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Members Present:

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

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (interpretation): I would like to ask Mr. Evygotailak to say the opening prayer.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Good afternoon, Ministers and Members. Proceeding to the Orders of the Day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Ms. Aglukkaq.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 122 – 2(2): Premier Absent from the House

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to advise Members that the Honourable Member, Paul Okalik, will be absent for the rest of the week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Simailak.

Minister's Statement 123 – 2(2): Nunavut Mining Symposium

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to send my regards to my constituents in Baker Lake.

(interpretation ends) I would like to inform the House of a very successful Nunavut Mining Symposium that occurred in Rankin Inlet from April the 1st to the 4th. The theme of this year's symposium was "From the Land." This was a thought provoking and dynamic theme that stressed the importance of the land to the Inuit. The land has been and will continue to be a source of wealth and prosperity for Nunavummiut.

There were approximately 200 participants from industry, government, Inuit organizations and Institutions of Public Governments at the symposium, as well as many members of the community.

The mining industry is becoming increasingly important for the Nunavut economy. Last year over \$150 million was spent on mineral exploration activities in Nunavut alone.

There is a new appreciation of the mineral potential in Nunavut and this was evident by the high number of attendees and the atmosphere of excitement at this year's mining symposium.

Every year at the mining symposium there are three awards handed out and I would like to acknowledge the winners of this year's awards.

The first award is the Exploration Success Award. It was given to Miramar Mining in recognition of their exciting achievement at the Madrid deposit south of Cambridge Bay.

The second award, the Sustainable Development Award. It was given to Cumberland Resources for their notable work in collaborating and communicating with partner communities and development organizations.

The final award is the Prospector of the Year Award, it was given to the Inuit prospectors, Seemeega and Nowdluk Aqpiq, for their discovery and option agreement of the Kimmirut Sapphire Project.

I would like to welcome the Members of this House to extend their congratulations to the winners of these prestigious awards of the Mining Symposium this year in Rankin Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

Minister's Statement 124 – 2(2): Gasoline Survey and Follow-up

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to report on the results of the recent survey of complaints about gasoline in a number of communities.

The firm we contracted visited 15 communities and spoke to more than 170 people. The visits were very useful in establishing the type of problems that people were experiencing and I would like to thank all the individuals who took the time to come forward.

Mr. Speaker, we were also able to get further gasoline testing done which confirms the gas from both the Shell Scotford and Montreal Refineries meets the Canadian General Standards Board and Nunavut specifications. However, the testing also confirmed the differences between the gasoline coming from the two refineries, which may have contributed to the problems encountered.

It is evident that a number of individuals had trouble, particularly spark plug fouling, with the fuel from the Scotford Refinery. Shell Canada has confirmed to me that they agree with this conclusion. They are changing the gasoline for this summer's re-supply so that it addresses all the concerns.

Shell Canada is also proposing a Fuel Voucher Program that they will fund for those who have experienced spark plug fouling during the past winter.

We have received good cooperation from Shell Canada on this issue, and I appreciate their offer. However, I also feel that it is not enough nor does it deal with the full range of complaints. Thus, I am actively pursuing this with Shell Canada to get a more complete response that addresses all the concerns. I will keep Members informed of the response from Shell Canada. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Picco.

Minister's Statement 125 – 2(2): Income Support Food Allowance Increased

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As of April 1st, the Government of Nunavut has, for the second time in ten months, increased the food allowance for Income Support recipients.

A five percent increase has been applied to the existing rate guide, which varies by community and family size. For example, a family of four in Grise Fiord will now receive \$1 thousand, 151 dollars for food for the month.

We expect that this increase will cost the Government of Nunavut about \$1.1 million this fiscal year. This initiative was one of several income support budget items approved by the Members of this House last session.

Thanks to the ten percent increase to food allowance that came into effect last June and this latest five percent increase, income support recipients now receive funds that better cover the actual costs of nutritious food basket in their community.

Mr. Speaker, income support is intended to be a temporary measure to help those in need. Through financial assistance, counseling, and training opportunities, we try to help recipients regain their rightful place in our economy.

Helping people meet their basic food needs is one way the Government of Nunavut give effect to the principle of Inuuqatigiitsiarniq, where we respect others and care for people. Personal well-being in turn leads to healthy communities and the ability to make positive contributions to the future of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Minister's Statement 126 – 2(2): Workplace Health, Safety and Wellness

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Workplace Health, Safety and Wellness program was established in 2002 to provide Employee Assistance and Workplace Health, Safety and Wellness Services to all Government of Nunavut employees.

To date, we have provided workshops on Harassment and Violence in the Workplace, First Aid, CPR and Occupational Health and Safety.

I am pleased to announce that this fiscal year, our goals are to:

Provide a *Level 2 Harassment Investigator Training Program*. This training program will create the capacity in each department to conduct harassment investigations in a formal and professional manner;

Deliver *Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Training* for each region. This will ensure that Government of Nunavut staff are available throughout the territory with the skills to support employees who have experienced a traumatic event in the home or workplace;

Establish a *St. John's Ambulance Instructors Course* for each region and increase the number of employees trained in First Aid and CPR to fulfill the requirements of the Safety Act;

Establish a partnership with the Worker's Compensation Board. All Government of Nunavut departments and the respective Unions plan training for employees serving on occupational health and safety committees.

Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to report that a minimum of three courses on particular topics have been scheduled for 16 different communities during this fiscal year. Mr. Speaker, by continuing to be receptive and proactive in this manner, the Government of Nunavut will ensure a healthy and safe workplace for all of its employees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Item 3. Members' Statements. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent to go back to Item 3. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): The Member would like to return to Item 3. Member's Statements. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Peterson.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 314 – 2(2): Loose Dogs

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleagues for granting permission to go back.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the plight of a dog, to be more specific, the loose dog. Mr. Speaker, every year we hear news reports from across Nunavut about loose dogs running wild in the communities. In some instances the loose dogs are a danger to residents, especially to our children who are too small to defend themselves if they are attacked.

Mr. Speaker, in many communities the dogs are running loose because the owners are not taking the time to ensure that they are secured or they have broken loose. Mr. Speaker, I doubt very much that there is a single mayor, past or present who hasn't be inundated with phone calls from constituents asking them what they are going to do about the loose and dangerous dogs.

That's when we hear about by-law officers shooting loose dogs and accusations of inhumane treatment of dogs. It wasn't so long ago Mr. Speaker, that dogs were held in very high esteem in Nunavut because they worked and contributed greatly to people's survival.

Mr. Speaker, because of the introduction of snowmobiles, the dependency on dogs has diminished. Many dog owners now keep dogs simply as pets or as a hobby to run sleds. Mr. Speaker, dogs and people have kept each other company for thousands of years. Dogs are commonly referred to as our best friend. In Nunavut they stop being our best friend when they're running loose and putting our residents at risk.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that the Government of Nunavut should explore ways in which they can assist hamlets to control dog populations in their communities. One reason there are so many loose dogs is because of the high birth rate among dogs. This is not the fault of the dogs.

Mr. Speaker, the Government of Nunavut should look at helping hamlets bring in veterinarians once or twice each year to give dogs rabies shot and neuter them at the owners request. In some cases, at the owner's request, they could euthanize their dogs in a humane manner if circumstances warrant.

Mr. Speaker, one of Nunavut's official symbols is the Canadian Inuit dog, known as Qimmiq in Inuktitut. This symbol was adopted shortly after the creation of the territory by members of this Legislative Assembly. I believe that if we are to truly honour this noble companion, we must do more. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 315 - 2(2): Fishing Derby in Panniqtuuq

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologise, I did not realize that Item 3 had passed.

At the end of this week my constituents will once again be practising an annual event in my community, a fishing derby. I would like to be able to participate and to also bring my family to this event.

This coming weekend I look forward to the fishing derby and to get out of the house. If my son is listening, but I know that he is in school, he is on an outing to Nasaujaq through a school program and is practicing how to jig. I look forward to participating in the fishing derby with my family. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Member's Statement 316 – 2(2): Fish Quotas

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that there is going to be a fishing derby at the end of the month, and I envy Mr. Kilabuk's constituency and their fishing derby, but I am going to be talking about something different, although I am in support of fishing derbies.

I rise today to talk about our Nunavut Government expending funding for renewable resources. In Rankin Inlet they harvest caribou for commercial purposes and it seems like the operational funding for that plant is going down continually.

The reason why I rise today is, last summer I spoke about this issue to the Department of Economic Development and the Minister was in support of this. I did some research on the lakes, and found we are able to receive a quota for the fish, especially when the HTO requests for a quota from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

One thing that I would like to announce ahead of time that I will be dealing with is fisheries. There are a lot of Whitefish (Kakiviaktuun) in our area and we hear that down south that they prefer to get trout from the north. It is possible and it wouldn't be very expensive.

FFMC, Fresh Water Fish Marketing Corporation Winnipeg, perhaps I should urge the Minister to start discussions with them on how to start this process and how to make sure that this is done to make the fisheries alive again, especially in the Arviat area.

I will raise this at the appropriate time and would like to be able to ask the Minister for Economic Development regarding this topic. The Fish Plant in Rankin Inlet must also be considered to make sure that it remains sustainable. I will be making comments on this issue at a later point in time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 317 – 2(2): Dental Therapist

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On April 12 the dentist went to Coral Harbour. Although we are appreciative that the Dental Therapist arrived into our community they stay there for a very short time.

There are times they defer client appointments because they have no time for some patients. They have to defer some patients, whom they were supposed to see. They end up having to extract the teeth when they could have just worked on them. Mr. Speaker, this needs to be rectified.

There were two patients from Rankin Inlet that came to Coral Harbour to have work done on their teeth. Although Rankin Inlet has a dental therapist, there is a space for dental therapist, and the Department of Health and Social Services sent two dental patients from Rankin Inlet to Coral Harbour.

There are many patients in Coral Harbour that have not been seen by the dentist and we were not very pleased about that. At the appropriate time I will be asking the question to the appropriate Minister. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 318 – 2(2): Elections in Kugluktuk

Mr. Evyagotailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Members: We cannot hear you.

Speaker (interpretation): Some of the Members cannot hear so please try again. Mr. Evyagotailak

Mr. Evyagotailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When they talk about fishing derbies in other communities it makes you homesick but we are here nonetheless to do a job.

I rise today to speak about the elections that will be occurring in Kugluktuk. I would like to thank Ernie Bernhardt for the work he has done in the past. He has been very helpful to the community and to the residents of the community.

Election Day is today and I urge my fellow residents of Kugluktuk to go to the polls to vote. Stanley Anablak, Peter Taptuna and Derek Powers are the three mayoral candidates. They have been residents of the community for many years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 319 – 2(2): Nunavut Housing Corporation's Rent Scales

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon. I send my regards to my constituents in Arctic Bay, Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay, especially when the weather is getting nice. I wish them a good day.

I rise today with respect to Nunavut Housing Corporation's rent scale. I am concerned about the way the corporation currently calculates the vacation travel assistance as income for the purpose of the rent scale. It is an unfair impact on residents of the High Arctic.

I will use an example to explain. Imagine two people who live in public housing and they both have an equal family size. One of them lives in Arctic Bay, and the other one lives in Iqaluit, both of them have an equal salary and the same family size, both of them receive vacation travel assistance as a benefit from their employment.

I don't believe in that. Members are aware the high cost of travel to and from the High Arctic. The increased costs of flights means the person in Arctic Bay receive a higher amount for their VTA, while the person in Iqaluit receive a lesser amount because there are more opportunities for bigger centres to...

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. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. Mr. Speaker, I will speak in English.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, Members are aware of the high cost of travel to and from the High Arctic. The increased cost of flights means that the person in Grise Fiord receives a higher amount for their VTA while the person in Iqaluit receives a lesser amount. Both of them receive a VTA for only one trip each year.

Mr. Speaker, when the Housing Corporation calculates the rent for those two people, the value of the VTA is considered income. That means that the income of the person in Grise Fiord is calculated as being higher than the income of the person in Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that this results in the person in Arctic Bay being assessed at a higher amount of rent every month than the person in Iqaluit even though they both have the same take-home income.

Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that my constituents should be forced to carry this burden. The cost of flights is more expensive and so their benefit amount is greater but they do not receive any more trips than someone living in the capital.

The cost of living is also more expensive in my riding and because of the way the rent scale is calculated, the cost of public housing is therefore more expensive. Mr. Speaker, I believe this is unfair and I will be asking questions at the appropriate time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 320 - 2(2): Environmental Issues in the Hudson Bay Area

Mr. Kattuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address proposed hydroelectric projects that will have an effect on marine mammals, fish and wildlife in Sanikiluaq. Mr. Speaker, this is not the first time that I have raised concerns about the environment surrounding the Belcher Islands. My constituents depend on the area surrounding the islands for beluga, seals, walrus, polar bear, water fowl and fish. In turn, these animals depend on those waters and islands for migration, molting and breeding.

Mr. Speaker, the Nunavummi Tasiujarjuamiatigiiit Katujiqatigiingit, or the Nunavut Hudson Bay Inter-Agency Working Group, recently released a report analyzing the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Eastmain 1-A-Powerhouse and Rupert River Diversion.

The working group is composed of representatives from the Government of Nunavut departments of Environment, Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Community and Government Services, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, Qikiqtani Inuit Association and the Municipality of Sanikiluaq.

Mr. Speaker, the voices of Nunavummiut must be heard to preserve our wildlife. Last fall I rose in this house because I am concerned that the sea cucumbers near Sanikiluaq are dying. I am concerned that changes to the flow of water into Hudson Bay will damage the animals we depend on for food.

Mr. Speaker, fifteen years ago, Sanikiluaq participated in the joint environmental review of the Great Whale River Hydroelectric Project. The Government of Quebec canceled that project but the questions and concerns that were raised by Sanikiluarmit were never properly address

Mr. Speaker, I would like 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. Kattuk.

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleague. Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time, I will be tabling the report of the NTK working group. The report outlines deficiencies in the Environmental Impact Statement and describes serious trans-boundary environmental impacts that will affect the entire marine environment of Hudson Bay, James Bay and Hudson Strait.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to review this report and to add their concerned voices to my own. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement 321 - 2(2): Local Housing Authority Workshop in Iqaluit

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not rising to wish Ed luck on a fish story. I know it's that time of year when there are derbies going on all over the place and all I can say to all those that are going to be participating is good luck and it's a good thing that Mr. Picco isn't there with you because he has a history of coming up with some rather large fishing stories. See, he says they're all true, so we know that's a story right off the bat.

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to acknowledge a group of people from all around the territory, right from Kugluktuk, Sanikiluaq, Grise Fiord, and all over the territory that are in town this week for a workshop and that's all the managers of the Local Housing Organizations and Local Housing Authorities.

Some of these people I had the pleasure of working with during my time at the housing corporation and I just wanted to wish them all the best in their meetings and say hello and I'm glad they have the opportunity to get together and to share information.

Another event that is going to be going on later this month here in everyone's capital city is the teachers convention. I know Mr. Lou Budgell is the president of the Federation of Nunavut Teachers. They'll be hosting his last president's reception and I urge all members if they're in town to go out and participate and welcome all these visitors to our capital city with open arms. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 322 - 2(2): Bad Gasoline Issue

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you. I'd like to say hello to my constituents. Many relatives in Nunavik usually watch the session in progress. I would like to say hi to them.

My statement is in regards to the bad gasoline issue that was recently raised by the Minister. I'm sure there are more than 179 people that made complaints in regards to bad gasoline but I wanted to say something in regards to Shell Canada and the government on fouled spark plugs with regard to vehicles and skidoos; of the 179 that had to get maintenance done, they had to get their cylinders done and their fuel pumps done, many of their fuel pumps were damaged, during the time, the snowmobiles were 198. ATVs were 35 and outboard motors were 12 and the vehicles were at 7.

Maybe because of the fact that there was some short notice on this, there's probably more that may be out there. The fact that gas will have to be replaced is not hard to figure out.

Shell Canada and the Government of Nunavut have not been able to reach an agreement; they kept indicating that according to the government regulations and specifications, they kept saying that the gas was alright. There is damage occurring to many engines and snowmobiles, I will be asking the Minister, while the Government and Shell are trying to reach an agreement the men will have to be compensated for having their vehicles and their equipment damaged. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Orders of the Day. Item 6. Oral Questions. The Member for Arviat. Mr. Alagalak.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 399 – 2(2): Update on Fish Quotas

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Economic Development, when we were talking about fishing and the support that he had given, he had indicated that he would find out about the quotas and have a talk with Fisheries and Oceans.

FFMC used to buy fish in the summer, and sometimes in the winter. They had noted that they bought fish one time from Repulse Bay that were not gutted, the operation finally ceased due to air freight costs, regardless of this people would still like to pursue this. I am wondering have you considered exactly what you will be doing, spring is approaching fast. I wonder how much work you have done to date. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation. Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that they would be able to get some funding from the part of \$100,000 that we currently provide to the communities, if they are going to do a pilot project. If they were willing to buy some fish then we would be able to help.

The surveying of the lakes would probably fall under the responsibility of the Department of Environment. That is as much as I know at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): First supplementary. Mr. Alagalak.

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This seems to be going back and forth between the two Ministers. I truly believe that one Minister can start implementing and the other with the quotas.

Even though I am not a Minister I know that the Hunters and Trappers Organizations in the community are willing to work with you if they can be given the quotas for a pilot project.

We know that there are all kinds of different fish and there is an abundance of them in the Kivalliq Region. Transportation is no problem at all, in the winter time we go back and forth to Churchill. They are capable of implementing pilot projects in the different communities. I am more than willing to assist them if they need my assistance.

It's starting off really slow but this past winter, during this new fiscal year, the funding is available. In Rankin Inlet, with the caribou harvest, they are provided with funding. Why are they slowing down and they can't even give \$1 when it comes to fishing. I would like to ask the Minister again to start now because you can only get them in the winter time if we're going to sell un-gutted.

Can they start planning with the development corporations in Rankin Inlet and Arviat to see if they can start with a pilot project for next winter? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My colleague raises an excellent question and this would undoubtedly help many communities. I can assure the Member that we will look into this matter immediately.

We will work with the Department of Environment and try to proceed with the pilot project that he has in mind. If it has to be extended to a year or more, then we will do it. I will ask my staff to try and initiate a pilot project that the Member has in mind. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Second supplementary. Mr. Alagalak.

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank you for that response, and that it will no longer be held up. I look forward to seeing the correspondence this fall, before the sea freezes over.

If, in communities like Baker Lake and Arviat; they fish for Jumbo Whitefish, if this is going to proceed as a pilot project in some of the communities, I think this will be a worthwhile project once the plans have been defined and the financial requirements established.

I would like to ask a further question with respect to Fisheries and Oceans, the previous Department of Sustainable Development or the Department of Environment, according to what you know, I think that you may have discussed this with them, what have the departments discussed in respect to this matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and our department have discussed this in the past as to what type of plans that they may have, I really don't know.

I have not heard what Fisheries and Oceans thinks about this but I will pursue this matter with them. I know that there is a possibility of much travel to Churchill. What the Member is saying is of importance and if it were to be set up right it looks to have a good future. We will look into this further. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Final supplementary. Mr. Alagalak.

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will support this. I know that the DFO in Winnipeg also deals with this. I am pretty sure that you have the names of the fishing places, this was discontinued because air freight was too expensive.

Do you have the names of the lakes where they were fishing? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, at this time I don't have the names of the lakes where they did the fishing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. The Member for Iqaluit Centre. Mr. Tootoo.

Question 400 – 2(2): Government of Nunavut Purchasing Computers

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is for the Minister responsible for Community and Government Services. I believe it is his department that controls and handles all the purchasing and tenders that is put out by the government.

The question that I have is in relation to the IT purchasing policy, if there is one. When they put out tenders for computers, how do they do that? Is it just put out there saying we need a computer that can do this, this and this, or do they specify what type or what brand of computer that they require to bid on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The Minister for Community and Government Services, Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The discussions that I have had with the IT people, technical staff is when the government considers purchasing computers for any department, or even Community and Government Services, itself, the considerations that are factored to determining what kind of programs they will be looking at, the purchases are based on these.

From the history of the last kind of programs they need for better collection of information and this is just one factor in determining what type of programs they will look at and the computers that they will purchase.

So there are a number of factors that are considered before purchases are made, and tenders are put out for the purchase of the government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): First supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is it the policy of the government or the department to specify a brand name when they are asking for computers, or not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to be corrected but no, not that I am aware of. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Second supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am sure that the Minister won't be corrected on that. Where there are cases, as the Minister indicated, it isn't a policy of the government to specify brand names when going to tender for computers.

I understand that there are a lot of cases where they are specifying what type of computer brand name that they want to be quoted on in the tender, or the RFP, or whatever it is that they are putting out.

What circumstances, if any, would warrant going around the normal policy of the government or just bring it out there without identifying a brand name to allow the government, or anyone to put out a tender specifying a brand name of a computer, such as only Dell for example to be quoted on a tender. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That would depend on the department's need and if it was for a specialized program that only a certain company would offer the program for software. So in my response to my colleague, it would depend on the special requirements of a certain department in going to specific companies for the program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your last supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I want to make it clear that I'm not talking about tenders for software but for the actual computer itself. I know with technology there are so many different companies out there with different components and things like that, that all provide the same thing.

They're all getting smaller, faster, lighter, everything. There are certain companies just like there are dealers for say Dell, IBM, or HP. There are many different brand names out there. If they're only specifying in their request for proposal for a particular brand name, then really what they're doing is they are sole sourcing in a way and also any supplier of computers in Nunavut can go through Dell but they're all buying it at the same price from them.

So, if you want to get competitive pricing, one would think that you would want to keep it open and say that we want a computer that will do a list of these things that you will require that computer to do and leave it open to the different suppliers throughout the territory to be able to sharpen their pencils and compete.

If you're narrowing it down to one specific brand name, no one is competing. They are all undercutting each other. They're not undercutting the supplier in the south. I'm just wondering if the Minister would look at how many incidences where this has actually happened and look at rectifying that situation if it has. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that request falls right in line with some of the requests that I've been hearing during Committee of the Whole for improvements.

Yes, I agree with my colleague that there should options considered by this government to look at a more competent process that will both deliver the programs and services to the government but also at a competitive price that is available. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Please try to make your questions and your replies brief because there are a number of people who wish to ask question. Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Kattuk.

Question 401 – 2(2): Bad Gasoline Report

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Community and Government Services in regards to the document that was tabled by the Department of Community and Government Services.

I brought engine parts here to show the Members of the difficulty that people were experiencing. The residents of Sanikiluaq went through was that there were two ATVs. We have to line up to be seen and the person right in front of me said there were three or four parts that were broken. It only states two here. I wonder why that is. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The Minister for the Department of Community and Government Services. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In response to my colleague, and in fairness to the process that was in place, I really do not have idea as to why a certain constituent of my colleague, or any constituents of my colleagues from other communities, the information that they passed on to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, would not have been included in the collection of this report.

To his specific question regarding his constituent's number of ATVs that he had reported to the Member of the Legislative Assembly, I really couldn't tell you why that would not have been included in this information if that individual had been in line to present his case. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): First supplementary. Mr. Kattuk.

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know if this report is true. For those people who went to the communities because they said that there were three or four ATVs that were broken down. It states here that there were two in Sanikiluaq. That is how I understand it anyway.

My next question is those people that went to the communities also left behind a form that they can fill out for those individuals who didn't have an opportunity to actually meet with them and be interviewed, will those forms that have been filled out be looked after? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated earlier in my statement that the results of, especially with those individuals who had their machines broken down, I was also concerned that maybe they were not completed so I had to give it back for them to double check.

I can inform my colleague about those forms that were left behind. If there are still some in the community, we will want to see them and will include them with the other papers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. The Member for the High Arctic, Mr. Barnabas.

Question 402 – 2(2): Rent Scale Review

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

As I stated earlier in my Member's Statement I have a question to the Minister in regards to the Nunavut Housing Corporation. In 2002 the new rent scales were implemented and from then on the Minister stated that the rent scales would be reviewed periodically. If there are any changes to be made the Minister stated that would be done.

Could the Minister inform the House if there has been a rent scale review, and has it been completed? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the information of my colleagues since the implementation of the new rental scale, it has been in effect. We stated in the House that there would be a review periodically. If there are changes required there would be a review done on the rental scale. There won't be any changes if there were no changes to his income level. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): First supplementary. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to thank the Minister for responding to my question. Could the Minister table a copy of the review on the rental scale. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am a little confused. I made a statement stating that there would be a review on the rental scales. For example, if an individual's income hasn't changed, the amount of money that he is paying for rent wouldn't change.

We said that there would be an ongoing review on the rental scale to make sure that they are not paying too much. If I understood the Member's question and if he would like get further information, I could have a discussion with the Member, personally. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Second supplementary. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is going to be my last question. If he is going to do a review of the rental scale, could the Minister speak to the House when the VTAs are included when they are doing rent assessments? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just smiled as this morning I had a meeting with the Secretary Managers when they were here in Iqaluit. We had a meeting in the Navigator Inn. Returning to the Member's question, one of the Secretary Managers had an exact same question. I wasn't expecting this, but since it has come up, I can say we had stated that there would be an ongoing review of the rental scales and if there are changes required, we will make the changes.

I can't today tell you if there were any changes or not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. The Member for Nanulik. Mr. Netser.

Question 403 – 2(2): Dental Therapist

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stated earlier that I would ask a question to the Minister of Health and Social Services. In Coral Harbour, usually the dentists comes in to provide dental services.

My question is, are these dentists employees of the government, or are they contractors? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The Minister of Health and Social Services. Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have three companies that provide the services. I believe they are contractors. Nunavut Dental Services is one; Arctic Circle Dental Clinic is another; they are contractors and they provide services to the Nunavut communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): First supplementary. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When they come into the communities, they just come in for the weekend. Usually they leave the community in less than a week and if some individuals are not seen then their appointment is made for the next visit. Usually by the time that they are seen by the dentist there are extractions required. What policies do you have on dental services? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The dentists usually go to the communities to provide a certain number of days and there is an agreement between the federal government and non-insured health services. It states specifically how many days they would be in the community.

(interpretation ends) Dentist visits occur approximately every six to eight weeks, for a duration of six to ten days, depending on the size of the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Second supplementary. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister stated that it would be from six to ten days. Usually there are many postponements, when there is a re-appointment made, usually it creates a problem when they only come in for a few days. Is there a dentist based in Rankin Inlet? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There was one in Rankin Inlet but we don't have enough dentists here. There are three companies that now have a contract with the Nunavut Government. There is one in Rankin Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Final supplementary. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated earlier, there have been delays and one of our Member from Clyde River isn't here, but we have been asking for additional dollars so that there are more dental services provided in Nunavut that they can stay longer in a community.

Is it possible to make changes so that proper services are provided in our communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I could look into this further and make any changes if they are required. If the Member would like to have a meeting with our department regarding this matter we are open to that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. The Member for Rankin Inlet North. Mr. Curley.

Question 404 – 2(2): Compensation for Bad Gasoline

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to pose a question to the Minister of Community and Government Services in regards to the gasoline survey and follow-up that was done.

The concerns of the people are true, the hunters from the communities were not able to go hunting because of this. It stated that they were scared to go hunting too far from the community because of the potential problems that could occur on their snow mobiles. They had fouling of the spark plugs. The government stated that there are spark plug problems. It states that the crank shafts and piston were also braking down.

Even if there is negotiations with the Territorial Government or Shell Canada, I'm sure that they're looking at their liability insurance.

But I would like to ask you, as the Minister if there is going to be compensation provided for Nunavummiut who had engines break down, that is the first question. If they are going to be compensated, what type of compensation are they going to receive? Thank you

Speaker: Minister of Community and Government Services. Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I identified the major problems here, in my statements.

In regards to people who had engine breakages, we are still negotiating, and we realize that engine parts are expensive.

At this time as the Government of Nunavut we are negotiating with Shell and we are looking at how best to resolve this problem, and what kind of compensation would be provided.

We do believe that there were motor breakages because of the quality of the gasoline, and Shell also believes that that is the case here in Nunavut.

We are concerned and I'm very pleased that after there questions raised and that the members were able to help us during that time. We will continue working on it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to thank the Minister for doing something about it but the government has to be efficient in regards to the individuals who had breakages, I would like to hear the government say that they will help the people.

The government and Shell Canada are just blaming one and other, we have to follow the Canadian General Standards, but it states here, in your own summary of the tabled document 136-2(2) in the first page, (interpretation ends): comment and field samples from ICB, Shell reported that the deposit control additive injected in this Scotford gas was accidentally higher than required.

(interpretation) As well it sounds very nice, and we know that the quality of the gasoline wasn't good, is there going to be compensation provided to those individuals who had snowmobile breakages, that's what the people of Nunavut are looking for. Thank you

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At the time we are doing a survey involved, and yes we would like to help the people of Nunavut.

But at this point, I can't tell you what kind of compensation will be provided, we are discussions with Shell Canada this week, but I do believe there should be more done by this company where we now know that Shell Canada will be giving vouchers and that's an indication that they would like to help the people of Nunavut, and that they do believe that there was a inferior quality of gasoline provided to Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): You're second supplementary Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Minister, because there is something being done. I have another question for the minister. There were breakages in snowmobiles and mechanical problems that weren't just sparkplug related, there were also crankshafts breaking.

They are not only looking at Shell Canada for compensation. If Shell Canada can't pay for 100 percent, is the Government of Nunavut going to provide financial compensation.

I know that new monies will not be provided, we already know that and that you wouldn't be providing new vehicles or snowmobiles. If Shell agrees to some compensation could the Government of Nunavut say that they will provide financial compensation?

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We did the gasoline survey and follow up in the Nunavut communities.

The Cabinet Members were well aware of what was happening. Once we get all the information there will be a full update provided to Cabinet Members. We are working hard on it, but as the Minister alone I can't tell you if there is going to be compensation provided by this government.

I will have to have discussions with Cabinet Members first of all, but there will be updates provided to the Members as they arise. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Final supplementary. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So do I understand that there will be another study done and are you looking at having Shell Canada pay 100 percent or could you say that we will pay for 60 percent or 100 percent? Is it possible for the Government of Nunavut to at least provide 60 percent? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will do all we can to see what we can get from Shell Canada but I will have to have a discussion and get the support from Cabinet Members before anything is done and address the concerns that were raised. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Cambridge Bay. Mr. Peterson.

Question 405 - 2(2): Update on Discussion for Airport Improvements

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister Economic Development and Transportation.

Mr. Speaker, last year I asked the Minister about the improvements being made at the Yellowknife airport and raised some concerns and issues from my riding about those improvements.

Last week, Mr. Speaker, I had the opportunity to travel to Yellowknife and saw the airport construction beginning so it reminded me to ask the Minister if he could provide an update on what his discussions have been with his Northwest Territories counterpart in respect to how the changes will affect people in my riding in Cambridge Bay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have not heard what my officials have done in regards to the Northwest Territories Department of Transportation.

As to where the discussion is, I have not heard any new updates. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): First supplementary. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Minister. Mr. Speaker, I have a copy of a news story from CBC North dated April 22 with the airport manager over there. It says the new security system scans for the presence of explosive material in a region where a mining driven economy expects to see a number of false alarms.

I'm wondering Mr. Speaker, if the Government of Nunavut will be talking to their counterparts in the Northwest Territories to determine how false alarms will be handled to minimize delays for people traveling from the Kitikmeot down to Yellowknife and or Edmonton. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we will be able to look into it, but I believe we are going to start this coming spring and summer to work at the airport, I am sure the same issue is going to rise here in Iqaluit, especially for the passengers that are going down to Ottawa.

Our departmental officials are aware of this and they are looking at ways of how they can resolve the issue and that's what I expect to see. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Second Supplementary. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Minister. A friend of mine was traveling to Yellowknife last year. He went through security and he had some explosive materials or dust on his computer because he worked on the mine. Then the security people dragged him off to a corner and they shook him down pretty seriously. That's the kind of security checks we can expect plus delays of departing flights.

Mr. Speaker, there seems to be a concern in my riding about whether or not the people in the Kitikmeot will be expected to pay user fees to fund improvements at the Yellowknife Airport.

It is mentioned in the news release that it will be a \$11.2 million expansion. I am not sure whether the government is going to pay for all of that or through some traveling fees. Could the Minister clarify that please? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have not heard, up to date, as to how they are going to be paying for the airport; whether the government or the federal government is going to pay for the whole thing. So I have not heard of anything to date. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Final Supplementary. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Minister. Could I get the Minister to maybe give me his commitment to come to Cambridge Bay in the next couple of months to sit down to talk to the Hamlet Council in the community and explain how all of these Yellowknife Airport improvements are going to affect people traveling from Cambridge Bay or from the entire Kitikmeot. If he could give that commitment to come give us an update of when these improvements or new systems are in place; I think it says here January 2006. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A few days ago, I responded to my colleague that I thought I was going to be in Cambridge Bay next month. Since I had stated that I could meet with the municipal counselors, yes, I can meet with the municipal counselors in the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Akulliq. Mr. Mapsalak.

Question 406 – 2(2): Update on Docking Facilities

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for Transportation.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans and some officials from Transportation toured some of the communities in Nunavut. They visited the communities that don't have docking facilities in the communities.

I was wondering if the Minister has heard any news in regards to the consultations that were done in the communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we have discussed this with our officials from the Department of Transportation and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans last spring.

They met and had discussions with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans officials by touring and consulting with the communities. They've made it an application to the federal government through the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Minister.

To date, we have not received any responses to that request. We have not heard from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, but I do expect the response soon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): First supplementary. Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. He already to respond to my second supplementary question.

Do I understand that neither entity nor government body has identified any funds for this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have not heard any news about funding, although I know how much we requested, but we have not heard any response.

I met with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans while he visited Iqaluit and I told him the urgency of this request, and the Minister stated that he understood. For many times he met with Nunavummiut with regards to the same issue and he stated that this was going to be done urgently, but we have not heard any news on funding. Thank you

Speaker (interpretation): Second supplementary. Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It would be beneficial to the communities that don't have any breakwater or docking facilities.

Did the federal Minister approach the Government of Nunavut Minister about the community consultations? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The federal Fisheries Minister has mentioned that his officials are working on our request.

There needs to be one more meeting, and then after the last final meeting, it will be given to the Minister, once everything has been set, once all the documents have been clarified, then it will be given to the Minister. As of now the application has not been given to the Minister as yet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay. Mr. Kattuk.

Question 407 – 2(2): Community Consultations on Wildlife Regulations

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of environment in regards to the amendment to the Bill. I was wondering if he knew when they will be starting the consultation in the communities. Thank you

Speaker (interpretation): Minister responsible for Environment. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Soeajer. I'd like to send my regards to my constituents of Cape Dorset and Kimmirut. In regards to the Member's question on the draft regulations, I believe that in two weeks we'll start touring to the communities in regards to the draft regulations. I am not too sure when they will be completed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): First supplementary. Mr. Kattuk.

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. There are many communities within Nunavut, and each community depends on all species for their subsistence hunting. I was wondering if the Minister can tell me, which of the communities are going to be visited. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Hon. Olayuk Akesuk

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time I am not able to tell you which communities will be visited. NTI and NWNB will also take part in the consultation tours, so I'm not too sure which communities will be toured. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Second supplementary. Mr. Kattuk.

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am sure that the smaller communities will again be forgotten. I was wondering if you have considered touring the smaller communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, all of the communities will be treated equally, especially when we are touring the communities with the draft regulations. We urge all of the communities to read all of the draft regulations.

All of the Chairs of Hunters and Trappers' Organizations will meet together as well. Also, Members of the Legislative Assembly should meet with their constituents in regards to the draft regulations.

This process will be beneficial to everyone. Using this method, we will have the best feedback in regards to the draft regulations.

As you mentioned, Nunavut Wildlife Management Boardm Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the GN will need to work closely together to make sure this process goes well because the Bill and Regulations will have an impact on Nunavummiut. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): First Supplementary. Mr. Kattuk.

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was asking the Minister if the smaller communities are going to be visited as well by the consultants. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you. Yes, I understand the question. We are not conducting the consultations alone as Government of Nunavut. We will partner up with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and Nunavut Wildlife Management Board.

I can't tell you which communities will be visited, but all of the communities of Nunavut are more than welcome to make their submissions in regards to the draft regulations. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit Centre. Mr. Tootoo.

Question 408 – 2(2): Children and Adult Group Homes in Iqaluit

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister responsible for Health and Social Services.

Mr. Speaker, as all Members will know, there are two group homes located here in Iqaluit; one of them in the Education Minister's riding, and one in the Premier's riding, I believe or else they are both in the Education Minister's riding.

My question for the Minister of Health and Social Services is, these boarding homes that are operating here, I believe one is an adult group home and one is a children's group home, are they run by the Department of Health and Social Services staff or are they contracted those services out to a contractor? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister responsible for Health and Social Services. Ms. Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the issues that are raised by my colleague are both being run by the Department of Health and Social Services through contract. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): First Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is the Minister aware if both of these facilities have individuals staying in them that have limited capacities and abilities to be able to get around through outside of the group home and I know as anyone who has been around the city has seen a green van at each facility.

Are those vehicles the responsibility of the contractor or are they owned, operated, and maintained by the Department of Health and Social Services? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Ms. Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Those vehicles that he is referring to are owned, operated, and maintained probably by the Department of Health and Social Services from what I understand. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Second Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I mentioned earlier that we know that individuals staying in those group homes sometimes are not able to get around on their own, and also, one would assume that sometimes there are emergencies where the contractors that are in the group home or staff in there may be required to rush someone out of the facility, whether it be to the hospital, or wherever, or taken to appointments, and stuff like that. I understand that those vehicles are used for.

Right now can the Minister confirm or not that one of the facilities, the vehicle that they have is not operating and that one of those facilities is, whether or not, is without a vehicle at their disposal right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to my colleague for those excellent questions. The elders group home's vehicle will be replaced with a new vehicle on the sealift. We know that this vehicle will be on the sealift. We have asked Community and Government Services so that it could be tendered out. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Final supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To me, that sounds like a liability to the government if one of the group homes does not have transportation readily available that they needed for any of those people staying in those group homes.

Why is it that the department has not given this facility a vehicle to use in the meantime until their new vehicle comes up on the sealift? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the vehicle requires repairs, the Government of Nunavut is responsible. Also the Government of Nunavut will provide a substitute vehicle if required. The elder's bus is also available for persons with disability, who require help with transportation within the City. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Question period is now over. Returning to the Orders of the Day. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Peterson.

Item 13: Tabled Documents

Tabled Document 137 – 2(2): Resolutions Passed at the 2005 Nunavut Association of Municipalities Annual General Meeting

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the Resolutions that were passed by the Nunavut Association of Municipalities during their 2005 Annual General Meeting. Once again I would like to encourage my colleagues to take some time to read through these well prepared resolutions. I urge the government to take action on these resolutions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Tabling of Documents. Mr. Kattuk.

Tabled Document 138 – 2(2): Environmental Impact Statement for Eastmain -1-A

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In my Member's Statement I mentioned that I would be tabling that NTK assessment report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Please pass on the documents to our clerk. Tabling of Documents. Ms. Aglukkaq.

Tabled Document 139 – 2(2): Nunavut Electricity Subsidy Program Contribution Policy

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document; the Nunavut Electricity Subsidy Program Contribution Policy. This policy is

designed to provide residential and commercial power customers with equitable power rates for power consumption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Tabling of Documents. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Tabled Document 140 – 2(2): Sport North Financial Statements

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table the Sport Nunavut Lottery financial statements. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Tabling of Documents. Ms. Brown.

Tabled Document 141 – 2(2): Annual Report of the Director of Child and Family Services 2003/04

Tabled Document 142 – 2(2): 2003/04 Report on Home and Community Care Services

Tabled Document 143 – 2(2): 2004 Tobacco Control Act Annual Report

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table the Annual report of the Director of Child and Policy Services 2003/04. The other one I would like to table is the Community Home Care services. I would also like to table the 2004 Tobacco Control Act Report.

Speaker (interpretation): Tabling of Documents. Mr. Picco.

Tabled Document 144 – 2(2): News and Insight on Public – Private Partnerships

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to table the Public: Private News and Incites on the public: private partnerships. Mr. Speaker, I think the article on page 21 is of particular note. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Mr. Barnabas.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

Motion 022 – 2(2): Amendment to Rule 39 of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly - Notice

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice of motion for an amendment to Rule 39 in the Legislative Assembly.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, May 5, 2005, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Cambridge Bay that Rule 39 be amended by adding the following Sub-Section:

A Minister shall provide a Return to Oral Question within seven calendar days unless the Minister files a provisional return with the Clerk indicating:

- a) more time is required
- b) the reason for the delay
- c) the date upon the information will be provided

A Return to Oral Question may be filed with the Clerk of the House when the House stands adjourned for prorogue. A return shall be deemed for all purpose to have been presented or laid before the House. A return shall be tabled at the appropriate points in the daily order of business at the first opportunity when the House sits.

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

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

Motion 023 – 2(2): Amendment to Rule 41 of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly - Notice

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): I also would like to make a notice of motion in the Rules of the Legislative Assembly. I give notice that on Thursday, May 5, 2005 I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Cambridge Bay that Rule 41 be amended by adding the following Sub-Section:

A return to a written question may be filed with the Clerk of the House when the House stands adjourned or prorogued. A return shall be deemed for all purposes to have been presented to or laid before the House. A return shall be tabled at the appropriate point in the daily order of business at the first opportunity when the House sits.

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

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

Motion 024 – 2(2): Amendment to Rule 44 of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly – Notice

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that I will be making a motion to amend Rule 44 of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly on Thursday, May 5, 2005.

NOW THEREFORE I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Cambridge Bay that Rule 44 be deleted and replaced by 44.1. under the item Tabling of Documents, the Speaker or a Member may provide the House any document which is required to be laid before the House in accordance with any Act of Nunavut or Canada or pursuant to any motion or rule for the Legislative Assembly or which may be in the public interest. A Member may make a brief factual statement to identify the document.

And 44.2., any document will be required to be laid before the House in accordance with any Act of Nunavut or Canada or pursuant to any motion or rule of the Legislative Assembly. It may be filed with the Clerk of the House when the House stands adjourned or prorogued. Such documents shall be deemed for all purposes to have been presented to or laid before the House and any such document shall be tabled at the appropriate point in the daily order of business at the first opportunity when the House sits.

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

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

Motion 025 – 2(2): Compensation Program for Nunavut Residents Suffering Losses as a Result of the Quality of Gasoline – Notice

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, May 5, 2005, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I move, seconded by honorable Member for Akulliq, that the Legislative Assembly recommends that the Government of Nunavut introduce no later than the summer of this year, a comprehensive compensation program for resident who have suffered damage to their snowmobiles, outboard motors, ATV's, or other property as a result of the quality of gasoline supply in Nunavut communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Motion 026 – 2(2): Amendment to Rule 68 of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly - Notice

Mr. Tootoo: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, May 5, 2005, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Natilik, that Rule 68 be amended by adding the following subsection and renumbering the existing sections accordingly:

- (2) The sponsor of a Bill may, without notice, under the item “Motions”, move that a Bill be ordered into Committee of the Whole after the 120 calendar days have passed and no motion to extend the period for the Standing Committee to review the Bill has been adopted by the House.”

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Notices of motion. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Mr. Barnabas.

Item 16: Motions

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like unanimous consent to waive rule 41, the rules of the Legislative Assembly to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The Member is seeking unanimous consent to make his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed. Mr. Barnabas.

Motion 022 – 2(2): Amendment to Rule 39 of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Mr. Speaker,

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges has reported to the House;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Cambridge Bay, that Rule 39 be amended by adding the following subsections:

- (6) (interpretation ends) A Minister shall provide a Return to an Oral Question within 7 calendar days, unless the Minister files a provisional return with the Clerk indicating:
- (a) that more time is required;
 - (b) the reason for the delay; and
 - (c) The date upon which the information will be provided.
- (7) A Return to an Oral Question may be filed with the Clerk of the House when the House stands adjourned or prorogued. A Return shall be deemed for all purposes to have been presented to or laid before the House. A Return shall be tabled at the appropriate point in the daily order of business at the first opportunity when the House sits. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The Motion in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstained? The motion is carried. Motions. Mr. Barnabas.

Motion 023 – 2(2): Amendment to Rule 41 of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make a motion on the amendment to Rule 41 of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly.

WHEREAS the Standing Committee of Rule, Procedures and Privileges has reported to the House:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Cambridge Bay, that Rule 41 be amended by adding the following subsection:

5. A Return to a Written Question may be filed with the Clerk of the House when the House stands adjourned or prorogued. A Return shall be deemed for all purposes to have been presented to or laid before the House. A Return shall be tabled at the appropriate point in the daily order of business at the first opportunity when the House sits.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. There is a motion on the floor. The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion. All those opposed. Abstained. The motion is carried. Motions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time I would like to seek unanimous consent to deal with a motion dealing with an amendment to Rule 44 of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The Members seeking unanimous to deal with the amendment to Rule 44. Are there any nays. There are no nays. Mr. Tootoo.

Motion 024 – 2(2): Amendment to Rule 44 of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues.

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges has reported to the House:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Cambridge Bay, that Rule 44 be deleted and replaced by:

1. Under the item “Tabling of Documents,” the Speaker or a Member may provide to the House any document which is required to be laid before the House in

accordance with any Act of Nunavut or Canada or pursuant to any Motion or Rule of the Legislative Assembly, or which may be in the public interest. A Member may make a brief factual statement to identify the document

2. Any document required to be laid before the House in accordance with any Act of Nunavut or Canada or pursuant to any Motion or Rule of the Legislative Assembly may be filed with the Clerk of the House when the House stands adjourned or prorogued. Such documents shall be deemed for all purposes to have been presented to or laid before the House. Any such document shall be tabled at the appropriate point in the daily order of business at the first opportunity when the House sits.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. Abstained. The motion is carried. Motions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion dealing with an amendment to Rule 68 of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The Members seeking unanimous consent to deal with the motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed. Mr. Tootoo.

Motion 026 – 2(2): Amendment to Rule 68 of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges has reported to the House:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nattilik, that Rule 68 be amended by adding the following subsection and renumbering the existing sections accordingly:

2. The sponsor of a Bill may, without notice, under the item “Motions”, move that a Bill be ordered into Committee of the Whole after the 120 calendar days have passed and no motion to extend the period for the Standing Committee to review the Bill has been adopted by the House.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Curley.

Motion 027 – 2(2): Amendment to Motion 26-2(2)

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Member for Nanulik that the motion be amended by the following, and further I move that this amendment not come into effect until May 1, 2006 so that further study on the matter may be undertaken. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): The amendment is in order. The same rules apply to regular motions as amendments. The Members can speak for 20 minutes to the motion but the mover of the amendment will have the last opportunity to speak to the motion. The mover of the motion. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you. The intent of my motion, as I tried to explain during caucus, and I don't think it was clear, that Rule 68, it works.

We are given four months or 120 days before they get the report, to have the opportunity but at this time that 120 days will still apply as long as no motion is given to extend.

(interpretation ends) The sponsor of a bill, without notice. That to me is very dangerous wording because what we're dealing with is a closer rule in the house, a formalized closure where you are now cut off after exhausted attempts to bring the Bill from the committee.

If it doesn't work and there is notice, the Minister or sponsor of a Bill, any Minister can put forward a motion to close the debate. We have eight Ministers and there's only a few of us. If they get one or two more, the Minister would be able to introduce and proceed with a Bill.

So, I'm asking for further study on this. I want the Clerk to study the rules of other legislatures to see whether they have a formalized a closure rule structured in their rule book. I bet you will not find a closure rule in any given legislature. I appreciate all the attempts to try and define procedures by my colleague but I think we need to study it a bit more because we're dealing with the democratic rights of the group.

There may be an opportunity to introduce extending a Bill being considered but it would mean we would forever have to vote on procedure. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): To the amendment. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had an opportunity like Mr. Curley to sit in a different Assembly in the past.

Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee of this house, duly appointed by the Members of the House had decided about this amendment. When a Bill is ordered into Committee of the Whole Mr. Speaker, indeed it doesn't activate a closure clause. Indeed what that Bill does when it goes to Committee of the Whole, it provides for full debate among the Members.

Mr. Speaker, I would assume that the original amendment here being made to our rules would be that you would allow for conducive and expeditious debate on a Bill. Mr. Speaker, allowing a Bill to be ordered into Committee of the Whole, gives every Member of the house, as the Members know, an opportunity to debate the Bill.

The members can then take the Bill back out of the Committee of the Whole, as it was put in with changes or amendments or other opportunities that we have within the rule.

I do not agree with the amendment, unless there was a better basis of delaying it until 2006. I would suggest that your staff and the clerk's staff would have reviewed the rules and laws and the prerogatives. I am sure that the rules committee, which is appointed by all members, would have looked at the amendments themselves. I do not believe that any Member here is trying to shut down the democratic process by ordering closure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): To the amendment. Mr. Curley. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too, like Mr. Picco, would like to rise and voice my opposition to this amendment. We all know that the standing committees have a hundred and twenty days automatically to view any Bill that is brought before them. They also have the opportunity to ask for an extension, if required. Having sat in this legislature during the First Assembly; that was something that was required, from time to time, to be done.

Also as indicated in my report yesterday as chair of the rules committee, since the Member brought up his concern looking at this closure rule, to try and see it in that way. I have not been able to try and understand how it could be considered a closure rule, or a formalized closure as the Member called it, to close debate on any Bill.

As Mr. Picco pointed out, any motion that is brought forward, we get to vote on it just like we are right now in this process under these items in the House. If the majority of the members feel that they do not want it to go back right into the Committee of the Whole, then the members can vote on it defeat that motion.

That is one step of democratic process that would follow, after such a motion was brought forward. The other step, as Mr. Picco pointed out, is once that Bill has been moved into the Committee of the Whole, all members, whether a Minister or a regular member, have the opportunity to question, make amendments, or changes in Committee of the Whole. There is another opportunity for debate on it. That debate is from the first Assembly can go on for some time on any Bill.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is important to note that when the word, sponsor of a Bill, it does not automatically mean that the sponsor of a Bill is a Minister. There is such a thing called private member's Bill that could be brought in by any member. If it is being ignored that allows a formal mechanism to bring that to the next stage in the legislative

process, as I outlined in my report yesterday so that all members would have an opportunity to debate it.

For these reasons, I think the rules committee did everything they can to look at everything. This was an issue in the first Assembly, which is why this amendment is coming forward now as the rules committee report, and the first assembly never had the chance to get tabled and brought forward and dealt with, prior to dissolution of the first assembly. This is not something new, this is something that has been looked and researched, and brought forward.

This was the easiest and the most common sense way of getting around that, to accommodate both the views of the government and the sponsor of the Bill, whether it be a Minister, private member, and also the democratic rights of the Committee and the regular members, be able voice their concerns and vote on things. It is not taking away anyone's rights; there are still opportunities at a number of stages after that for all members to be able to debate it.

Given all of that, I have not been able to understand of how this could be considered a closure motion.

So for those reasons, I ask all Members not to support the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): To the amendment. Ms. Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As seconder to this motion, I, too, want to comment on the proposed amendment. First of all, I would like to say that I am not in support of the proposed amendment to the motion.

In the past, I think one has to understand clearly that Bills have been dealt with at Standing Committee where the Standing Committee was at a standstill on a particular Bill.

And in one particular instance that I am aware of, a Standing Committee reviewed a piece of legislation for over one year, and this Motion allows us to continue with the democratic process of dealing with legislation, and allows the sponsoring Minister or individual to move that Bill into Committee of the Whole so everyone in this House can debate a legislation proposed Bill.

So in the past when there's no consensus with Standing Committee members, we have allowed many extensions to deal with a Bill; again, not coming to a conclusion.

This amendment will allow us to deal with Bills in the House to keep the process rolling and a concern that we have had in the past with this government is that we need to be able to govern and when committee members are not able to agree to a proposed Bill or

what not, this allows the need for the entire House and all nineteen Members to debate a Bill.

So I am in support of it; I don't look at it as a closure rule, I look at it as an opportunity to involve everyone in the House to debate it. So I am not in support of the proposed amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. To the amendment. I don't have any more names on my list. You were given an opportunity to voice your opinions at one time. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): I would like to have a recorded vote.

Speaker (interpretation): I have no other names on my list. The mover has stated that he would like to have a recorded vote. All those in favour of the amendment please rise.

Mr. Curley

Mr. Netser

Mr. Mapsalak

Mr. Alagalak

All those opposed please rise.

Mr. Peterson

Mr. Tootoo

Mr. Evyagotailak

Mr. Barnabas

Mr. Tapardjuk

Mr. Akesuk

Ms. Aglukkaq

Ms. Brown

Mr. Picco

Mr. Simailak

All those abstaining please rise.

Mr. Kattuk

Mr. Kilabuk.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Kattuk. Mr. Kilabuk. The amendment is defeated. We will now deal with the motion.

To the motion. All those in favour. I apologizes. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate something that was mentioned yesterday in my report of the Rules Committee in the House in relation to this motion.

As I had indicated earlier, and I'll read from my statement yesterday, that during the first assembly, concerns arose with respect to the issue of the status of bills following the referral of the standing committee. At present the rules are ambiguous with respect to how to advance a Bill to the next stage of the legislative process in the event that the standing committee does not report back within a 120 day period, provided for in the rules for the committee's scrutiny of the Bill.

The proposed amendment to the rule would provide a formal mechanism to advance a Bill to the next stage in the event that a motion to extend the review period was not passed. It is also important to note that a motion to move a Bill into Committee of the Whole would itself be voted upon by all members of this house and the end result would be a clear indication as to the will of the house with respect to a given legislative initiative.

So, with that Mr. Speaker, I want to assure all Members that there is no intent for closure with this motion and ask all Members to support it and I would also like to see a recorded vote on this one. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make it quite clear to the voters in Nunavut that closure is a procedure where the government unilaterally decides that certain public hearings that would have been carried out after 120 days, if there has been no motions in the Committee of the Whole, in this house, have not been requested or by the committee studying a particular bill, then conceivably, after 120 days, 4 months, any Minister or the government's sponsor of a Bill without notice.

That means no notice of motion will now be given to introduce a motion to quit fooling around with public hearings. 120 days have passed, no motion to extend the hearings, conceivably the Minister could introduce a motion to begin bringing back to the Committee of the Whole.

It means no more consultations held throughout communities in my riding or any other riding. I'm amazed that there was a reference to the fact that I made a reference on the need to do more research by the Member from Iqaluit East. I did. I did request the committee staff do more research. Why they didn't do so is beyond me. A committee chairman about a month, this was the first time it was ever brought in was about a month ago, through the winter session, a month and a half ago, and I did immediately comment that there should be further research and consultation with other rules of the house through the democratic society, their parliamentary systems in Canada but no one took it upon themselves.

I'm not some left wing individual, and I'm supporting a procedure which would the groups in the public who have less fortunate ability to write a proposal to the committee within a time line, four months, 120 days, unless there had been an extension. Now we have a rule that gives the crown, the cabinet, the opportunity to say, the Bill may without notice under the item motion move that the Bill be ordered into the Committee of the Whole after 120 calendar days have passed.

Sure, some of the omnibus Bills should be studied three or four months, even if it takes a year, as long as there are consultations, we have a pretty diverse population in this part of the Territory.

Not only bilingual Inuit, we also need unilingual translators to proceed with all kinds of studies.

It may be fine to give the Cabinet the Bill without notice, a motion could be introduced. Well, it may be the greatest right the government could be given for further opportunity to do that. To me, it restricts the time a public hearing can be held. I'm amazed that with a legislature that is suppose to respect all kinds of views of our diverse population, is now asking, they may deny it, for a closure rule, a formalized closure rule. It's now in the motion after four months, and no motions have been introduced in the Committee of the Whole to extend the hearing. The Bill may, without notice, under the item motion be moved.

Amazing, I thought we could only do that during the Committee of the Whole procedure, so, Mr. Speaker I do support the recorded vote on this motion. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Comments to the motion. I have no more names on my list and so I ask the mover of motion to speak last. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too am amazed at the fact that for some reason, my colleague can't seem to get his head around or understand or see that this isn't the closure motion.

I know some things that my honourable colleague, who's had some laughing gas, has also not mentioned in his comments the fact is when a Bill is sent to the committee, they have

a 120 days to review it. Prior to any sitting, if an extension is required, there's always a full caucus meeting, and that is something that is on the agenda if an extension will be required.

Every time, during the first Assembly, when an extension had been requested, again through formal motion in the House where you get to vote on it, again another democratic process that all members get to vote on and speak to, it has been allowed, I don't believe that it's in the best interest of any sponsor of a bill, whether again as my colleague pointed out his always referring to as just a cabinet Member or the crown or the government, there are also the possibilities in the avenues for private member's bills to come into the house as well, and that's also something.

It's for all Bills, whether it is a private Member's Bill or a government bill. It doesn't give any sponsor of any bill, or any government any unilaterally, decision to close debate on it, without notice, like I said, there's a full caucus meeting before every session and during the request for extension, if required. Usually an extension is asked for, there is some grounds for the chair of that committee will point out the rationale as to why they need the extension and it'll be brought forward then.

Just by asking for an extension and voting on it here in the House, they can't do that. Where the Member gets this idea, the only way no matter what, the government can do this, is simply inaccurate. He says that one Member can do this, one Member here in this case.

He raised these concerns, as I identified in my report to the Rules Committee, that it wasn't a unanimous decision, but it was a decision that was voted on and agreed to by the committee. Just like we vote on and agree things here in this House. Sometimes you agree with it and sometimes you don't, but if the majority that passes then you go along with that.

Also it says it doesn't eliminate the opportunity to do any public hearings. A lot of time in vast territory that we live in due to the weather changing and quickly, we have had public hearings that were scheduled for certain communities on different tours; we did tours on the Elections Act; there were tours on the Education Act; there was a number of community consultations on tourism, on the Wildlife Act, there was a lot. None of those were cut off. Some of them, there were delays because of weather.

In no way shape or form, allowing any sponsor or Bill to cut off a committee's right to hold public consultations in the member's community; in any members' community. The Committee has the right to do that, and if there are legitimate grounds for delays, then normally there would be no problem to having that brought forward.

If the majority of the committee and the members thought that the government was going to invoke this and bring forward a motion and they didn't support it, they have every right to vote it down and continue with the consultation process, or whatever process it does in reviewing and scrutinizing the Bill that is before the committee.

I just wanted to clarify that. I think that there were some misconceptions that were stated. I just want to make it very clear to all the voters in Nunavut, as my colleague had indicated, that this is not something in any way shape or form, would bring any opportunity of closure by the government, or any sponsor of the Bill, to hear what the people have to say on it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. We will have a recorded vote. For all those in favour of the motion, please rise:

Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Evyagotailak.

Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Kilabuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Akasuk.

Ms. Aglukkaq.

Ms. Brown.

Mr. Picco.

Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Peterson.

All those opposed to the motion, please rise:

Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Curley.

Mr. Netser.

All those abstained, please rise:

Mr. Alagalak.

Mr. Kattuk.

The motion is carried.

Motions. Returning to the Orders of the Day. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in the Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Tabled Document 100-2(2); Tabled Document 101-2(2); Tabled Document 102-2(2); Bills 16 and 17, with Mr. Evyagotailak on the chair.

We will take a short break for 20 minutes.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 16:05 and resumed at 16:39*

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

Chairman (Mr. Evyagotailak): Minister Kilabuk, can you kindly introduce your witnesses for the record?

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, they appeared before the Committee here with me; to my immediate left, Mr. Tom Rich, my Deputy Minister; to my immediate right, Mr. Chris Clark, our Director, they will be with me today. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Rich, Mr. Clark, welcome. Do Members have any questions to Tabled Document 100-2(2), Nunavut Leased Properties. Are there any questions? Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask, in 2005, it states that the lease will expire. I'm sorry. I would just like to ask, it states that the lease term will expire in 2011. If the lease expires that year, will it be tendered out again? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The lease in Coral Harbour will be up for review, perhaps in five or seven years' time. That review is approaching soon again and we will find out what decisions will be made and whether it will be tendered out again or not.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The buildings that the housing corporation are leasing will be reviewed again? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My colleague from Arviat asked the same question and I had responded that once we find out all the information, I will be able to give you a definite answer. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have anything else at this time.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. I don't have any more names on my list. Does the committee agree that we have concluded debate on Tabled Document 100-2(2), Government of Nunavut Leased Properties. Are we in agreement?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Finally. Members, we can now go to 101-2(2) and also 102-2(2). Are there any questions. Questions. Tabled Document 101-2(2) and Tabled Document 102-2(2), Annual Contracts Data Report. Are there any questions? Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Yes, one time they had indicated to me that I had been Out of Order, so I would like to get a response, please.

Chairman: Okay, ask your question to the Minister and staff.

Mr. Curley: I just want to make an introductory comment before I go through other details. I was overwhelmed with the amount or size or number of the sole sourced contracts.

The policy appears to be quite formal that anything over \$25 thousand must go through either one of the public open tender process, but one of the sole sourced contracts was \$700 thousand for something that has to do with a digital service, health-related contract, I think, to some hospitals.

It's amazing that with those amount of dollars that the government spends as well as all of the consulting dollars that the government spends, a whole slew of them are sole source contracted to individuals where there appears to be a variety of competition out there for providing various services.

Is it pretty much the government partnering with the independent consultants through their work rather than building specialized units in the government for various works that the government needs?

The reason I am saying that in that fashion is that I am not 100 percent sure of whether the government is really diligent in carefully managing finances, and therefore, it doesn't really rely on getting the best value for the dollar with the limited amount of dollars that we have.

So I would like to ask the Minister and his officials why you have to go through sole sourced contracts sometimes doubled, tripled, and in many respects, a tremendous amount of sole sourced dollars leased by contracts to go through the sole sourced arrangement.

I read the policy and the policy appears to be quite clear that any contract that would exceed \$25 thousand would go through that provision of public tender process.

So could the Minister maybe state why so many are going through that, although many of them are within the other departments, but surely the contracting policy is administered by one main department.

And if the Minister could answer then, I would like his deputy minister to comment as well. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Before the Minister answers your question, I would like to thank Mr. Clark for answering questions over the three days that we are dealing with the other document; and Mr. Minister, I would like you to introduce your new witness for the record. Thank you.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. He is not a stranger at all; Mr. Mike Rafter. I would like to thank Mr. Chris Clark for being here.

Chairman: Mr. Clark, I am sorry, Mr. Rafter, is that how you say your name? Welcome to the committee meeting. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The question that my colleague just asked in regards to sole sourced contracts. I would like to reiterate how many sole sourced contracts have been awarded, in terms of percentage, and the dollar amounts.

The contracts have been awarded based on priority and those are the sole sourced contracts that are given out and following this is 13 percent to the sole sourced contracts.

According to their money, it starts at 28 percent. They do have a policy, as I had indicated earlier, these are defined if its on an emergency case, then should it involve the public's safety, that sole contractor is allowed to come into an agreement, whether type of work that they have to do, if it is under \$25,000.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Kilabuk. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: I thank you for the summary, Mr. Minister. I am still not 100 percent sure why so many dollars that are being sole sourced. In spite of that, could there be more of an attempt made to go through the public tender process, if not maybe the Minister can give a case by case sort of an approach process, as far as the process is concerned.

Obviously the contracting managers would have an idea whether to go through one of the motions of the contracting process policy for service that are required by the government.

If they choose to go through a half a million dollar worth of service they have to decide that. What constitutes, timeframe-wise, what is urgent. What amount of time is considered urgent and what isn't. What would allow you to go through the public tender process in what amount of time? Could you maybe explain to us how these are managed? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The summary that I gave him to his specific question; I will let Mr. Rich elaborate more on this.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As the Minister mentioned, we have three criteria that we follow. Every sole sourced contract is to have a justification filled out for the reasons for it and how it fits in within those reasons that the Minister identified.

The two principle ones that we are looking at are the issue of it being an emergency and the second one is that only one person or company capable of doing the work. It requires deputy minister approval. It is not something that can be signed off, simply, by staff.

Many of the sole sourced contracts are emergencies because they affect the Hamlet life or safety directly. A good example would be if a water supply breaks down and the Hamlet is in danger of not having any water supply, you need to get repairs done immediately. We had one of those, for instance, this winter, so one simply does not have time to follow a three or four week tendering period. One has to immediately get someone in there to do the repairs.

Another issue that we run into, unfortunately, from time to time in Nunavut, is issues that arise and need to be dealt with, we have a sealift date that is immovable. We have to do the tendering, the tender is not sufficient time to do the tendering for an issue that has arisen.

We do find at times in working with the department that they're not as good as they should be on preplanning, so we've been working very diligently with the departments to make sure that there is forward planning so that we don't back into those unfortunate times periods where there's a sealift deadline, where it could have been avoidable.

The other issues we have is, a very specific expertise is required in where it's well known that's there's only place where that expertise can be found.

We have taken steps, over the past year, to do two things with the departments, to reinforce the fact that they should only be using sole source contracts in exceptional circumstances.

One is, we've been doing more training for staff in the department on the contract regulations. The other is, we are in the process of updating the contracting manual and guidelines to make sure that they're clear for all departments, so that there is a very clear rule for sole source contracting. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you Mr. Rich. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Mr. Chairman, more on the general side. Looking through the number of contracts out, that were released to the consultants, the information that we have.

I note that there are quite a few, for instance, that didn't appear to be specialized, related to sporting events, or even sporting contracts that sometimes double the amount, double the \$25,000. Why is it that few doesn't appear to be an emergency related, why go through the contract that seem to have a whole lot of competition out there for providing that kind of sport related contract?

You may not be specializing in that area, I know that other departments are. Obviously they're not under your domain, but can someone explain to us as to why go through sole source arrangements on those kinds of stuff. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In all of the cases that I'm familiar with, it's been a combination of very specific expertise that's required, and time, that there is a time frame on a report that needs to be done or a time frame on an application that needs to be developed. We have someone with a particular expertise and available to do the job, and the decision is made by the deputy involved that it's warranted to do a sole source contract.

Again, we try to avoid that where it's possible, where it's possible to do a tender or a request for a proposal. But there are times where combination of areas where a specific expertise and timeliness makes a sole source contract warranted. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rich. Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One area I'd like to touch on, concerns how much the government pays to advertise all of its tenders and RFP's. (Interpretation) I wonder if it's in the same document here, I just want to get an indication on that before I proceed. Thank you.

Chairman Thank you Mr. Netser. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I apologize, I didn't get his question. I'll let my deputy respond to that. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I understand the question correctly, it was what is the amount of funds are allocated to advertising contract and tenders. That does not come under a single source. Many of them are done by individual departments, the tendering is done, so we don't have a single line item that I can give you on that particular cost.

We do have a Standing Offer Agreement for advertising and that's in place with a communications company for newspaper advertising and some of it comes under that.

I don't know if we have the contract dollar amount for that particular contract here with us, I don't think we do. Standing offers is there isn't a single amount it would be every time the advertising is done, so I can't give you a single amount for that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rich. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we were dealing with the Office Chief Electoral Officer when she was meeting with us in Committee of the Whole, she mentioned that \$80 thousand had been paid from her office.

When we were dealing with the Office of the Languages Commissioner, there was an expensive newspaper advertisement, it was stated that the government had spent huge amounts of dollars when it was placed in the newspaper and they didn't know how much money was being spent by the government.

I would now like to ask this (interpretation ends) when the government calls for a tender, and it's translated in Inuktitut and English, and we all know how much government pays on advertisements, have you ever received any unilingual tenders that can't fill out a contract form when they are bidding on a job? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Mr. Rafter.

Mr. Rafter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Not to my knowledge, no. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rafter. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have never received a tender offer; maybe we can suggest to the Minister to maybe drop off some advertisements because (interpretation) our students that are applying for funding through Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students, because of the Department of Education not being able to have enough funds with their over-expenditures, they have not been able to receive any funding.

The tenders that are translated into Inuktitut, when contracts are being written, not one Inuktitut-speaking applicant has ever applied. Maybe if they omit some of those tenders, then the government would save some money. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand exactly what my colleague's concern is, but we also have a policy on languages and that will be quite difficult. Excuse me, the programs, the departments, as my deputy minister

mentioned, there is ongoing training for contracts and we can keep emphasizing to them to do it in the least expensive way and I fully understand his concern. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Then, if you understand how much they spend on placing advertisements in the newspaper, I wonder if we can get that information once they find out. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we can compile these and we can provide that information to the Member. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Kilabuk. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Questions to the Contracting Reports and the Annual Contracting Data Report, Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome to the Minister and his officials again today. Mr. Rafter's first day on the hot seat.

This is a very detailed and comprehensive report, Mr. Chairman, 40 pages of contracts. I saw that there was one contract here I can't remember what page it is, Customized Licenses for Gjoa Haven for \$3.96. I was wondering why you tossed it in there, maybe to distract us, or humour us, or amuse us. And then you have contracts all the way up to a million dollars. It is good to see those in there.

There might be a recommendation in the future with the concurrence of my colleagues that we establish a minimum threshold so we don't have to look at every little contract. I know that they are important but in the context of this report, anything under \$1,000 or \$5,000 might not be necessary, especially a \$3.96 contract.

In February or March I was pursuing the KPMG Report and the Minister of Health finally tabled it. In there it talks about ambulance contracts. When I was reviewing the contract documents here, I couldn't see evidence that all the contracts and leased contracts were being listed. I am sure that they run into millions of dollars.

I am wondering if the Minister or his officials could comment on why the multi-year contracts were not listed in the Contracts Report? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That happens when the multi-year contracts will appear in the year the contracts are awarded. Therefore the topic in question is not in this report. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Kilabuk. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand why the Minister is saying that multi-year contracts are not in here. They are probably listed in the year it's signed.

The Government of Nunavut had a Response to a Written Question 21-2(2), earlier this year for costs associated to medical travel. It went out to \$12 million, 711 thousand, 674 dollars for airline tickets for patients in 2003-2004. We can extrapolate from those numbers and more than \$18 million was expended on charters for the Department of Health and Social Services. I am not clear what company, or companies benefited from those contracts.

I think when awarding contracts and proper context we are providing a report for a specific contracting year, that we should include multi-year contracts, broken down to the year that those costs apply.

I am wondering if the Minister or his officials could comment on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The information that I have on that request is, it's information not very easy to pull out to add on to the list. However, having said that maybe I could ask Mr. Rich to elaborate a little more on this and see if there is some other way that we can possibly look at to providing more information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Kilabuk. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand the concern and the desire for information. I think there may, in fact, be a more simple way to do it, and that is if there are specific areas in which there is interest in having information on multi-year contracts. Frankly, it is much easier and much less work to; in fact, get that information on those specific areas.

The problem is, the very problem that you mentioned the number of contracts, we have close to 11,000 contracts, we have a very large number of contracts that are multi year, because for instance construction contracts: which are almost always multi year contracts, and medical charters and other contracts, and it's very hard, at least with our current tracking system, and our current computer software to have a way to pull those contracts up and make sure that were reliably reporting on multi year contracts.

On the other hand, if there are contracts in particular areas of interest, it is essentially easier to go into those areas and pull them up, and if there was an indication of particular areas that information is desired, then we could do selective reports on those areas to get the information that would provide the information the member's desire. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you Mr. Rich. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you to the Minister and Mr. Rich. Perhaps a separate report could be provided in detail for all the multi year contracts. They are a substantially large contracts would be an interest of the members of the house and others want to see what those contracts are.

If we are spending money every year on those contracts, we should know what our obligations are. I wonder if the Minister or Mr. Rich can comment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you Mr. Peterson, Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Frankly because we haven't tried to do it with our computer software yet, I suspect that Mr. Rafter and I would have to have some discussions about how we do that, it is a challenge to do that because of the way some contracts run.

There's also a definition challenge, I'll use the construction projects as an example, we may have a construction project that's done in one year and we anticipate the work will be completed that year because of issues that arise, late sealift delivery, problems that are encountered in construction, it runs into the second year, so by definition it becomes a multi year contract even though when it was issued we anticipated it would complete by March 30th of a given year.

So we would not have that information at the time of tendering captured in our database, it says it's a multi year contract but that then becomes a multi year contract, and the other issues is the contracts may have a extension provisions, so extension provisions can be actioned by the client department, not necessarily by Department of Community and Government Services and at present there not formally required to report to us that they've extended the contract for certain period of time.

In many contracts it's quite normal for a 10% extension to extend the contract, so I suspect we have to do two things, one is we have to see whether our current database is capable of giving that information and secondly we would probably have to change our reporting procedures with the department to report when they've extended the contract or entered into multi year contracts that we are not aware of. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you Mr. Rich. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Rich. It does sound complicated, I'm sure with capable staff and meetings with between yourself and Mr. Rafter you'll figure it out.

I think it's important that we do have that information, however you arrange for it to be provided to us will be greatly appreciated.

I wanted to ask on the page 16 of 21 on the procurement contract report, that they have a grand total of contracts of \$116 million, 856 thousand for fiscal year 2003/04.

I imagine that's after the application of the NNI policy Mr. Chair. There is a probably a higher cost to the government then if you just selected all the low bids. Could the Minister or Mr. Rich tell us if they've done any sort of analysis to show that spending the extra, I don't know how many millions of dollars, it could be \$10 million or \$20 million or \$30 million after the application in NNI policy, if they've done an analysis on the types of jobs that are created for Inuit in different communities and the types of businesses that have been created, and whether they are sustainable. Are they still in existence after the Government of Nunavut incurred these many millions of additional costs? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The actual responsibility for doing that type of analysis on the impact of the NNI, as part of the joint responsibility for the Review Committee between the Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. The responsibility from a department standpoint is with the responsibility of Economic Development and Transportation. I don't have that information at my fingertips. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rich. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You indicated that you don't have it at your fingertips, but do you know if the information actually exists? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Not being directly involved in the NNI reporting, I am not certain that precise information exists. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rich. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Rich. I think that is important information that the House should receive, either through this presentation of your contracts report or another process, or through the NNI Secretariat perhaps.

That lead in to my next question. I am glad Mr. Rich raised it, the NNI Secretariat. If Mr. Rich or the minister could explain how the NNI Secretariat and the Department of Economic Development and Transportation and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the Department of Community and Government Services works together to implement the NNI Policy. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are quite heavily involved with the Department of Economic Development. They provide us advice and guidance on NNI related issues regarding contracting and purchasing. The raw data that they use for their analysis, we provide to them. Obviously, one of the two reports is the report that is provided specifically for NNI review purposes. So we provide them that information.

As issue arise that the Steering Committee is concerned about with regard to NNI, they provide advice on that, as issue might particularly arise. We have close contact through the committee with several departments, ourselves, EIA and Economic Development and Transportation all being represented on the NNI Committee. I would say that there is a close working relationship.

Obviously this has developed over the last year because it is only the past year that there has been a formalized group of four individuals involved with the NNI that has been established in Economic Development and Transportation. So that is starting to develop the relationship nicely, between the two departments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rich. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Rich. Could Mr. Rich expand on the operations of the NNI Policy Secretariat and perhaps tell how they will differ from application of the NNI policy then when it was simply administered by the Department of Community and Government Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Actually the operational questions would have to be directed to the Department of Economic Development and Transportation that is responsible for it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rich. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Rich. Do we have anybody from Economic Development and Transportation that could answer that question in the House? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. We don't see the Minister responsible for Economic Development here. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am sorry that I couldn't really help with that one. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In our opening comments, I think we might have indicated or asked officials from different departments to be available to answer questions as the contracts came up. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you Mr. Peterson. That would be nice to have all the ministers here, just in case the questions go to either one of the ministers. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If the committee would like that, it's something we can try and arrange and see if the staff in question would be in the building. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think it's important that we have someone here that can answer questions about the NNI policy, from the appropriate department. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Maybe we can take a five minute break and try and get the rest of the ministers here, so that if any of the members have questions to either one of the ministers, we'll direct the questions. We'll have a five minute break

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Chairman: Thank you. We'll get back to the meeting. I would like to remind all the Ministers to be here during our Committee of the Whole meeting just in case the questions go directly to the different Ministers. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I welcome Mr. Simailak to the House. I had some questions on the NNI Policy Secretariat. I was asking the Minister how the operations of the NNI Policy Secretariat differ from policy that was administered by the Department of Community and Government Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe a communiqué saw the requests for Government of Nunavut officials to be here unless the ministers are ready to answer to the questions. I will just remind you that a lot of the contracts that were put in before you, some of them were before out time. Also some of the officials will probably, with their hands on experience, have more to add. I give it at the discretion of the

ministers and probably for clarification who is supposed to be here with us in the Committee of the Whole. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I apologize to the committee. I was lead to believe otherwise. I was lead to believe that my department was going to be next and not all departments all at the same time. My officials are on their way over. In terms of answering my colleague's question, I have absolutely no idea on the answers to his questions. The officials are on their way over, as we speak. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Simailak. I would like to ask the committee, again, to see if we should have another five minute break until the departmental officials have arrived.

Can I just hold, keep your questions until Minister Simailak's officials make it, and maybe get one of the other Members to ask questions directly to Minister Kilabuk. How's that? Mr. Curley, sorry, Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now we're really lost. I just want to ask a quick question, page 17 of 40 on the 5th slot, location Chester Island. I just want to know where Chester Island is, is that in Canada somewhere or one of the provinces? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Mr. Rafter.

Mr. Rafter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We apologize, that appears to be a typo, it should be Chesterfield Inlet. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rafter. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Have there ever been any RFP's or tender proposals, tender cost from the government with respect to government construction signs or etc. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser, Mr. Rafter.

Mr. Rafter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe there's a standing offer for production of signs. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rafter. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can you explain what you just said to me? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Can you explain your answer to Mr. Netser, Mr. Rafter?

Mr. Rafter: The answer is yes, I believe a standing offer has been issued, when signage is required, similar to advertising, as it's taken out, a contract is issued with the event. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rafter, Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In reviewing the documents here, the government has expended a quite a huge sum of money for the signs. (Interpretation ends) If someone is starting a small business, they could really benefit from making these signs, instead of our money going down to somewhere in B.C. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser, Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I totally agree with my colleague that for these projects where Nunavummiut should be able to take on and be capable of doing so, I totally agree that more Nunavummiut should be pursuing some of these. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Kilabuk. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Whenever we see construction going on, housing project or other items, we should quote in plywood or the pallets, somebody could easily start, just a comment Mr. Chairman, a sign company, there are a lot of pallets out there and three quarter inch plywood and a lot of paint out there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. To the comment. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I totally agree with my colleague that Nunavummiut are best known for their ingenuity and I totally agree that there are a lot of creative ideas out in Nunavut which should be getting more attention. We do encourage Nunavummiut to take it upon them to pursue these ventures or projects as they see fit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Kilabuk. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am just going back to my colleagues asked a three dollar question. I wanted to ask a \$3,800 question, which is a little bit more than what my colleague had asked earlier.

A bomber style fur hat from Northmart, what were they for? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am just looking for that part. Can my colleague indicate which page number that he is referring to? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Kilabuk. Please refer to page numbers before your questions. That way everybody would be on track. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My apologies to the House. It is on page 22, somewhere down the lower half of the page, the bomber style fur hats. Are those promotional items. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think I'd be safe to guess that it was for the Legislature. I really don't have the information my colleague is looking for in this particular department. Maybe my colleague would be in the position to help us with this one. That is the only response I can give to my colleague.

My capable staff, once again, has come to the rescue, Mr. Chairman. Those were for the Department of Sustainable Development. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Kilabuk. I would like to remind the Members who are asking questions that we are dealing with two documents here: 101 and 102. Please let us know which document you are asking questions to and page. That way everybody will be on track. Thank you. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My apologies to the House once again. Is every little detail that we have been hearing a lot of micromanagement over the last year and a half? Is every little penny that is being spent by the government documented in these two books? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, in trying to live up to the request, we have presented as much information as we possibly can in this. However to go back to my deputy minister's comments earlier that we at Department of Community and Government Services cannot however guarantee the accuracy of contract information by all departments. So we will require the assistance of the appropriate departments to clarify for the member's benefit of the question being asked.

I think this being our first appearance to present this to you. Again this is a process that is a very obvious thing that needs more improvement in the future presentations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Kilabuk. Thank you, Mr. Netser. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was surprised that there was nothing about the marine transportation company contract. It's a huge amount. Is there any particular reason why they did not fit into this quoting of the contract?

We see all the air transportation contracts, charters and so on of any kind, but we don't see any marine. Could you guys explain why, could the information and the amount of dollars be made available to the committee as well?

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Curley, Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, unfortunately that one was a multi-year contract, that would not appear in this one that we present to you today Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: We have multi-year contracts that are in the other vendors that we dealt with. Would they have been in the other one, the multi-year? We have leases over twenty years that are multi-year. Is marine transportation midrange, I'm not sure if they are long term, some of them expire next year?

We are dealing with a procurement contract; they are legitimate agreements with the Government of Canada. Does that mean you could not table them here, if you could table them, would you table them soon? Thank you

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, I think for the Member's benefit, we need to explain further the multi-year contracts. More specifically on the marine transportation contract, I'll get Mr. Rich to elaborate on that more. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Curley. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The contract document in front of you is for contracts that were entered into the 2003/04 fiscal year.

The marine contracts you're referring to were entered in 2002/03, so they were in the year before, so we're only reporting the ones that were entered into 2003/04.

Contracts that are entered in the future will be reported as they are entered into, for marine contracts, as well as for all other contracts. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rich. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. I suppose it's a matter of how we terminate the contracts, my point is these are existing contracts and we are in the midst of them, you look at the leasing contract that we dealt with, they were entered into a while ago, some were a while ago, but still you reported them.

I couldn't understand why that is the case in this one, because these are dollars that we incur.

I was curious because Mr. Rafter made a statement to the Chamber of Commerce in Rankin Inlet about those contracts. He said the Government of Nunavut is saving dollars, but he did not elaborate exactly how those savings were being made. You can easily save up dollars if there is hardly any service left.

It's easy to understand, as far as Kivalliq is concerned. Could the Minister make a commitment to table these multi-year contracts, marine transportation contracts? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Curley, Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There was also a request from another colleague to include previous years. The response at the time was, again, it depends on how far we are going to go back and if it is acceptable to my colleague, we're more than willing to take upon specific contracts that are agreeable to my colleagues for the information that they require, we can certainly get them more information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. Yes, I may ask that another time. The time is ticking during this session now. The question that I would pursue is whether or not some of them couldn't be privatized, or establish a free market system for marine cargo, similar to the air transportation free market system for freight coming daily.

I will leave that one for now. I do have a question. I just want the Minister and his staff to explain how the invitational tenders differ from the public tender mode. Before I ask another question, could you explain to us exactly why the invitational tenders are used? And maybe describe exactly how that is carried out. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Invitational tenders are entertained when there is a body of known suppliers that can do the work, and where essentially those are the only suppliers that are available to do the work. We don't use them as often as other tenders. We typically look for northern firms, and limit to northern firms in a particular community. There are guidelines within the contracting guidelines that specifically apply to invitational tenders. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rich. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. Thank you for the information, Mr. Rich. My follow-up to that is does the criteria that are listed in the NNI Policy with respect to employment. Are they part of the guidelines that you mentioned, or the guidelines for the invitational tenders have a different criterion in terms of labour content and others? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The NNI applies to both invitational tenders and regular tenders. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rich. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. I have one item here with Rankin Inlet on the page eight of the forty on the list of contracts with respect to small contracts for janitorial cleaning services. I believe these types of contracts are quite competitive in the communities. I know for a fact that these are competitive.

Why would a mode IT be used for that kind of stuff when in fact there are quite competitive because they appear to be using that mode rather than wide open competitive tender process and really limiting it to maybe one, as far as I am concerned in Rankin Inlet? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In many cases, and janitorial services is one, regional offices will maintain a list of companies and companies are invited on a regular basis to submit their names for tenders for which they wish to apply. Then an invitational is offered to all of those companies that apply for it. In small communities this works, generally, quite well because it is well known that those tenders come up on a regular basis. It is also well known who is interested in doing the work.

We'll get phone calls often from companies asking if we have a list on a particular item, janitorial services is one, paid services are another. We automatically put their names on the list and they are then included on the next tender. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rich. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A follow-up to that. When that mode is used the notice is put out to tender, or is it a matter of calling them up. Exactly how does the IT process operating carried out? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The tender documents are prepared the same as any regular tender. They are mailed directly to the individuals or they are invited to come and pick them up. They are formally sent out to the materials the same as it would be for an advertised tender, it is just that it is done straight from the list that have already been established. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rich. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe this mode, this process is pretty much a sole sourced arrangement. Will you either consider that one or the group? So the contracting manager, project manager, doesn't really quite know, or maybe not friends with the group or the town, could neglect to call some of these groups.

I believe that, as it happened before, how do you evaluate whether or not all the rest of the competitive group out there are really taking part in this kind of thing? They could conceivably have an option to renew and they're not clear cut, probably re-tendered every year.

How is the evaluation process carried with those kinds of arrangements? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is generally quite immediate feedback if we ignore or don't include some individuals, or firms in a local community that were capable of tendering. We usually would get an immediate phone call on it. There have been instances where a tender is cancelled because it has been determined that the invitation was not as broad as it should have been, and we have re-tendered to include all of the companies.

If there are concerns about it that are brought to the department's attention, then we review that. In some cases, we have, in fact, changed invitational tenders to public notice tenders. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rich. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am curious because I think that there is probably a bit too much discretion given to the official in the regions who are using invitational tenders because many of them are close to the \$100,000 limit.

On page eight of the forty, when you look at all this invitational tenders, in particular with respect to property management things. They are really checking buildings, whether or not some of the plumbing jobs, and so on, that are not high tech stuff.

I know that for the property management services there are Inuit owned contractors and not any of them are there, other than the major corporations that are a part of the Iqaluit establishment.

Could the minister assure us here that he will try and be more inclusive with Inuit groups, Inuit maintenance groups in that department, because friendships and knowing somebody in that department with this mode, has a lot to do with awarding of contracts by Community and Government Services to those firms. Could you assure that you will be try and be more inclusive rather than exclusive? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, I can assure my colleague that we do not try to be exclusive, rather we try and be inclusive. However, this is a very strong statement. I thank my colleague for this statement because it is also one that we will be able to share with the other departments to ensure that the fair process that is in place is followed, and also adhered to by everybody because the contracts, as referred to in the committee today, are very important to both small businesses and the limited numbers.

I will assure my colleague that we will take the measures of making sure that a transparent process is in place, especially for all that we hand out at Community and Government Services. We will encourage other departments to adhere to the same. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Kilabuk. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. I firmly believe it is quite important, when you look at the list of contracts with my constituents, there are a number of contracts here, at least two of them, the Northern Light Janitorial, \$33 thousand, 250 dollars, and the second is for \$41 thousand, these are generous contracts.

These are not entirely just small individual contracts; these are carried out by someone who has a full time job and probably have an advantage because he does work for a transportation company. I would urge the Minister to be fairer, open up these kinds of contracts so that local people who employ local people and not immigrants who are just coming in and looking for whatever jobs they carry out.

These particular group also compete on those ones that are open up for tender, so I'm asking the Minister that he will try and maybe include a bit more, who have 100% near local employment when dealing with those kinds of services, that local people can be and build a career upon. Thank you

Chairman: Thank you Mr. Curley. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I thank my colleague in raising this because it will go well with the goals that have been set by both this legislature and also the previous legislature of wanting to put out more opportunities out there for Nunavummiut, so I strongly agree with my colleague that we should be putting out more,

and probably more peace to achieve the request of my colleague, also those of other communities.

I will assure my colleague and the Members that we will look closer to maximize the opportunities for either small businesses or individuals in Nunavut on these contracts, which we know a lot of them are very capable of doing. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you Minister, Thank you Mr. Curley. Do you have questions for Minister Kilabuk? Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you Mr. Chairman at this point in time I would like to report progress. Thank you

Chairman: we have a motion on the floor to report progress, the motion is not debatable, all those in favor of the motion, those apposed, motion carried, I will now rise to report progress. Thank you Minister and your staff.

Speaker (interpretation): Returning to the Orders of the Day. Item 20. Report of Committee of the Whole. Mr. Evyagotailak.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Evyagotailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Tabled Document 100-2(2) and Tabled Document 101-2(2) and 102-2(2), and would like report that Tabled Document 100-2(2) is concluded. I move that the report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder? Mr. Kilabuk. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. Abstained. The motion is carried.

Item 21. Third reading of Bills. Ms. Aglukkaq.

Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

Bill 19 – Legislative Assembly Statutes Amendments Act – Third Reading

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Cambridge Bay, that Bill 19, Legislative Assembly Statutes Amendments Act be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. Abstained. The motion is carried. Bill 19 has had third reading. Third reading of Bills. Item 22. Orders of the day. Deputy Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Deputy Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A meeting announcement for tomorrow. The Standing Committee Ajauqtiit meeting at 9 am in the Tuktu Room.

Orders of the day for Wednesday, May 4, 2005.

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. Notice of Motions
15. Notice 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 and Bills and Other Matters
 - Tabled Document 101-2(2)
 - Tabled Document 102-2(2)
 - Bill 16
 - Bill 17
20. Report to Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): This House stands adjourned until Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at 1:30 pm.

Sergeant-at-arms.

>>*Session adjourned at 18:08*

