement 009 – 2(1): Gratitude to Constituents and Executive Council Nomination

Hon. Olayuk Akasuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to also congratulate you, Mr. Speaker, for being elected the Speaker of the House. First of all, I would like to thank my wife for supporting me as a Member of the first Legislative Assembly and again, for the second term of the Legislative Assembly.

I would also like to thank my constituents of Kimmirut and Cape Dorset for supporting me and I know that they will be supporting me again during my term in this House. I would also like to thank the other candidates, Malikto Lyta and Martha Lyta, and would like to encourage them to run again in the third election.

I would also like to thank Levinia Brown, who nominated for the position of the Executive Council and I also thank my colleagues here that elected me into Cabinet. I will be working to assist the people of Nunavut here in this House for the term of our Assembly and I know that we will be working towards the common goal for the people of Nunavut.

Even when we are not in session, the issues that we face here in Nunavut do not go away and we will work hard to try to resolve those issues.

I know that the Members here have been voted into office for the abilities that they possess and I am sure that they will face the challenges together in the next four years to come. I would also like to thank the people that supported all of the Members of the Legislative Assembly and it much appreciated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Barnabas.

Member's Statement 010 – 2(1): Representation of Quttiktuq Riding

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I congratulate you as the Speaker elect and I would also like to congratulate the Members of the Executive Council, Premier Paul Okalik and the Ministers that were elected. I congratulate all of the people that were elected to this House.

I would like to thank my wife, first of all, and my children for supporting me and also our adopted child, Cynthia Aglak Evaloardjuk, will probably be saying something in this House too from time to time.

I would like to thank my constituents who voted for me from Resolute Bay, Grise Fiord and Arctic Bay. I was elected to this House to represent them. I want to say that I would like to be able to support all of the people of the High Arctic in this House and to help them with their needs. I will speak for them in this House.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the athletes that went to Fort McMurray that came from Arctic Bay. The young athletes from Arctic Bay have received gold, silver and bronze medals and I congratulate them for that.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time, during the Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery, I will be recognizing them, and I would like to thank the Mayor of Resolute Bay as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Ms. Aglukkaq.

Member's Statement 011 – 2(1): Gratitude to Campaign Team

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Congratulations. I want to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Taloyoak and Gjoa Haven for showing their confidence in me and electing me and putting me here today. I also want to acknowledge a person that convinced me, through many phone calls, to consider running in this election and who is here with us this afternoon, Mr. James Eetoolook, I thank you.

I also want to thank and acknowledge the individuals who put many hours into my campaign, my Campaign Manager, Dennis Lyall and his family. I also want to thank my Financial Agent, John, for putting up with me. I also want to say a special thank you to my mother, Mirrani Aglukkaq, for all her support and for travelling with me and always being there for me. And thank my family in Taloyoak and Gjoa Haven.

And finally I want to say congratulations to the 14 athletes that went to Arctic Winter Games this past couple of weeks, from Gjoa Haven for doing a great job in representing Nunavut. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Mr. Mapsalak.

Member's Statement 012 - 2(1): Gratitude to Family and Campaign Team

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased that I am able to participate in the second Assembly. Mr. Speaker, first of all, possibly what I can start off with is a dream that I had for many years from the Northwest Territories days and then when we became a Nunavut Territory. I have always dreamed of becoming a Member of the Legislative Assembly for Nunavut and to be able to address you as Mr. Speaker.

I would also like to thank my wife who has been very supportive, no matter what I do, or what office I run for, all my children, have given me their support all those years.

And also Lily Katuqquq, from Repulse Bay, and Peter Kupak, who worked extremely hard when I was on the campaign trail. And also in Kugaaruk, Mr. Bruno Kabvik, and my sister, Mariot Kukugak and their family.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased and proud of the people of Repulse Bay who have now have a representative who is from Repulse Bay.

I think this is the very first time in history and even though that is the case, I will represent my communities of Repulse Bay and Kugaaruk equally while I am serving my term.

I will also be asking for support from those communities because I cannot do it alone. As elected Members we have to look at the people out there and be proud of our constituents who put us here and we will have to have the full support in the next four years to come.

I also know that in the next four years it is going to be extremely challenging and as regular Members, we are going to have to work hard and work with the Cabinet Members. I know that if we work together and if we cooperate, we will achieve the goals that we have set for us.

Mr. Speaker, I will be bringing up my issues in the next four years. I will leave it at that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Mr. Evyagotailak.

Member's Statement 013 – 2(1): Gratitude to Residents of Kugluktuk

Mr. Evyagotailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud that you became the Speaker along with the Premier the Cabinet and my colleagues; I thank all of you.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to rise today to make my first Members' Statement in this House and I will also be working hard to be their voice my constituents concerns and will be seeking their input and support because I am not going to be doing this by myself.

I would like to thank my wife who has supported me all the way, I had asked her if she would support me if I ran for becoming a Member of the Legislative Assembly and she has been supporting me right from the beginning and I would like to thank all of my family my children.

Also, I think, you know this person as well, I have seen him, James Eetoolook is here so I would like to recognize him as well because he is a strong supporter of Nunavut residents as well and I would like to thank him.

To my colleagues, I would be working hard for my constituents in Kugluktuk to have their concerns and needs heard. I would like to thank everyone here in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Mr. Alagalak.

Member's Statement 014 – 2(1): Gratitude to Supporters

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am extremely pleased that I am able to be here and first of all, I would like to congratulate our new Speaker who I believe is a good person. I am very proud of you and I congratulate you.

I would also like to congratulate our Premier who is a young and capable man and able to communicate in all languages. I would also like to congratulate the Cabinet Members for being elected to their positions and they may well know that there is a lot of work ahead of them.

I would especially like to thank Levinia Brown, it was quite a while back then that I used to live in Rankin Inlet and she never gives up and nothing is too big for her, she can take on anything and I'm sure that's the same way that she's going to handle her office.

Again, to the elders of Nunavut; Mr. Tagak is a role model, he is a hard worker and a good individual, and if you are a young person out there, I support you and to follow the foot steps of Mr. Tagak so that you'll will be able to participate in whatever you are doing.

And also Mr. Willie Adams I have known him for many years, and he's a good individual, when I was taking engineering he was the electrician in Rankin Inlet and I used to want to become a trades person like he was. He's also a very good individual.

And also Leona Aglukkaq, I congratulate you for being elected to the Cabinet but I can tell you that there are people out there who stayed up all night to find out the results. One of my grandchildren was an athlete in the Arctic Winter Games.

Mr. Speaker I would like to seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Alagalak is seeking consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Alagalak.

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My grandson received three bronze ulus in the Arctic Winter Games and I wanted to mention that.

For the people in Arviat and the elders who supported me and to the people of Iqaluit who are also give me the support. The elders of Arviat, Anautalik, Alikasuak and all the other elders who approached me to give me the courage to keep going and to face the challenges that arise as a Member.

I would also like to say that we will have to provide more support to our elders, especially in areas pertaining to traditional foods and to provide more support to the hunter support programs that are made available to Nunavut beneficiaries because there was barely any caribou in Arviat we have to think about providing more support our elders and to the beneficiaries. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Ms. Brown.

Member's Statement 015 – 2(1): Gratitude to Campaign Supporters

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to congratulate you on being elected as the speaker and I would also like to thank my colleagues and for electing me into the Cabinet; it is something that I am very proud of and my being able to participate in the running of the government.

Mr. Speaker for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, I would like to thank the people who gave me the support and who helped me in my campaign. I think I am going blind and I have to put my reading glasses on.

To the people who supported me Pilaji Sharp, Evelyn Thorson, Liza Leukin, Robert Janes, Bill Gawor, Eric Ukpatiku, Albert Kimaliarjuk, Tracey Wallace, Emilia Irkootee, Bernard Krako and her husband.

You all know that it was a hard campaign trail, but you were able and gave me the support that I required during that run. Some of my supporters stopped on occasion. (interpretation ends) I do not know how many times my husband quit on me.

>> *Laughter*

But we came back for more, we live in exciting times.

(interpretation) But we have to keep going because of course, this is something that is very important and I do not like being on the losing end. I will work hard to represent the people in my riding I have hope.

Mr. Speaker, I would like unanimous consent to conclude my Statement.

Speaker (interpretation): The Member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her Statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Ms. Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you. I have hope that Tagak and I will work together as Rankin Inlet is large and there will be many that hope out there.

I think, Mr. Speaker, I can say today that, how it would be like in the first Assembly. It is hard to know what the issues or what the process is like if you are not involved. We cannot be able to participate in all projects; like the hospital, for example, when that is going on.

I think about my sister Emma Tatty, when she first heard on TV about Mr. Speaker, she, well, Uqaqtii was the name of our father and she used to get mad because she could not understand why they were calling Mr. Speaker Uqaqtii.

>> *Laughter*

I tell her this is what it means, it means Mr. Speaker, but she was older than I was and a little more aggressive. She said right now, she understands why they call Mr. Speaker Uqaqtii.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to the challenges and our working together as colleagues. I am sure that we will not agree all the time, but that is politics and that is how it goes when your responsibilities are that large.

Also, for the youth of Rankin Inlet, I would like to thank them for giving me the support when I was on the campaign trail and I remember their names. There are the elders and the youth.

For the youth, I thank them very much, Maria Quqsuut, Margaret Qiliqti Brown, Amy Kaludjak, Melanie Sugarton and Mary Lee Sandy Aliyak who were a tremendous help when I was on the campaign trail. And lastly, Chris and Selma Echoes have a daughter named Taqalik and Taqalik had said that she was glad that I was going to be a candidate. She had said that now the communities will all participate. She is smart.

And Mappapa Ilikkatuaq's daughter Jaquelina gave me a folder that she had sewn herself, she is very young; she was very pleased that I was elected. February 16, the election date, happened to be my birthday. There were many people going on the local radio and they were concentrating on me just because I was elected and it was my birthday. They did not mention the other individuals who were running in that campaign much. I did not say that I was going to be born on February 16. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member's Statements. Mr. Netser.

Member's Statement 016 – 2(1): Gratitude to Supporters

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to say thank you to the people of Coral Harbour and Chesterfield Inlet. Pootoogook Adamic, and her husband, John Saimaut, and his spouse, these are the people that supported me. I would also like to thank my wife, I very much appreciate her support and also I would just like to say that Iqaluit is a very friendly place and the people, we are made to feel like we are at home.

And also for the people that have been saying prayers for the Legislative Assembly Members, we need all the support for the challenging times ahead of us. I am thankful that I have been elected once again. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): The last name on my list for Members' Statements, Mr. Peter Kilabuk.

Member's Statement 017 – 2(1): Gratitude to Supporters

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to congratulate you. Since you are going to have the highest seat, and you will be looking down at us. Mr. Speaker, I speak a lot about Kevin. I would like to say thank you to the people of Pangnirtung and people here in Iqaluit.

We all know that Iqaluit is a very welcoming place and I would like to let my people know that we are treated very good here in Iqaluit, because people are friendly and have compassion here.

I would also like to say that the people of Pangnirtung, that I will work hard and work on the many challenges that we have ahead of us. I will do the best that I can and lastly, I would like to say thank you to my immediate family. They could not be here right now due to a family matter but I am very thankful to them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): I do not have any more names on the list for Members' Statements. Returning to the Orders of the Day. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Mapsalak.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors on the Gallery

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my baby-sitter from way back when. I am very happy that she is here. Maria Kukuvak. Can you put up your hand so everyone can see you?

She looked after me as a small child when my parents would go out hunting. I thank her, up to today for looking after me. My wife could not be here, she wanted to be here and she does have something else that she has to attend. I will bring her the next time that we come here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Recognition of the people in the gallery. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this time to recognise someone that I have the utmost respect for and someone that I hope and strive that I can live my life like she did, and that person is my grandmother, Jenny Tootoo. She's joined us in the gallery today and I know she knows many people here and I just want her to know that I love her very much and I respect her and I hope to follow along the same path as she has with her life.

Mr. Speaker I would also like to recognise a constituent of mine who has brought her home school crew here to have a little education and politics and I'm sorry if it's not as exciting as sitting at home in front of the computer. I'd like to introduce Kathy Smith and Kimberley over here and Colleen and Katie.

So I would like to welcome them to the gallery. I would also like to recognize James Ettuluk and welcome him to Iqaluit once again, and also Mr. Speaker I would like to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Tatty, Mr. Tatty as we all know is a very accomplished dog musher and I'm sure that once he retires he might want to get my uncle John Hicks some lessons in mushing, I'm sure he has something he can pass onto him to help him have a little more success in his races in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Recognizing of the people in the gallery. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize our mayor, the mayor of Resolute Bay, Susan Sudlovenick and Laisa Ningiuq from Grise Fiord, they're both mayors. I would also like to recognize Vivianne Kownirk that just

received a gold medal and Wesley Attagutiaq, my nephew he got a bronze medal and I would also like to recognize Inuk Qaumanig who also received a bronze medal and the other athletes as well. I would, at this time like to recognise Thomas Levi, their coach, who was very supportive to and also Nutarajuq Arnaumayuk, Ruth Arnaumayuk I would like to recognize them as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Recognition of the visitors in the gallery. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my uncle, can you please stand up Mr. and Mrs. Tatty, David Alagalak and I've known him all my life, he has very good dog team and he is very respected elder and if you are talk to him right now he is very young at heart and he is able to talk about anything that you..

And also my wife is here as well so I would like to thank here and also in Iqaluit, people are very friendly, the Elders and even the young people are friendly. Right now, being here in Iqaluit is very comforting.

And also, Manito Thompson, thank you very much, we will remember you and I am sure that you have represented Rankin Inlet in the last Legislative Assembly to the best of your ability. Please feel welcome at all times, even in times of disagreement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Kattuk.

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to recognize some people from Sanikiluaq are in the House today. I would like to recognize my partner in life, and also the other one was my supporter, Betsy Meeko and Annie Tupalak and also, I would like to recognize my niece, and her father, we are cousins, Ida Kavik. Thank you.

My Financial Agent, Mariam Fleming, and also here within the Legislature, Kallunaaraaluk, I call him and my daughter Annie and Epoo, these people are from Sanikiluaq. would also like to recognize, who has supported me very much, Manito Thompson, I am very thankful to all the help that you have given me.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also would like to recognize people here, mostly Atangalaaq, my father visiting behind me and my mom, Qasuluaq. These are my parents, my blood parents, I am my mother's son.

>>*Laughter*

Hi Sally. And also my beloved wife, she is across over there, Gene and my mother-in-law, Winnie Uvingajaaq, my sister-in-law and also, I would, Nancy Tupik, I would like to recognize her as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am happy to say that Nancy is my constituent. Yes, I would like to welcome all of the elders to this House and I would like to recognize them as well.

Our mayor, who is my constituent, Elisapee Sheutiapik, welcome and beside her is our senator Willie Adams, people said boo to him because he favoured the Ottawa Senators when they were playing with the Predators and Jordin.

>>*Laughter*

And here with us today, I would like to welcome James Ettuluk and beside James is the person that I would like thank for supporting me during my election, Sami Qaumariaq.

I would like to welcome all of the people to this House and I would also like to recognize Manitok Thompson. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Arreak.

Mr. Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to recognize Tagak Curley, who was in the Legislature with me during the Northwest Territories days. And also Iga Hainnu, our Mayor. Lootie Toomasie, our mayor in Broughton Island, my wife, Martha, who is sitting over there and also I think it is Judy Joanas, who is my niece. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Netsier.

Mr. Netsier (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my mother, who is in this House with me today and my wife, Pootoogook Adamie, Manitok, and my grandchild. During the election she was watching me on TV, she has her own mind, she phoned me up and she said that, "Who did you fight, they said that you won?"

>>*Laughter*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Evyagotailak.

Mr. Evyagotailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize two individuals, our elder from Kugluktuk, he is a Reverend in the Anglican Church, Sam Kakpak, my wife, Susie, she is one of the teachers in Kugluktuk. Also I would like to thank her for supporting me right through my campaign while I was running for MLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Ms. Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to recognize my husband, Ron Brown. We have been married for almost 39 years, my son, Jason Brown, our eldest. I would also like to recognize in the 1960s, I first saw him, Willie Adams, he has not changed since, Sally Curley, and Mr. and Mrs. Tatty.

As well when I was running for the election in 1999, I ran against Manitok Thompson, I would like to recognize her as well, in all that time we have never become enemies, we have always worked together, we consult each other. I am proud for Manitok Thompson. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to also recognize Mr. James Eetoolook. James hired me in 1991 to work for the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, so he gave me my big break in the Land Claim, so I thank him. I would also like to thank Sam Kikpak, Sam and I worked together for many years on the Diavik Implementation Committee in Cambridge Bay, and he represented Kugluktuk. I would like to also recognize Lootie Toomasie, Lootie and I worked together for many years on the Nunavut Association of Municipalities Board of Directors. It is good to see you here today, Lootie. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I will start on this side of the room and first welcome the people to the Gallery and I would like to begin by welcoming Nute Arnauyumajuq. Nute and his wife to the Gallery, Nute has worked for the Department of

Health and Social Services for the last several years and has done yeoman service for the department and for the people of Nunavut. Qujannamiik, Nute.

And also next Nute and very close to Nute, is a lady from Clyde River, from Kangiqtugaapik, I have known for a long time, Ms. Iga Inuk, welcome to the Gallery and next to Iga is Lootie Thomasie, here from Qikiqtarjuaq, a friend of mine for a long time and Mr. Lootie Thomasie, Lootie, welcome.

Also, Mr. James Ettuluk and behind James, Mr. Simanek Kilabuk, who is our Sergeant-at-Arms, who worked for this House for a long time and I would like to welcome him, a constituent of Mr. Okalik and I know that he is a hard worker, thank you, Simon.

And moving closer, we see our good friend, Mr. Willie Adams, who has a big sign in Ottawa and he has not got me any apples or oranges or anything, so I am going to be asking him for some farm products later.

And next to our good friend Mr. Adams is the good mayor of Iqaluit, she won by = a huge margin, well respected by the people of Iqaluit and she was representing us at the Arctic Winter Games over the last week. Thank you, Elisapee, for doing that on our behalf.

Right behind me here, Mr. Speaker, the last person, I am leaving her to the last, I have never sat in the Assembly in eight and a half years without this person with me, Ms. Manito Thompson and what can I say, Mr. Speaker, about Manito Thompson, a lot...

>> *Laughter*

But I won't do that right now. Mr. Speaker, as everyone knows, Manito is looking at other opportunities in her life over the next few months and I can say, without a contradiction from anyone in this Assembly or in Nunavut, I do not know anyone who is harder working and takes her job more seriously than Manito and I wish her and I am sure the people of Nunavut and this Assembly wish her all the best in her future endeavour. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Ms. Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to recognize my mother and Ilaulaaq, who is here with us today and the people from Taloyoak, James Ettuluk and John. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. I have no more names. Returning to the Orders of the Day. Item 6. Oral Questions. There are no Oral Questions.

Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Petitions. Item 9. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 10. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Alagalak.

Item 10: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 001 – 2(1): Letter from Arviat Hamlet Council Re: Full Caucus

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a document. I received a letter from the Hamlet of Arviat from the mayor, Peter Qitatsiluk.

The people of Arviat are considering hosting a retreat for the Ministers and the Members of the Legislative Assembly to attend a meeting in their community or a full Caucus retreat in the community of Arviat and would like to invite all the Members to that community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 10. Tabling of Documents. Item 11. Notices of Motions. Mr. Evyagotailak.

Item 11: Notices of Motions

Motion 002 – 2(1): Appointment of Premier - Notice

Mr. Evyagotailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I shall move that following; that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Commissioner of Nunavut, that the Honourable Member for Iqaluit West, Mr. Paul Okalik, be appointed the Premier of Nunavut, and a Member of the Executive Council.

At the appropriate time today, I shall be seeking unanimous consent to deal with my motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Notices of Motions. Mr. Tootoo.

Motion 003 – 2(1): Appointments of Executive Council - Notice

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, March 11, 2004, I shall move the following motion; I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Akulliq, that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Commissioner of Nunavut, the following Members to be appointed to the Executive Council of Nunavut:

- Leona Aglukkaq, the Member for Nattilik
- Olayuk Akesuk, the Member for Baffin South
- Levinia Brown, the Member Rankin Inlet South/Whale Cove
- Peter Kilabuk, the Member for Pangnirtung
- Edward Picco, the Member for Iqaluit East
- David Simailak, the Member for Baker Lake, and
- Louis Tapardjuk, the Member for Amittuq

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you.

Speaker: Notices of Motions. Mr. Kilabuk.

Motion 004 – 2(1): Appointment of Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chairs of Committee of the Whole - Notice

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, March 11, 2004, I shall move the following motion; (interpretation ends) I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Patterk Netser, the Member for Nanulik, be appointed Deputy Speaker. And that Mr. James Arreak, the Member for Uqqummiut, and Mr. Joe Allen Evyagotailak, the Member for Kugluktuk, be appointed at Deputy Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time today I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with my motion. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Notices of Motions. Mr. Mapsalak.

Motion 005 – 2(1): Appointments to the Management Services Board - Notice

Mr. Mapsalak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, March 11, 2004, I shall move the following motion; therefore I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for South Baffin, that the following Member be appointed to the Management and Services Board of this Assembly. Mr. Tagak Curley, the Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Peter Kilabuk, the Member of Pangnirtung, Mr. Keith Peterson, the Member of Cambridge Bay, Mr. Hunter Tootoo, the Member for Iqaluit Centre.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time today I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with my motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Notices of Motions. Mr. Barnabas.

Motion 006 – 2(1): Appointments to the Striking Committee - Notice

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Thursday, March 11, 2004 I shall move the following motion. Now therefore, I move seconded by the Honourable Member from Nanulik, that the following be appointed to the second committee of this Assembly; Mr. Tagak Curley Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Keith Peterson Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Hunter Tootoo Member for Iqaluit Centre at the appropriate time today I shall seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Notices of Motions. Mr. Peterson.

Motion 007 – 2(1): Extended Adjournment - Notice

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday March 11, 2004 I shall move the following motion, I move seconded by the Honourable Member for Nattilik, that notwithstanding Rule 4, when the House concludes it's sitting in Iqaluit, it shall be adjourned until May 12, 2004 in Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time today I'll be seeking unanimous consent to deal my motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Notices of Motions. If there's no more Notices of Motions for today, I'm sorry Mr. Curley.

Motion 008 – 2(1): Working Together for a Stronger Nunavut - Notice

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I give notice that on Thursday March 11, 2004, I will move the following motion, I move seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit West, that all Members of this House commit themselves to working together towards common goals during our mandate.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Notices of Motion. Item 12. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills. Item 13. Motions. Mr. Evyagotailak.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Evyagotailak is seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion. Are there any nays. There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Evyagotailak.

Item 13: Motions**Motion 002 – 2(1): Appointment of Premier**

Mr. Evyagotailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Whereas subsection 60(1) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that there shall be a Premier chosen by the Legislative Assembly from among its Members:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member from Pangnirtung, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of Nunavut that the Honourable Paul Okalik, Member for Iqaluit West, be appointed Premier of Nunavut and Member of Executive Council. Koanak, Uqaqtii.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. There is a motion on the floor seconded by Pangnirtung. All those in favour. Opposed. There is a motion on the floor moved by Mr. Evyagotailak, seconded by the Honourable Member from Pangnirtung all those in favour. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried.

>>Applause

Item 13. Motions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I too, would like to seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Tootoo.

Motion 003 – 2(1): Appointments to the Executive Council

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, WHEREAS subsection 60(1) (b) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that there shall be an Executive Council of Nunavut composed of persons appointed by the Commissioner of Nunavut on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Akulliq, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of Nunavut that the following Members be appointed to the Executive Council of Nunavut:

- Ms. Leona Aglukkaq, Member for Natilik
- Olayuk Akesuk, Member for Baffin South
- Levinia Brown, Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove
- Peter Kilabuk, Member for Pangnirtung
- Edward Picco, Member for Iqaluit East
- David Simailak, Member for Baker Lake; and
- Louis Tapardjuk, Member for Amittuq.

Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): There is a motion on the Floor, moved by Mr. Tootoo. Question has been called. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

>>Applause

Item 13. Motions. Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Whereas Section 42 of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council; sorry, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am one

page ahead. (interpretation) I would like unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The Member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Kilabuk.

Motion 004 – 2(1): Appointments of Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chairs of the Committee of the Whole

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, WHEREAS section 42 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* requires that a Deputy Speaker shall be elected at its First Session and whereas Section 43 requires Deputy Chairs of Committee of the Whole be elected at its first session;

(interpretation ends) NOW THEREFORE, Mr. Speaker, I moved seconded by the Honourable Member for Rankin Inlet North, that the Honourable Member for Nanulik be appointed Deputy Speaker.

And that the Honourable Members for Uquqmmiut and Kugluktuk be appointed Deputy Chairs of Committee of the Whole. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The motion is in order. Questions? There is no questions. All in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried. Item 13. Motions. Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Mapsalak is seeking unanimous consent to deal with motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Mapsalak.

Motion 005 – 2(1): Appointments to the Management Services Board

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker, WHEREAS section (38) of *Legislative Assembly Executive Council Act* provides for this assembly to appoint members to the Management and Services Board.

AND WHEREAS SECTION 38 (2) states that the Management and Services Board shall be appointed in the First Session of the Legislative Assembly.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by Honorable Member for South Baffin, that the following Members be appointed to the Management and Services Board of this Assembly.

- Mr. Tagak Curley, Member for Rankin Inlet North
- Mr. Peter Kilabuk, Member for Pangnirtung
- Mr. Keith Peterson, Member for Cambridge Bay

- Mr. Hunter Tootoo, Member for Iqaluit Center.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order. All in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried. Item Motions. Mr. Barnabas.

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

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

Motion 006 – 2(1): Appointments to the Striking Committee

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS it is required by Rule 83 that the Legislative Assembly shall appoint a Striking Committee of at least three Members to report and recommend, with all convenient speed, Members to comprise the Standing Committee:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by Honorable member for Nanulik, that:
Mr. Tagak Curley, Member for Rankin Inlet North
Mr. Keith Peterson, Member for Cambridge
Mr. Hunter Tootoo, Member for Iqaluit Center

be appointed to Striking Committee of this Assembly. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order. There's no questions. All in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried. Item 13. Motion Mr. Peterson.

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

Speaker: Mr. Peterson is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Peterson, please proceed.

Motion 007 – 2(1): Extended Adjournment

Mr. Peterson: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I moved seconded by Honourable Member for Natilik, that withstanding Rule 4, this House stands adjourns on March 9, 2004, shall be adjourned until May 12, 2004 in Iqaluit.

And further, that any time prior to May 12, 2004, if the Speaker is satisfied, after consultation with the 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 and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as it has been duly adjourned to that time. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motions in order. To the motion. All in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried. Item 13. Motion Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Mr. Speaker, I would like to seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today.

Speaker: Mr. Curley seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion. Are there any nays? There are nays. Mr. Curley, please proceed.

Motion 008 – 2(1): Working Together for a Stronger Nunavut

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, WHEREAS the Members of the Second Legislative Assembly have been entrusted by their constituents with the responsibility of building a stronger Nunavut;

AND WHEREAS enormous challenges lie ahead of us in the areas of education, health care, economic development, job creation and infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the vitality of Inuit language and culture requires concerted action on the part of the Government;

AND WHEREAS the values of consensus, co-operation, accountability and respect must guide us in our deliberations;

AND WHEREAS unity of purpose and action is essential to achieving progress and success on behalf of all of our constituents, regardless of their race, language or faith in God;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit West, that all Members of this House commit themselves to working together towards common goals during our mandate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): There is a motion on the Floor. Questions? Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Just to make a brief comment. This motion was made because we have been given a gift and one thing that I would like to say is that, probably many people out there probably think that there is going to be division in the House. Many people are also saying that they want to see a stronger Inuktitut language.

They are thinking that they are left out because we are concentrating on our culture and language and some people are saying that our religion is going to come in between the Members here. I am proud of the people who have the faith.

With that I want the commitment from this House that we will work together regardless of race, language, or faith in God. I would like to ask for a recorded vote.

Speaker (interpretation): To the motion. We will have a recorded vote. There is a motion on the floor, moved by Mr. Curley, for working together for a stronger Nunavut. For those who are in favour, please rise.

Mr. Curley, Mr. Arreak, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Tapardjuk, Mr. Akesuk, Ms. Aglukkaq, Mr. Okalik, Ms. Brown, Mr. Picco, Mr. Simailak, Mr. Netser, Mr. Mapsalak, Mr. Alagalak, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Kattuk, Mr. Evyagotailak, Mr. Barnabas. Thank you. The motion is carried. Those opposed to the motion; the motion is carried.

>>*Applause*

Returning to the Orders of the Day. Item 14. First Reading of Bills. Item 15. Second Reading of Bills. Item 16. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 14: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A reminder to all Members of the swearing in ceremony for the Executive Council to take place in the Chambers at approximately half past four and a reminder to Members of the Regular Caucus, there is a meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 in the Nanuq Room.

Order for the Day for Wednesday, May 12th.

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

Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. This House stands adjourned until May 12th, 2004.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 15:54*

