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**Iqaluit, Nunavut
Thursday, June 15, 2006**

Members Present:

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

Item 1: Opening Prayer

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

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. Good afternoon, Mr. Premier, Members of the Cabinet, and Regular Members. Orders of the Day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. I apologize; let's check the interpreting equipment, please.

Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister Netser.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements**Minister's Statement 108 – 2(3): Workers' Compensation Board Annual Report 2005**

Hon. Patterk Netser: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Later today I will table the Workers' Compensation Board of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut 2005 Annual Report. I want to know one area of interest to the WCB stakeholders. A change in accounting rules and good stewardship of stakeholders money have resulted in the WCB being one of the best financed boards in Canada with assets totalling \$295 million and liabilities of \$211 million.

The WCB, Mr. Speaker, is funded to 128 percent. The WCB had investment gains totaling over \$17 million in 2005. While gains and investments cannot be expected every year, I am happy to announce the WCB plans to lower assessment rate in 2007. This is good news for northern employers.

In 2005 the cost of claims was lowered by approximately \$1 million from that of 2004. Although, reasons for reducing claims cost vary from year to year, a healthy return to work run by the WCB's likely accounts for some of these reductions.

At an average of 43.6 days duration for time-loss accidents, the WCB of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut ranks as one of the top boards in Canada for these programs. Additionally, the WCB has reduced administration costs by \$300,000.

I commend the WCB staff for a job well done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Minister's Statement 109 – 2(3): Additional Support for Seniors and Disabled Homeowners

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to my colleagues. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform members of the Nunavut Housing Corporation's continuing efforts to assist our homeowners, who are either seniors or have a disability or experiencing physical or financial difficulty as homeowners.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to providing these homeowners with yearly preventative maintenance service through the senior's and disabled persons preventative maintenance program, the corporation will now offer counseling services and options for seniors and disabled persons who can no longer operate and maintain a private residence.

Mr. Speaker, program officers of the Nunavut Housing Corporation are available to assist these homeowners in making the most appropriate decision regarding their homes including moving back into public housing.

Mr. Speaker, if any of our constituents are seniors or disabled homeowners and are considering giving up their homes, I encourage you to contact the Nunavut Housing Corporation office in your district for this important assistance. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Health and Social Services, Ms. Aglukkaq.

Minister's Statement 110 – 2(3): Congratulations to New RN Graduates

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to call on members to join me in offering our sincere congratulations to the five new graduates of the Bachelor of Science in nursing programs. Padlulaaq Ford-Kilpatrick, Rebecca Lonsdale, Andrea McCarty, and Susie Pearce are to be commended for their dedication to their studies.

Starting this September, they will be working in our health care system with guidance from a mentor and their colleagues. Their studies are not yet over; they will all write the Canadian Registered Nurse exam in October.

I understand that are still recovering from their last few months of exams, and looking forward to a relaxing summer. I would note that unique to Nunavut, these nursing

students had additional training in their last year of studies. They were taught nursing skills such as surgery and casting that are needed for rural and remote work.

This training is usually not part of the Bachelor of Science nursing curriculum, and reflect the care that has gone into developing and offering the four year long degree program here in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. I congratulate the individuals also. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Education and responsible for Energy, Mr. Picco.

Minister's Statement 111 – 2(3): Master of Education Program for Nunavut

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon. I would like to take this opportunity to inform the House about a newly founded Master of Education Program for our Nunavut students. This program is being coordinated by the University of Prince Edward Island, in partnership with the Department of Education, Nunavut Arctic College, and Saint Francis Xavier University.

The Master of Education and Leadership Learning for Nunavut is a part-time course opportunity to be offered in December 2006 to May 2009. Experienced Inuit educators will complete seven courses at central locations throughout Nunavut, while three additional courses to be completed via distance education.

The Master of Education and Leadership Learning Program is designed specifically for Nunavummiut so the educators can enhance their knowledge, understanding, critical awareness, confidence and skills to effect change in our education system.

This program is another enhancement or part of the fundamental shift in education here in Nunavut.

Please join with me in supporting our educators in enrolling in this program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Health and Social Services, Ms. Aglukkaq.

Minister's Statement 112 – 2(3): Progress at the Baffin Regional Hospital

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Many improvements have been made at the Baffin Regional Hospital over the past six months, which are worth noting given the important role of the hospital in our health care system.

These changes address risk management and quality of care. Our number one goal is to ensure that we have a safe and high quality system of care for Nunavummiut. Unfortunately, we have not always met that goal over the years.

I am committed to supporting the efforts of our staff to achieve that goal. Once we get there we will make sure that we never lose sight of it again.

Patients and visitors to the hospital already see changes in the service as a result of the new staffing being hired. There are four more housekeepers on staff, two more RNs, two more health records clerks, and three more interpreters. Also, there are more administrative staff.

This means:

- Infection control and overall cleanliness are much better and will get better. A special spring cleaning is underway.
- Our nurses are less stressed since they are not working short-handed as much as before.
- Health records are more up-to-date; and
- It is much easier to obtain interpretation services.

What patients and visitors won't see are some of the system improvements that make for a more stable and reliable service. Regular fire drills and equipment inspections improved security at the hospital, regular surveys of patients to get direct feedback on service quality and issues, and revised and new policies on hospital processes such as cleaning equipment.

These improvements don't come without some disruption. For example the hospital had to suspend specialist clinics in May so the referral and tracking system could be overhauled. But clients should find that specialist clinics coordinate better with their referral from Ottawa and their home communities and with all the needed records ready at hand.

I would like to commend all the staff at Baffin Regional Hospital for their ongoing efforts in making the hospital a better place to work and get health services. These efforts will help us achieve our goal of high quality and safe system of care.

We owe that to our residents and we owe that to our staff. I look forward to reporting further progress when the House resumes in the fall. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Madame Minister. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Item 3. Members' Statements. Item 4. I'm sorry, let's go back, I went ahead since I saw no hands up. Item 3. Members' Statements. Ms. Aglukkaq. I'm sorry, Mr. Alagalak.

>> *Laughter*

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 268 – 2(3): Thank You to Dr. Mitchell Taylor

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you. I will just be another Aglukkaq then.

(interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to compliment and appreciate a long-term Government of Nunavut employee Dr. Mitchell Taylor, a Nunavut polar bear biologist. This statement refers to tabled document on June 12, 2006.

(interpretation) I would like to thank this individual as he made some statements on the issue of polar bears to the Hudson Bay, and especially in the Western Hudson Bay area where the people of Arviat hunt polar bears.

Americans were thinking of putting polar bears on the species-at-risk list, and Mitch Taylor wrote a letter to their government and identified some of the issues coming from Nunavut and he also included *Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit* as part of the contents.

I am very proud of Dr. Mitch Taylor who is very competent. This is the main source of revenue for some of the people who take Americans out for big game hunts, and they use traditional dog teams to take those big game hunters out on the land.

With those in mind, Dr. Mitch Taylor wrote a letter to those people to make sure that they understood exactly what happens up here in regards to the polar bears. If we were not going to be polar bear hunting, we wouldn't be making any money.

I'm very pleased that he wrote this letter on behalf of the people of Nunavut, and especially the hunters. I wanted to make this comment in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. I apologize again, Mr. Alagalak. Members' Statements. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson.

Member's Statement 269 – 2(3): Cambridge Bay Grade 12 Graduates

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to inform the House about the five Grade 12 students in Cambridge Bay who are graduating this school year.

Mr. Speaker, this week and next, the grade 12 students will be writing their Alberta Departmental exams. They have been preparing for several months for these final exams. In a sense, however, they have really been preparing for these final exams for the last 13 years.

Mr. Speaker, all of these grade 12 students have applied to and been accepted to attend post-secondary institutions in southern Canada in the fall. The names of the five grade 12

students and the institutions they plan to attend in the upcoming year are: Sarah Janke; Nunavut Sivuniksavut, David Ohokannoak; University of Alberta, Kamele Panaktak; Lethbridge University, Tanis Peterson; University of Alberta or Red Deer College, Brendan Peterson; University of Alberta, or University of British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker, my community and I are very proud of each of these grade 12 students for all of their accomplishments. As a parent and an uncle, I am particularly proud of my son Brendan and my niece, Tanis.

Mr. Speaker, all of these young adults are a credit to their community and their families. They are also role models and trail blazers for their friends and fellow students. I would also like to recognize all the dedicated and committed educators in Cambridge Bay who taught these students and many others over the years.

If we stop to think about it for a moment, our children are in the care of teachers for six hours a day, five days a week, for nine months a year, for 13 years. They have a tremendous influence on our children.

The graduation ceremonies for the grade 12 students are scheduled for late August, a few days after the next school year begins.

Mr. Speaker, I would like the House to join me in congratulating the grade 12 students and to wish them all the best in their future studies. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Members' Statements. Member for High Arctic, Mr. Barnabas.

Member's Statement 270 – 2(3): Flight Incident from Resolute Bay to Arctic Bay

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the incident that happened in my constituency today. Earlier today the flight that was scheduled from Resolute Bay to Iqaluit via Nanisivik Arctic Bay was not able to land at the airport in Nanisivik. The Hawker-Sidley aircraft flew only on one engine for more than an hour. This is the second incident that has happened over this winter.

Mr. Speaker, when First Air stopped providing jet service to Arctic Bay and Resolute, my constituents were very concerned that the level of service being offered to them would be negatively affected. Community members had an opportunity to meet with representatives of First Air and expressed their concern with respect to the safety of the Hawker-Sidley. They were told that the Hawker-Sidley is a very safe aircraft

This is not the first time that Hawker-Sidley, this kind of plane, was supposed to fly on only one engine.

Mr. Speaker, in 2005 the Canadian Military's Operation Killaqvik planned a search and rescue exercise that included a mock plane crash. That exercise was meant to test the ability to respond to a disaster in the Arctic. It was cancelled due to the weather.

Given the extreme conditions that are common in Nunavut, the lack of travel options available to Nunavummiut, I believe that the equipment flying here should be the highest quality and reliability.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the government to take an action to ensure that airline services to all communities are safe and reliable. No one in this house wants to imagine the terror and tragedy of a plane crash (interpretation) and also my constituents have the same idea. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Members' Statements. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Mapsalak.

Member's Statement 271 – 2(3): Acknowledgement of Two Pages

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to acknowledge the two pages from Repulse Bay. They were very committed to work here and I know that they enjoyed their stay while in Iqaluit. I believe that we hire the best students in the schools and these two individuals are award-winning students. So I encourage them to stay in school and to complete their education, even though after they graduate from high school I urge them to get their higher education.

Since today might be our last day of session I wish all my colleagues a very safe trip home and a safe vacation, and all the cabinet members across from me, I wish them a safe summer and if you need to travel, I wish you a safe travel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

Member's Statement 272 – 2(3): Senior and Disabled Homeowners

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to thank the Minister of Housing Corporation for his Ministerial Statement in regards to the elders who have their own home and who face difficulties.

We now, in my region, especially in my community we now have elders who are home owners and they have to pay for the insurance and also they have to pay for local taxes even though they are at minimum. I was told that the community services should be lowered for the elders. They were requesting if they could have exemptions for the senior citizens.

I would like the minister to further consider senior and disabled individuals who are no longer in the workforce; there are some individuals like that who have mortgages. I had

given that mortgage, and this mortgage was held by the bank, and this senior or disabled individuals' mortgage, how much will you be able to buy back the mortgage?

So, this is the interest of Nunavummiut.

I would like the minister to make a statement on that to make sure that if this senior or disabled homeowner had gotten their housing through access, and loans, and some part of it they went through the homeownership program. So, I'm going to be asking those questions at the appropriate time. Thank you.

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

Member's Statement 273 – 2(3): Weather Station Re-opens

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to update this House on the re-staffing and opening of the Northern Canada Environment and Weather Services here in Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, members may remember that previously I had raised this issue with the federal Liberal Government, and during the recent federal election, the Prime Minister Harper has kept his election promise and has re-opened the weather station in Gander, Newfoundland citing the distance from the manned station in Halifax, and the lifestyle of Newfoundlanders as the reason for the opening.

Our forecasting centre is 2000 kilometers away in Edmonton, and our Nunavut lifestyle; severe weather conditions and we also need the same staffed, local, and accurate forecasting centre.

Since our last session, I have received correspondence from the Prime Minister on the issue, and I also had an opportunity to meet with and speak to Minister Rona Ambrose, the Minister for the Department of Environment with regard to the subject.

Mr. Speaker, Minister Ambrose was aware of the issue and her department is now reviewing the concerns that have been raised. I will be following up on our meeting of two weeks ago with a letter and I'm hopeful that we will hear some positive news on this front from Minister Ambrose after the federal department's review of our request to staff and reinstitute our Arctic Weather Forecasting Centre, a forecast made in the arctic and not in Edmonton. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Picco. Members' Statements. Member for Kugluktuk, Mr. Evyagotailak.

Member's Statement 274 – 2(3): Acknowledgement of Search and Rescue Volunteers

Mr. Evyagotailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I would like to think of those people who lost their family. The Kugluktuk Search and Rescue Society Directors are: Jack Himiak; President, Roger Hitkolo; Vice-President, Alex Buchan; Treasurer, Peter Taptuna; Search Coordinator/Manager, Joanne Klengenburg; Director, Ryan Nivingalok, Grant Newman, Clarence Bolt, Peter Taktogon, Isaac Klengenburg, Collin Adjun, Allen Niptanatiak, local volunteer assistant, the search and rescue team, Larry Adjun, Jerry Atatahak, George Egotak, David Enogaloak, George Haniliak, Stanley Klengenburg, Dettrich Hala, Tony Akolok, Joe Novoligak, Baba Peterson, Ronald Angohiatok, Aaron Tiapana.

And also the volunteer cooks that helped out during the search. The cooks are Susie Atatahak, Helen Enogoloak, Margaret Takotogon, Monica Angohiatok, Helen Enogoloak, Laurie Avakana, Lena Niptanatiak, Anissa Ayalik, Wendy Bolt, Millie Kuliktana, Mona Tiktalik.

Also, the hamlet foreman who helped out during the search, Phillip Kalik, the foreman, hamlet mechanic, Bobby Etotok

And also, the volunteer fire fighters. And also there is the RCMP that helped out during the search, Corporal Denis Keatley.

I would like to ask my fellow members to finish my statement. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Evyagotailak. The member is seeking unanimous consent to finish his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Evyagotailak.

Mr. Evyagotailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my fellow members. The RCMP who helped out were Corporal Denis Keatley, Constable Kristin Dewuls and Constable James Tite.

For the Ilavut Centre, these are the people who helped there, Robert Haviyok, George Kavana, Johnny Kasoni and David Avakana. These people I have mentioned have worked very hard and I would like my fellow colleagues to help in congratulating them. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Evyagotailak. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit Centre, Mr. Tootoo.

Member's Statement 275 – 2(3): Grade Five Graduation

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As one of my colleagues said earlier, this is possibly our last day of sitting for the Session until we reconvene again in November. I'd like to say a couple of things before we leave and one is say hi to my good friend Brian Twerdin, and all his patrons down at the Grind and Brew that religiously watch our Sessions.

Also, I'd like to thank Mr. Picco for changing his tie so that I could dress a little bit like him today. I didn't have a striped shirt, and striped jacket, and pants to wear. He had a straight tie on earlier too, and I am very happy that he changed to a nice sealskin tie; I believe it's a Qulliq Energy tie, so I don't have one exactly like him.

I had the pleasure over lunch today of attending a grade five graduation at Nakasuk School. It was with great pride I went there because my middle daughter, Taylor, was graduating grade five. It was a proud moment for all of them. A number of those kids have been together right from Kindergarten right through to grade five. I'm sure that they all looked a little nervous because they will be going up to Aqsarniit School next year. They're going up for an orientation tomorrow, so hopefully, it won't be such a shock for them when they go in the fall.

I'd like to congratulate all of those students that graduated and commend them for their hard work and wish them luck in their new school Aqsarniit. Also I'd like to thank the teachers that put a lot of work into developing these students, especially my daughter's teachers that she's been fortunately enough to have over the last two years. That's Liz Courtney; who was unfortunately ill today and couldn't attend the graduation. I know that my daughter and some of the other students speak quite highly of her as a teacher.

With that I'd like to ask all members to join me in congratulating the Grade 5 Class of '06 from Nakasuk School. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. They're probably not as nervous as members in this House seem to be.

>> *Laughter*

Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Members' Statements. Mr. Okalik.

Member's Statement 276 – 2(3): Thanks to Members on Close Working Relations

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since probably this is our last day of the session, I would like to thank all my colleagues. Even though our session seemed short, we worked very closely and worked hard together and we've accomplished a lot.

So, I would like to see us work closely together again because we still have to meet two more times. As a member of this legislature, it is very good to see, and it's even unbelievable at times how much of a close working relationship we have. And, I do want to see that again because there are quite a few things that we need to accomplish, and I'm sure we'll never run out of business things to do. So, I'm sure Nunavummiut will be happier to see our accomplishments.

Since spring is coming I wish you a safe trip back home, and I wish you a safe summer and vacation, and all your family. Go out hunting with your family, and have a very safe summer, and enjoy your summer, and we'll enjoy our lives. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Members' Statements. Thank you. Before we move ahead, we'll think of the people who are disabled.

Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for the High Arctic, Mr. Barnabas.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to recognize our interpreters who are always in the booths. First of all, even though we have different dialects, if it weren't for the interpreters, the might have been more misunderstandings between us when we are trying to converse with each other.

So, I would like to thank them very much and acknowledge them. They are: Naimie Kilabuk-Bourassa, Blandina Tulugarjuk, Mary Nashook, and another interpreter, Mali Curly. I would also like to acknowledge and recognize the technician during our session; William Amagoalik, and also as we come into the chamber our Sergeant-at-Arms, I would like to acknowledge him, Simanek Kilabuk.

I would also like to acknowledge the people from Innirvik. Some of the individuals aren't here in the House. Mr. Speaker, they work very hard until the wee hours of the morning so that as members we can have Blues to read in the morning.

For that reason, I would like to recognize: Jose Arreak, the Inuktitut transcriber. Please stand if you're here; Jose Arreak, Becky Mike, Mary Arnakak, Silasie Kilabuk, Eileen Kilabuk-Weber, Leetia Janes, Anne Marlene Kilabuk, Saali Peter, Lucie Idlout, Sam Gilhuly, Jeff Hall, Kaittaasi Peter, Ron Petooloosie, Ulaaju Peter, Simon Lono, and Mary Kilabuk. I would like to thank them very much and also would like to ask the members to acknowledge these individuals for their hard work. They work until wee hours of the morning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors on the Gallery. Mr. Evyagotailak.

Mr. Evyagotailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to recognize Gwen Angulalik, and Attima Hadlari for being here and I would like to recognize them.

I would also like to recognize my wife and my daughter, Darla, and my constituency assistant, Lucy Nivingaaluk. I would like to welcome them here to the Gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It gives me great pleasure to recognize a couple of young ladies in the Gallery here with us today. One of them is a constituent of mine and no stranger to anyone in here, Ms. Eva Onalik, from Canadian North. Sitting next to Ms. Onalik is a daughter of a constituent of mine and her mother just moved into a new house. She sent me an e-mail saying I have to come over for tea and bannock, and that is Christie Brewster sitting next to Eva. I would like to welcome them both from Canadian North here to the Gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure today to introduce to the Gallery that well known scribe, and I am waiting right now for the well known scribe's review of Ann Colter's new book, which is on the best seller list. Of course everyone is very aware of, Mr. John Thompson.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to the Gallery and I would be remiss if I welcomed a reporter. I did not note the renown of Mr. Simon Lono, an internationally known writer, author, and journalist from the east coast who is actually helping us now edit the *Hansard*. It is with the great affection that we welcome Mr. Award Winning Simon Lono to the Gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Picco, and welcome to the Gallery. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Thank you.

(interpretation) Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 318 – 2(3): Update on the Seniors' Fuel Subsidy

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Education. Last week, the Minister of Education made a comment about the seniors' fuel subsidy. I will just quote his comment here.

“We are also in the process right now and hope to have an announcement in a couple of weeks on the things that members have talked about here, one of those being a review of the senior fuel subsidy across Nunavut and looking at increasing it.”

My question for the minister: can the minister provide an update on the review of the senior fuel subsidy? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister responsible for Education and Income Support, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member is correct. After some of the questions and so on in the House over the past several months and when we are looking at the cost of everything internally through the Department of Education, we have had an opportunity to review supports that we have in place, including the senior fuel subsidy.

I can say to the member that we have completed that review and I would hope to be in a position in the very near future to make some announcements on monies through that program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Your first supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister. Can the minister describe for the House what kinds of issues that are being discussed, or were taken into consideration under view the senior's fuel subsidy? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess the major part of the review is looking at the total household income, which sets the limit of people who would be eligible for the senior fuel subsidy and the amounts that were available. One of the things we wanted to look at was increasing that amount which would give a better uptake on the program, as it were, in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Your second supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister is giving very brief answers today, I was hoping for a longer one. Mr. Speaker, there is no question that the cost of living in Nunavut has risen tremendously in the last five or six years since 1999. I think we inherited that policy from the Government of the Northwest Territories. A quick question

for the minister: Did the review take into account increases in the cost of living, and if so, how did the department measure it? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister responsible for Education and Income Support, Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What I just said is that we looked at one of the major issues around the program. One of them is trying to establish the income threshold for a family so looking at a single income threshold for the program as well as increasing the maximum household income threshold for the program were the major features of the review. Again, I would hopefully be in a position where we would actually be able to state to the New Republic what those amounts are. It is a good news story for Nunavummiut, it is something that the members and the people at large have asked for and it is something that we have moved on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Your final supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that answer. I think the threshold under the current policy is \$37,500, I have recommended, I think by e-mail, and others have recommended to the minister that they could surely increase it to at least \$50,000. Can the minister give any indication that that is the amount that they are looking at as the threshold to be eligible for the senior's fuel subsidy? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't know that I was dealing with the Amazing Creskan, and the clairvoyant abilities of the member, and I know that he is not Nostradamus, so what I can say is that the member is certainly in the ballpark. I can also say that I would, the program, implementation program changes would be effective September 1, and again I think it is good news, so if I can say to the clairvoyant-like Mr. Peterson that he is certainly in the ballpark. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

Question 319 – 2(3): Update on Additional Rate Increase

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will try to be as clear as my colleague from Cambridge Bay, and I hope to get clearer responses from the Minister of Energy. Yesterday the minister indicated to Nunavummiut that the URRC approved part of the rate increases last year, and the remaining 6.1 percent is yet to be implemented.

I think we agree that this is a fact. The fact is also that the URRC, according to the report tabled by the Premier, indicated that on May 24 this year or shortly after, that they were going to table additional rate increase proposals.

Has the minister received that report to date? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for Education and Energy, Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can confirm for the member that they asked, and the revenue shortfall in the GRA application. I'm wearing my Qulliq Energy Corporation tie today, was 6.3 percent, but the Power Corporation came forward and has asked for a general rate increase of 6.1 percent, which was in the GRA process, so everyone is aware of this because all that documentation is public.

Any application for a rate increase is forwarded to the minister, in this case me, my office, and that is forwarded onto the URRC. At the present time the URRC is looking only at the 6.1 percent asked that we spoke about in the House, and some of the issues around accumulating some of the deficit amounts that were in the fund that was available to the Power Corporation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your first supplementary, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his answer but he's avoiding a very simple question and that is not my supplementary. I asked the minister whether or not the minister has received the application yet; the one that is promised by the URRC would table a report on or before the 24th of this year.

My question is NPC has recommended and asked for an additional 6.1 percent to recover a possible deficit in an amount that is a similar amount to the rate that was approved last year.

So I'm asking if the minister does not have to just depend on the URRC whether or not the ratepayers should be paying for the recovery of those expenditures that have been incurred through a deficit.

So I'm asking the minister can he accept recommendations from the member of this House that deficit should not be passed on to the rate payers; they have the extra burden on fuel rates, electricity general rate, as well as the, in some cases, capitalization rider that is normally added on. So he's not simply going to rubber stamp the application from the NPC that is requesting for offset the deficit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. That will be a supplementary to your first question. Minister of Energy, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For clarity again let me say to the member that the application that the member has talked about has been received. There's only one rate application from the URRC that has come to my office; that is for the 6.1 percent increase. In that proposal there's an acknowledgement of \$5.7 million deficit within the

corporation, and the corporation was proposing in that rate application to be able to gather that money to recoup those expenses over a 12 to 18 month period.

The role of the URRC is to look at all the pertinent information and look at what the revenue stream is, as well as the revenue requirement, and they'll do that. I'm not, as the minister responsible, going to say one way or the other what the decision of the minister and the Cabinet would be when we receive the recommendation from the URRC because we have not received them yet.

So that's hypothetical. I can't comment on that. What I can say is that the people of Nunavut should be rest assured with is that the URRC provides a check and balance for the consumer, and for the government, and for the people of Nunavut. In the past when people thought it was going to be 17, 18 percent; it wasn't the case.

Very quickly for the record the Power Corporation, under the URRC, has said that they don't like to see anything above a 15 percent rate shock. I believe them when they say that. So I think that should give some level of comfort to Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Your second supplementary, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Mr. Speaker, I think that gives a certain comfort by the ratepayers of Nunavut. What I'm trying to get across to the minister is that if the general rate increase is implemented as well as the recovery; let's say a hypothetical additional six percent is added on to the general rate, in some cases that increase is going to be significant to communities outside of Iqaluit.

Iqaluit will only be impacted by about two points of kilowatt-hours, so the minister does not have to worry about his constituency. But my point is that the Utility Rate Review Council is not only the spokesperson that, if hypothetically, Nunavut Power Corporation incurred a shortfall, why should the policy of this government be that you will pass that on to the rate payers? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for Energy, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Well first of all, I want to make it clear; I don't like the allegation that the member makes that because my constituents won't be feeling it, it is inappropriate verbiage in this House.

The Utility Rate Review Council is an independent body of government, and they will review the application as it comes forward. It is not the policy on the deficit of the government and so on, and so forth, because nothing has come to us yet.

I am trying to say to the member, to give the member a level of comfort, and the people of Nunavut, 80 percent of our customer base and residents in Nunavut, live in social housing units.

That rate is 6 cents a kilowatt-hour no matter if you're in Grise Fiord, Rankin Inlet, or Iqaluit. That rate hasn't changed Mr. Speaker, for a decade, and did not change when the 16 percent went up.

Your government, Mr. Speaker, protected the consumer base. Not only did the government protect the consumer base, but also it increased the subsidy level from 700 to 1000 kilowatt hours from October to March of the winter season when most electricity is expended.

I would suggest to you again, Mr. Speaker, that the government, when we receive the report from the Utility Rate Review Council, we want to let them do their job. It is not appropriate for the minister to prejudge what a ruling would be, although the member is trying to bring that out.

I appreciate the member raising the issue because it does bring some clarity, and hopefully, a level of comfort to all of our constituents whether they are in Iqaluit, in *Niaqunnguug*; in Apex, or in *Kangiqliniq*; Rankin Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Picco. Just a reminder, please keep your answers brief and to the point. Your final supplementary, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Mr. Speaker, that gives them assurance by the repair that there will be fair consideration by the Utility Rate Review Council as well as the minister's department.

The point is, and I would like the minister to indicate that Nunavut Power Corporation, have they applied for implementing the 6.1 percent general rate that was approved last year? Have they also applied, whether it is through this Utility Rate Review Council review process, have they applied for an additional rate increase through a rider to offset the potential shortfall? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for Energy, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, there has been no new application for a fuel rider. The fuel rider has been extended until September 30, and that's 3.98 cents a kilowatt hour. That will continue to the 30th.

Again, we don't know if there is going to be the need for another rider, or what have you, because we haven't purchased the fuel yet for the upcoming season. We'll be able to look at that this fall.

The Power Corporation asked for 6.1 percent in a rate increase, which is what is public knowledge, and at the same time, there is a deficit within the corporation that they would like to recover of about \$5.7 million over a 12 or 24-month recovery period.

That forms part of the application. Again, that is why the Utility Rate Review Council will look at that and see what the merits of the cases are, and then we'll come forward with their recommendations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 320 – 2(3): Flight Transportation Assistance to Attend Funerals

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services. In some of the communities there are some individuals who are now residing in southern provinces and they're eligible to receive income support from any provincial government. When one of their relatives dies, they are usually paid and flown up to their own community to attend the funeral of a relative.

I would like to know if the provincial government pays for it, or if the Nunavut Government pays for brining a relative to their original community in order to attend the funeral of a relative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. I apologize. Your question I believe is directed to Mr. Picco. Mr. Picco.

I apologize. Mr. Barnabas, I would like to ask you whom you would like to direct this question to.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Minister of Health and Social Services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. As indicated earlier we have a little bit of a dialectal difference and we tend to misunderstand at times. Ms. Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When Nunavummiut travel to other jurisdiction for health care services, and should pass away in our care we would then transport the body back to the community. The program that we cover doesn't address people that have lived down south on a long-term basis. We provide that service to our patients that we send out for care and transport the body back, should they die in that particular hospital or what not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Madame Minister. Your first supplementary, Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm sure that applies to an individual who is in our care. The body is transported back to their original community. There are some people who are responsible. For example, if an individual is receiving income support would the provincial government pay to transport the body back to his or

her original community, or is it the responsibility of the Nunavut Government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Minister of Health and Social Services, Ms. Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Currently the Department of Health does not have any program funding to transport bodies from other jurisdictions to Nunavut for individuals that have not resided in Nunavut.

In the past there have been some discussions around that, along with income support, which is administered through the Department of Education, but the Department of Health, as it is now, is responsible for transporting the body back to the community where the person was sent from for medical.

For any individuals outside of that and live down south and die in that particular province, we don't have funding with the Department of Health to cover those types of expenses. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Aglukkaq. Your second supplementary, Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Most of our communities have very high unemployment and usually the Ladies Auxiliaries or some other volunteer group raise funds so that a body can be returned from a southern point to a northern community, and it is not cheap. Could your department consider setting some money aside that could be used to transport bodies from the south to the original communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Minister of Health and Social Services. Ms. Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, again we provide the assistance to current residents of our territory to transport the body back but I will also speak to my colleague from the Department of Education and see what is there, see what other jurisdictions do as well, just to research it a bit further. But as it is right now, I just want to reassure the member that for patients that we do send out we do send the body back should the person die in our care. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Aglukkaq. Your final supplementary, Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the minister work with her counterparts to discuss this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Ms. Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I will work with my colleagues and perhaps Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the Inuit Organizations also to look at and explore what options that we have around that and to other jurisdictions to see what they currently have done and see what we can come up with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Aglukkaq. Orders of the Day. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit Center, Mr. Tootoo.

Question 321 – 2(3): Budget Situation for Nunavut

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister responsible for Finance. Mr. Speaker, as we all know, later this afternoon we are going to be in Committee of the Whole. We are going to be looking at two supplementary bills, Bill 18 and Bill 17, and I just want to note, with a lot of relief, that these bills for supplementary are for this current fiscal year and not for the last fiscal year.

I think that when we met with the government officials and the Auditor General after the last fiscal year ended, the government officials indicated to the members of the committee that there would not be any departments running a deficit for the last fiscal year.

I just want to have that said, on the record, it was said behind closed doors, that even though it was a public meeting, I would like to have that mentioned here in the House, if he can reaffirm the comments that were made by the senior government officials at that time, here in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Finance, Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. All I can say at this point is that float books are still open, so that is still a moving target, we can't say 100% for sure there will not be a deficit. There should not be, but it is still a moving target right now because the books are still open. Until we close the books we won't know for sure exactly what we are going to end up with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. (interpretation ends) Your first supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know the books are still open but surely with all the improvements that have been happening in Finance over the last couple of years and the financial gurus that work in the Department of Finance, they must have a pretty solid idea, by now, three months after year end, whether or not any of the departments or government will have a deficit or not. Can he give us any indication if there, based on what they have seen so far, three months after year-end, if any departments may be close to, or if they know for sure yet, will be running a deficit? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again let me say the books are still open so we don't know for sure. We still have not received all of the data from the other departments. My financial gurus are doing a fantastic job of improving and strengthening financial management in Nunavut, but we simply have not received all of the data from the departments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your second supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister has indicated, I know that March 31 is the longest day of the year in financial terms. Does he have an idea of when that day will end?

Has there been a directive coming from the Department of Finance to the line departments to make sure a date of which they have to have all the information into the Department of Finance? Then they can close the books and turn the clock over to the next day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Finance, Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes. We should be in that position by the end of this month. It should be by June 30, 2006. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Your final supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister commit to informing all members via correspondence once that day is done and reaffirm comments that were made by government officials at the Auditor General's hearings that, in fact, finally for the first time the government didn't break the law and spend money without getting approval by the Legislative Assembly first.

As soon as he is aware of that will he inform the members via correspondence? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will inform the Chair of the appropriate committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for High Arctic, Mr. Barnabas.

Question 322 – 2(3): Status of Nunavut’s Film Industry

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask Mr. Netser for the very first time, the Minister of Economic Development. I apologize. Since today is our last day, I think we’ve been here for some time now so we’re making mistakes.

My question is directed to the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation. As Inuit are known worldwide how they had developed a lot through carving, and by way of arts and crafts. Also in the recent years Inuit have been making movie productions and this has been very successful using our oral history, and using our own language.

(interpretation ends) I am concerned about the status of Nunavut’s film industry. What specific actions is the minister taking to ensure that the Nunavut Film Commission is able to fulfill its mandate? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Minister for Economic Development and Transportation, Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to see the Nunavut Film Commission be successful. After March 31, I’m sure there will be improved work on that. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Your first supplementary, Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Economic Development and Transportation has provided \$650,000 in funding for Nunavut film production.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I have raised concerns regarding staffing problems of the commission and the late issuing of proposal calls. What exactly is the minister doing to address these issues? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have directed my staff to come up with ideas of how we could deliver this commission better and how our staff could improve to serve our constituents and our territory, on how we could work better with the film commission. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Akesuk. Your second supplementary, Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. How many projects has the Nunavut Film Commission actually funded to date in 2006-07? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have the numbers with me. I can get back to my colleague to give him the numbers of how many have been approved for this year's projects.

I don't have the information in front of me, so I'll get back to my colleague as soon as I get the information from my staff. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your final supplementary, Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. According to industry stakeholders, close to \$1 million of Nunavut Inuktitut Language Film projects were disadvantaged during the recent TeleFilm Canada Aboriginal Language Funding because Nunavut Film had yet to review proposals submitted to the policy's Nunavut Labour Rebate Program.

Nunavut Film has never delivered calls for proposals in a timely manner according to the film policy guidelines. How will the minister and his department ensure film policy programs are delivered in a timely manner? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Probably in the first or second question I tried to answer that earlier, saying that I have directed my staff to look into how we better deliver this to our people in Nunavut. I'd like this done as soon as possible, how we could deliver our programs better towards our people in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 323 – 2(3): Update on Meeting with Minister Prentice

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Premier and it concerns an article in the June 9 Nunatsiaq News entitled: GN Hosts Dog and Pony Show in Ottawa.

It was related to a lunch reception on May 16. Mr. Speaker, in that article the Federal Minister for Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, Mr. Prentice, apparently stated that a Northern Vision will be developed to replace the Northern Strategy process launched by the old Paul Martin government and they sent a discussion paper to the three territorial premiers.

My question for the Premier is: can the Premier share with the House what the draft contents are in the Northern Vision Discussion Paper that Minister Prentice sent to the three territorial Premiers? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister is very keen on working on northern issues. They haven't provided us with a draft yet. Once we get a draft then we'll look at it and see what we can do with it. Until I get the draft and see what can be produced I'm not at liberty to share anything at this point. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Your first supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Premier for that information. I hope when the Premier does get it he can give us all MLAs a copy because we don't sit again until November, or perhaps in September when we're here for standing committee meetings.

In the same article it states, "Prentice is in the process of getting approved from the federal government for a mandate to start devolution talks with Nunavut." The Government of Nunavut has hired a devolution negotiator. We have a devolution division within EIA. The Premier and the Government of Nunavut stated that they'd like to have devolution negotiations concluded by 2008.

My question for the Premier is: can he give the House a date of when he realistically expects the devolution negotiations to begin? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've explained this both to the Prime Minister and Mr. Prentice and they're both fully aware of our expectations of the mandate. The mandate will drive the pace of the negotiations. I was very clear that I'd rather see a chief negotiator hired soon and Minister Prentice assured me that he'd act on that.

As opposed to the mandate I'd like a good strong mandate that can address our issues fully. That could speed up negotiations quite readily so I'm hopeful that we'll commence negotiations in the near future. I'm sure that I'll get an update from the minister when he comes here later next month.

I look forward to further discussion with Minister Prentice and commencing negotiations as soon as possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Your second supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Premier for that answer. I've consistently advocated over the years that it's important to have a strong relation with the federal government, regardless of who is in power. I was impressed to some degree that

the Government of Nunavut took this initiative to go down there and raise awareness for Nunavut. As the Premier is aware I took the Mayors in Nunavut to Ottawa one year for the same purpose.

My question for the Premier is: does the Government of Nunavut have any plans to undertake similar awareness efforts with the Government of Canada over the next 12 to 18 months? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It takes a while to organize these events. The event that we've held in Ottawa has been on and off over the last two years. We'll see how it goes. We're waiting the outcome of a lot of the efforts that we put forward to the federal government, and how successful that was. I look forward to more progress on these files, but we'll see how things proceed and from there decide what further steps we should take. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Your final supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Premier for that answer. A report was done up on this trip to Ottawa; it was submitted to Cabinet, and it was, of course, leaked to the media. In a section of the report it says, "Head of Communications at the Office of the Premier will discuss the efforts of the local media and in the Nunavut Assembly."

My question for the Premier is: if a report does exist will the Premier commit to table a report of the Nunavut Awareness Day that was held on May 16? Will he commit to table in the House later today? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think you have a copy of the information item that was provided already, so I felt that it might be redundant to table the document.

So I believe that the report is obvious leaked from some source. So we're looking into that matter. But, everybody has a copy of what took place already, thanks to Nunatsiq News. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Laughter*

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

Question 324 – 2(3): Investigation Report on Employees

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I ask my question, again it's our last day; I would like to say "hi" to a couple of people that always put a smile on my face. One of them is sitting behind me here. They just came into the Gallery, Ms. Rebecca Veevee. And, the other one is Jutanie Keep Calling. All I can say is he will understand. He watches the show religiously as well.

Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister Responsible for Human Resources. Yesterday, the Minister of Health had indicated that the Professional Practices Unit had conveyed information to a deputy in regards to findings from a particular investigation that they had done.

My question to the Minister of Human Resources is: is he aware of any investigation reports that have been filed with his department regarding any employees within his department? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister responsible for Human Resources, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To his question, I haven't heard, nor do I know if there is a report. I checked and there are none. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Mr. Tootoo. My apologies. I was distracted, so I didn't see. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

Question 325 – 2(3): Polar Bear Cannibalism

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to...I haven't tabled this yet, but it's from the Globe and Mail in regard to polar bears, that polar bears are eating each other now. The US Geological Survey has found two female bears that were eaten. There were four polar bears that were found in the Beaufort Sea.

They had cubs that had already been eaten also. I wonder if this is new. I wonder if according to *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit* this is new. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. This question is directed to the Minister of Environment. Mr. Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank my colleague, Mr. Alagalak, on his Member's Statement.

The polar bear cannibalism...I have seen this, and I have heard about this. When they get old they don't hunt very well, so they start to eat each other. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your first supplementary, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, what I would like to say about Polar bears is that I think that bears in zoos are dying, too. There were three polar bears; two were collared in Beaufort Sea.

This was news that they died while they have been tagged. According to the Inuit knowledge, once they have drugs, they impair their judgment. I wonder if the minister can check further into this situation according to the Canadian story and to be able to report back to the session next fall so that we can get a report that came from Canada. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I will do that. During the leadership review, what he mentioned was that the elders were going to have a meeting. He gave that suggestion and I can, at this time, inform the House that we are currently planning to have a meeting amongst the elders in regards to wildlife in the fall. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 326 – 2(3): Prentice Report

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to just follow up on a question that my colleague from Cambridge Bay raised with our Premier. Mr. Speaker, the Premier had indicated that he felt it was redundant to table a report that was mentioned in this article, which contains 10 bullets.

Also, I believe the report reports that the outcome of it was a seven-page document. I guess, if it was a seven page document, does that mean that the Premier is indicating other than those 10 bullets, or is there anything else in there? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I looked at the article and looked at what we were trying to advance and what we discussed and the contents were very accurate.

So, I felt that we do not need to table what has already shown publicly. That is a courtesy to my colleagues. I did not want to offend them with tabling the same thing that has already been produced in the papers. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Your first supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, one could just assume that must have been a rather large font in that report. I am just wondering if the Premier indicated the things they wanted to advance. Does that mean that there are some other things in that report that were not reported that they do not want to advance, that he does not want to table?

Maybe just for clarity and just, if the Nunatsiaq News can put a seven-page document pretty much into 10 bullets. Maybe the government or EIA should look at hiring them to write some of their papers for them as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I do not know. I do not recall seeing seven pages so there must have been a lot of cover papers perhaps.

I do not recall seeing a seven-page document for the things that we have covered, but of course, we always discuss other issues that may not always be reported that we try and address whether it would be trying to work together in other initiatives and invitations.

Those are always addressed in reports to Cabinet or any other place. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Your second supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hopefully they were just cover pages and not cover-up pages.

>>*Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, one thing that all members know that they've always been very frugal on is our public dollars being spent. The minister indicated that they would take some time to see whether or not some of the things that were discussed in this meeting would come through to fruition.

And, hopefully all of them will. I'm just wondering if the minister could provide the members of this House information on how much it costs for the meeting. I'll just call it the meeting; I won't use the title in the headline, for the meeting that was held in Ottawa? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The meeting, we were able to meet with our colleagues, counterparts, and the Prime Minister said something that is very productive,

especially early on in the mandate of the government. You're trying to influence policy for the long run.

So, we felt that it would be timely, and once I get the final costing of the events that took place, I'll table the costs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 327 – 2(3): Power Corporation Increase

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To what my colleague asked to the Minister responsible for Power Corporation.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Minister responsible for Energy, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Qulliq Energy Corporation, the Power Corporation, went forward with the rate application of 6.1 percent, and in the last GRA application process, the GRA application process allowed for 6.3 to ask for adjustment for the rate increase.

The Power Corporation asked for .2 percent less, 6.1 percent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your first supplementary, Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. How much more are our Government of Nunavut fuel costs over since 2003? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The biggest operating expensive of the Power Corporation, the member is correct, is fuel.

GN-wide Mr. Speaker, since 2003, and I think this is important to note, that the Government of Nunavut has spent approximately \$70 million more from 2003 to 2005 in fuel; \$70 million. That's \$70 million that can't go into housing, can't go into social programs, can't into education, health and so on.

So that's the amount of the increase. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your second supplementary, Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Why is the Power Corporation's application not public? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If we allowed the leakage that we see going on in the government, then everyone would know about it and it would be public in Nunatsiaq News.

But seriously, Mr. Speaker, the public application made is a public application. Any Nunavummiut can have access to that application, and indeed, we've actually had newspaper ads in local newspapers giving addresses where people can intervene on the application and request the information that the Power Corporation has asked for.

So, the process is public. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your final supplementary, Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is there going to be a rate increase in the upcoming year of 2007? Is there a proposal for a rate increase? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Minister responsible for Energy, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Right now we don't know about the debt 2007-08. We still don't know. (interpretation ends) We're not sure what the increase will be for 2007-08. What I can say very quickly is that we don't anticipate any rate increase after this application. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit Centre, Mr. Tootoo.

Question 328 – 2(3): Energy Consumption Increase

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It seems like the Minister of Energy is energized so I have a question for him. In the minister's response to my colleague from the High Arctic's question, he talks about \$70 million more spent on fuel.

How much of a consumption increase over that same time period has there been on power? If you look at, I'm sure the consumption, because of increases in volume due to population increases and infrastructure and things like that, there's naturally an increase to go along with it. How much has consumption increased as well as the number of dollars that are spent on fuel? Is that more of a realistic way to look at it? And not just say we'll spend \$70 million more but we provided twice as much power. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister responsible for Energy, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member asked about the total of fuel, as I was using the total purchases of the Government of Nunavut. So I say that there was an increase of \$70 million; that is inclusive of all the Government of Nunavut. That includes board and agencies of government, government departments, schools, health centres, infrastructure, as well as the Power Corporation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Your first supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When it comes to the Power Corporation, specifically, what does the minister, or any of his officials within the Power Corporation look at in determining, we'll just use a fictitious figure for the minister, \$70 million in fuel five years ago to produce a million kilowatt hours of electricity? As opposed to now, how much fuel are we buying to produce that same amount of electricity? What's the difference there? Then we could see what the real increase in fuel has been, and not just a skewed figure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member is correct. When the Power Corporation looks at the projections for revenue, 99 percent of our revenue basically comes from electrical generation. We look at what's called a load forecast, and a load forecast determines the amount of electricity needed. To generate that electricity we need fuel oil, and then we factor in the amount of fuel to produce the said load production. That's how it's done.

Over the past several years we've seen load increase throughout Nunavut. So for example, when you build new houses in the community, that load increases. When we see population increases that we've seen in Nunavut we see a load increase. In some communities we've seen a bigger load increase, for example, here in Iqaluit, where there has been so much construction. We've seen a bigger load increase, but that is the same in some of the other communities.

The member is correct. The projection on the amount of fuel needed is based on a mathematical formula, which includes the load projection of a given community over that 12-month period. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Your second supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister is definitely loaded with information there; I would like to commend him on that.

Mr. Speaker, the minister talked about load projections, and earlier in the other responses talked about increases in load and increase in fuel purchase. Is there any way that they, or does the corporation look at load increase versus fuel increase?

If you're looking at it, regardless of the projections, say if it cost us \$1 million to produce 500 kilowatt hours of electricity, fuel-wise, a number of years ago, how much is that same amount of electricity costing us today to produce in fuel? And then we could get a real true picture of how much of an increase we're paying in fuel for electricity. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. (interpretation) Minister responsible for Energy, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member, as he had mentioned earlier, is also fully loaded. I would suggest to you that the member again, using that furbish that he had used, is correct in that when forecasting the amount of electricity that is needed is contingent on the amount of fuel that is needed that electricity.

Once we do the revenue projection, as well as, for example, in the new rate application that is before the URRC, they will do what's called a load test to actually test the number of the figures being brought forward by the Power Corporation, and the Power Corporation will give a projection. They will say, just for argument, we need 500 litres to generate 20 megawatts of electricity that will be subdivided and multiplied through the mathematical formula to allow for the differential of the substantial amount that the member is talking about. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. (interpretation ends) Your final supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure if I take that as a compliment from the minister with the rider tie. Mr. Speaker, would the minister provide that information to the Members of this House? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco (interpretation): I certainly can. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. (interpretation) Question Period is now over. 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. Minister Aglukkaq.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 142 – 2(3): Isaksimagit Inuusirmi Katujjiqatigiit – Embrace for Life Council Annual Report 2004-05

Tabled Document 143 – 2(3): Director of Medical Insurance Annual Report for Fiscal Years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05

Tabled Document 144 – 2(3): Ministerial Meeting Report F/P/T Ministers of Health from Department of Health and Social Services

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following documents: Embrace Life Council Annual Report 2004-05; the Director of Medical Insurance Annual Report for Fiscal Years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05; Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministers' Nurses of Health Conference on Pandemic Preparedness May 12 to 13, 2006. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Please provide the tabled documents to the Clerk's table.

Thank you. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Netser.

Tabled Document 145 – 2(3): Workers' Compensation Board of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut – 2005 Annual Report

Hon. Patterk Netser: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document: Workers Compensation Board 2005 Annual Report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Please provide the tabled documents to the Clerk's table.

Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister Tapardjuk.

Tabled Document 146 – 2(3): Towards a Representative Public Service – Statistics as of March 31, 2006

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document: Inuit Employment Plan Statistics as of March 31, 2006. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Thank you. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Member for High Arctic, Mr. Barnabas.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

Motion 020 – 2(3): Improve Air Service to Nunavut's Smaller Communities – Notice

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give...this is the airline service in Nunavut. I give notice that on Tuesday, November 21, 2006 I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kugluktuk, that the Legislative Assembly recommend that the Government of Nunavut work with the

airline industry to bring forward an action plan to improve the availability of affordable, reliable air service in Nunavut's smaller, underserved communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson.

Item 16: Motions

Motion 019 – 2(3): Extended Adjournment

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit East, that notwithstanding Rule 4, that when the House concludes its present sitting in Iqaluit, it shall be adjourned until November 21, 2006.

Further, at any time prior to November 21, 2006, if the Speaker is satisfied after consultation with the Executive Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during adjournment, the Speaker may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as it has been duly adjourned to that time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question being called. All in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bill 17 and Bill 18 with Mr. Arreak in the Chair.

(interpretation ends) In accordance with the authority vested in me by Motion 12 – 2(3), the Committee of the Whole will stay in session until it reports itself out. We will take a 20-minute break.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 15:20 and Committee resumed at 15:59*

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

Chairman (Arreak) (interpretation): Thank you for coming back. We're about to begin Committee of the Whole. (interpretation ends) I would like to call this committee to order. In the Committee of the Whole we have the following items to deal with: Bill 17 and Bill 18. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Evyagotailak.

Mr. Evyagotailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We wish to deal with Bill 17 and Bill 18. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Evyagotailak. Are we in agreement to deal with Bill 17 first and then Bill 18?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. I would like to ask the Minister of Finance, Minister Simailak, to make his opening remarks. Mr. Simailak.

Bill 17 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act #1, 2006-07 – Consideration in Committee

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to appear before members today to speak to Bills 17 and 18.

Bill 17 is the *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act #1, 2006-07*. This supplementary appropriation will provide of \$98,236,000 for the following: Capital carry-overs from the 2005-06 fiscal year; purchase and delivery of housing material packages; and a Nunavut trades school project.

Our department's review of the capital carry-over requests has attributed the increase to the following; contract obligations for specialized equipment which cannot meet the sealift schedule for the year the equipment is manufactured; limited departmental capacity to deliver projects; limited capacity in communities for labour and equipment; disputes with contractors on scope and deficiencies; and increased labour and material costs for construction.

The new approach to capital planning will address some of the concerns mentioned above. For example, Community and Government Services Technical Division will review all planned projects to determine reasonability of annual cash flow requirements, community issues, and availability of project management to oversee the projects.

Departments will be required to provide a monthly progress report on the status of multi-year capital projects. The threshold limit per carryover requests has been increased from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

All capital carryovers must be used for the specific project or the funds must be lapsed.

Bill 18 is the *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act #1, 2006-07*. The supplementary appropriation will provide funding of \$9,017,000 for such items as; strengthening financial management across departments and public agencies; creation of five lawyer positions for Akitsiraq Law School graduates; implementing the Cape Dorset Pilot Project Training Plan to train Inuit in trades-related skills; implementation of

the Bilingual Education Strategy; and environment projects funded under the Northern Strategy.

I would be pleased Mr. Chairman, to answer any questions from members; however specific departmental questions may have to be answered by my colleagues. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Do you have witnesses you would like to bring to the table?

Hon. David Simailak: Yes I do, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Does the committee agree to bring in the witnesses?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Sergeant-at-Arms, please assist the officials and the minister.

For the record, please introduce your officials.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Two of my financial gurus; Mr. Bob Vardy on my right, and Paul Reddy on my left. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Members should now know you have 10 minutes to speak, and 10 minutes to ask questions. Do members have any general comments? Members?

There being none, we'll proceed with Bill 17, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act #1, 2006-07*. Page 4. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to welcome the minister and his financial gurus to the witness's table.

>>*Laughter*

I have a question on where it says Iqaluit new justice centre, \$149,000. Can you clarify for the record what the funding is for? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes. The project is ahead of schedule. The carryover is required in 2006-07 to cover remaining consultant fees, and change orders in construction. CGS will also cover the cost of the installation of the security system that was not included in the original budget for this project. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister and Mr. Peterson. Page 4. Justice Capital. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask: under furnishing, equipment, and moving costs - do they go through the tendering process, or are they bought locally, or are they purchased from one outlet? Thank you.

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

Hon. David Simailak: There was an RFP issued and awarded in March 2006 for the moving services, and the furniture and equipment are to the Government of Nunavut's 2006 sealift order process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. ...(voice lost) ...(interpretation) We did not hear part of his sentence, but they were moved to a new Justice Centre.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. We had a technical difficulty with your microphone. The interpreters only heard part of your statement.

We're on Page 4. Justice Capital. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We did not hear our Premier's comments. Perhaps if he could restate what he said earlier. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to elaborate further that these are not all new. Some of them have been used for the old court building, but they were moved to the new one to make sure that we would save money. Some of the furnishings are old and some of the furnishings are new. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Are there any further questions under Page 4. (interpretation ends) Justice Capital. Registration Court Services. Not previously authorized. -\$1,271,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Legislation Court Services. -\$1,271,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 5. Justice Capital. Corrections. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could the minister explain the Brown/Sivummut leasehold changes of \$70,000? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps we could refer that to the appropriate minister, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Simailak. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not too sure which line item you are at. I don't know where the position is right now, I will have to look into that.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not too sure what the minister's response is, it is on Page 5, and it says Brown/Sivummut Leasehold Changes and has a cost figure of \$70,000. I simply wanted to know what that was for; it should be in someone's briefing notes somewhere. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am sorry, I don't have the information, but I can look into that to see exactly what it is, but I am sorry. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Peterson, he is going to look into that further. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps while they are looking, I am sure the folks upstairs are watching on TV, I will ask about the status of the correctional centres, a figure of \$555,000 budgeted. I understand planning is underway, can his officials explain how far along the planning is for that correctional centre? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yeah it is expected that the planning and design phase will be completed during this upcoming summer of 2006. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister. Could the minister tell us, has there been any discussion on the location of that new correctional center? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This will be reviewed and they are going to look at the design from this spring to summer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For Women's Correctional Facility, there is an amount budgeted for \$59,000, I believe that is also for planning and studying, could the Minister of Finance give us an update on the status of planning on that project?

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister of Finance, Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand that once the community of location has been determined, the department will then proceed with the planning and design phase in 2006-07. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And for the Baffin Correctional Centre mechanical system, there is a figure of \$125,000; I understand that that facility is not in a very good condition. Could the minister give us a sense of the state of condition of that facility and if it will lead to budget for additional monies for repairs to that facility in the future? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have the information in front of me. Perhaps the Minister of Justice does. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Simailak. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe that this is to do exactly what the member said: it's to repair some outstanding boiler system that's been in disrepair for some time so we're trying to bring it up to date. Hopefully, there won't have to be much more work after this, but it's an aging building so we hope to replace it with a new facility, and upgrade this a little further in the future but this is to maintain it and keep it going. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the ministers for their responses. This facility, I understand it must be at least 30 years old. I hear it's overcrowded. In a public facility where we house people, they're incarcerated people, so the safety and health of the people that are in there, including the workers, are paramount in our minds.

Can the minister indicate whether the building inspectors, boiler inspectors, electrical inspectors, all those regulatory officials that inspect buildings, do they regularly go to that facility, and other facilities of that type, to ensure that they're up to code and up to compliance with Nunavut's laws? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we do have to meet our codes and standards. There have been some major work that has to be done, but hopefully, with this additional money we'll keep it operational. We do work with CGS with their good workers to make sure that we keep it up to standard and keep it going. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you. I have a question on that page. The Healing Facility, the \$233,000, is it for the design, or the construction of the centre. What is it for? I wonder if the minister can respond to that. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister of Justice, Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is for planning. We haven't selected where it's going to be located, but we are in the planning stage because the one that they have in Kugluktuk is a very good facility, and we would like to see another one. It is primarily on the planning stage. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you to the minister. The Healing Facility is for the design and underneath that where it says correctional centre, \$555,000. Are these two separate buildings? Is that how I understand it?

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I made a mistake earlier. The Men's Healing Facility is for Kugluktuk. They had to install a sprinkler system. So that's what it's for the \$233,000 and the \$555,000 is for planning to open a correctional centre in Rankin Inlet. This will be worked on in the late summer or fall.

I'm sorry; I misinformed you on the \$233,000. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. My question is; the Baffin Correctional Centre is getting more funding to do renovations; some of our constituents

are up at the Baffin Correctional Centre and I heard today that if we are going to visit them, we have to give them 24 hours advance notice.

Sometimes they wish see their Members of the Legislative Assembly, or sometimes people are just passing through, and yet they have to give a 24-hour notice. This is very inconvenient.

I wonder if they can make an exception for when they wish to speak to their Members of the Legislative Assembly. I wonder if the minister can check into this. Thank you.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes I will look further into this and I thank the member for identifying this issue. So, I will ask my staff to check into this further.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. We're on page 5. Corrections. Not previously authorized. \$1,042,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Corrections. \$1,042,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Department. -\$229,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 6. Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Capital. Directorate. Not previously authorized. \$1,380,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Directorate. \$1,380,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Department. \$1,380,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 7. Department of Education. Capital. Corporate Services. Not previously authorized. \$14,746,000. Do you agree? Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question on the \$10 million for the Northern Strategy Fund for the Nunavut Trades School. Can the minister confirm if that funding is in the Government of Nunavut's consolidated revenue fund yet, or is that funds to come? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes it is. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The government announced that it would be a \$10 million project, but we're reading here that the total of project is estimated to be \$16,200,000, with additional funding of \$6,200,000 being funded through the Government of Nunavut's capital plan.

Can the minister clarify for the record what the break down of that \$16,200,000 will pay for? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The breakdown of the \$16.2 million is: \$5.5 million for renovation to the trades facility in Rankin Inlet which includes both the facility and equipment; \$700,000 for the improvement to the Iqaluit and Cambridge Bay trades schools for complementary trades training; and \$10 million is required for the Nunavut Arctic College student accommodations in Rankin Inlet and Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Alagalak.

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the same page, \$1.8 million for Iqaluit Student Accommodations; is it for accommodations for students who attend the Arctic College here? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is for the Nunavut Arctic College students' accommodations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Alagalak.

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is it a brand new building or is it to renovate the present accommodations that they have? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's the design phase for a new building. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. We are on Page 7. Department of Education. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just following up on my colleague's question; it's unclear. In the previous answer to me, the minister indicated that \$10 million would be used for Nunavut Arctic College accommodations in Rankin Inlet and Iqaluit and then as an answer to my colleagues, he said \$1,877,000 would be used for design phase for student accommodation in Iqaluit.

Is that the same thing, are we talking about the same facility, the Nunavut Arctic College accommodations? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, when we accessed the money under the Northern Strategy of \$10 million, there were also other plans, as the members know, for increasing the accommodations in Iqaluit specifically. With regards to the member's question the reason for that is, as the members know, I believe right now we have 34 or 35 units leased in the community, and we need more married accommodations and so on. So the idea is to get out of those leases, which we are leasing at very exorbitant amounts for students and go back into our student accommodations. And with the enrollment numbers we see that is the reason.

So even without the Northern Strategy money, we would have been increasing the accommodations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for that explanation.

Just so I'm clear: you are going to increase the accommodations in Iqaluit, you are going to use a portion of the \$6,200,000 to build your accommodations, but you are going to use the \$1,877,000 to design the accommodations; is that correct, or are you designing it for other accommodations where you will be seeking additional funds in the future capital planning cycles? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The member will recall that we had three major accommodation projects underway within the college itself, before the Northern Strategy was announced. We have just completed the major work on the Cambridge Bay facility, and that means we have a proprietary interest in that design model there.

At the same time, we want to be able to accentuate and accommodate families in the community in Rankin has been raised here, for example, in the House that accommodations were needed to be made available. I think that's been articulated by both Minister Brown, and Mr. Curley. And at the same time we needed those accommodations in Iqaluit. So what we have done, some of the monies that you see identified here is the planning and process money for those accommodations and a design.

At the same time, being cognizant that with the trades school program going forward, we needed that increase to accommodations. And that's what it's for, so that we can accommodate students from across the territory. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister. Just so I'm clear in my mind, can you tell me what the \$1,877,000 is for? Is that for the design phase, or is to construct new accommodations? Or is that to lease accommodations for the married students? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, it is not for leasing accommodations. The \$1.87 million that you see is part of the design and preparation stage.

So, for example, the designing of the new accommodations, as well as site work for the facility. So, that money would go into that. So, as an example, if there was fill needed, and so on. The accommodations, as an example, the utilidor needs and so on and so forth.

There is a lot of site work as well as the design phase of the work that needs to be done and that's the identification of the \$1.877 million. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister. Well that certainly clears up a little bit because when you simply say design phase, when you look at a figure like \$1,877,000 to design a facility, that just seems like an outrageous amount of money.

But I certainly understand constructing utilidors, site work. That is very expensive work in addition to design. So, perhaps in the future, when there are these types of presentations, maybe that could be a little clearer in what you're using the funding for so we don't have to ask so many questions and be like detectives here. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Yes, I understand what the member is saying. I think when you look at the amount of monies here, the monies are capital carryovers, which means the capital project itself was approved last year, and so it isn't a new budget line item or anything.

So it isn't a budget line item. What's happened is that; let's say if there was \$3 million in budget, they've expended \$1.5, and the additional \$1.5 is carried over for the design and the implementation phase, which include site work and so on for the project.

So hopefully that helps clarify the member's question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Sorry Mr. Chairman, I don't have any further questions on that page. Thank you.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I totally concur with the Member for Cambridge Bay because the usual practice is that the government has to put in a design phase because you can't construct something without a design, without appropriate lot approvals, and so on.

It appears that this government's practice that they just put global allocations and our needs sort of changed this year, so we're just going to add an additional, from \$1.877 million to other extra capital requirements.

The communities certainly don't enjoy that kind privilege. I want to ask the minister, during the capital estimates in November, there was an allocation for \$470,000 for planning and design of the Arctic College accommodations needs of the current program that exist, that have been in place for a number of years for the Kivalliq Region.

And the minister assured this House that 470,000-some odd dollars was for the design phase for this year. I would like to ask the minister what happened to that allocation.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think we're dealing with a supp-bill and the capital carryover. The projects are in the capital carryover. The projects have already been approved and have gone through the scrutiny of this House. In any given time or any given period, and the member is aware of this, the member was involved in construction in the past, is that for whatever reason; it could be timing and other logistic, as well as administrative, and financial issues; the projects don't go forward.

Under this line item there's an extra carryover of \$1.877 that we see for student accommodation in Iqaluit, which is a NAC student accommodation. If you look at the accommodation itself for two, and three, and four bedroom units, the location of site

place has been selected, and because of some of the work that we're doing now with the Northern Trades School there hasn't been a review of that.

So I suggest to you that the planning and site money has been expended because we approved it in the House last year. This capital carryover is for the total line item of that particular amount of capital project. So let's set the capital project with \$6 million as identified as capital and design, we are carrying over \$1.8 million of this year.

So I hope that clarifies the member's question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the explanation, but I think the minister is fully aware that these are significantly different initiatives. Either they have incorporated some of the expenditures that we had approved in the fall for capital planning. In a way what's missing is these projects are not explained in the business plan, which the House, and this committee was relying upon, that the department has a certain target to meet.

My concern is as the department begins to plan for the Trades School, which is independent funding from the Government of Nunavut's Consolidated Revenue Fund, the capital projects that were approved, for instance for the accommodation in Rankin Inlet, I would just like the minister to assure this House that the design phase for that project that I'm talking about was independent of the trades school.

Is that initiative student accommodation plan, and the expenditures that we approved, is still allocated to Rankin Inlet? Thank you.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: I'd like to confirm and hopefully set the member's mind at ease that that is the case. That the monies allocated and targeted for Rankin Inlet are still there and are being moved forward. I hope that gives the member his level of comfort. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Alagalak.

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Good day, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. In the capital estimates there was absolutely no more money left and Arviat didn't get one dollar out of all that money. (interpretation ends) Capital funds for distribution in the whole of Nunavut, but we have found some way to find for new expenditures of capital requirements in Nunavut of \$98 million. This \$98 million is a lot of money, which wasn't predicted to show up mid-year.

I am very, very disappointed that the things that I was told when I brought up the capital estimate figures this winter. I've noticed here one item to replace a school without an

explanation, to replace a school for \$80,000. Can you replace a school for \$80,000?
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All of these items that we're dealing with right now these are not new monies. These are monies that were approved last year in the 2005-06 capital estimates, and these are monies that were not spent in that fiscal year.

So, we're asking now to carry this money over to this fiscal year. So, this is not new money. This is money that was all approved in this House last year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Alagalak.

Mr. Alagalak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just made that comment. For example, we're trying to approve something that wasn't approved, and my question was the Baker Lake Amitnaaq School replacement for \$80,000.

I just wondered how we could replace a school for \$80,000. I'd just like an explanation to that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. Minister Simailak. Thank you. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: That was the Jonah Amitnaaq School in Baker Lake. We carried over some monies from the project itself which will be expended this year and that's for the completion of the school. I believe its site work and associated monies around the school itself, which were part of the actual project.

Because it wasn't expended in that fiscal year, then according to the financial administration rules of the House, then they have to be approved there. So when you see the \$80,000 for a school replacement, it wasn't the actual \$80,000 to replace the whole school, its \$80,000 left over, capital carryover from last year, from the Jonah Amitnaaq School Project that will be expended this year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Alagalak.

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you for that explanation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's it for now.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe we could help shed some light on what the concerns are.

I'm on the Government Operations and Accountability Committee and we've expressed a concern to the minister and his officials at numerous meetings that there are a lot of capital carryovers.

We have a long list here, and we've seen longer lists. We'll probably see a few more here coming up. Members are concerned about the number of capital carryovers. One would assume that it's a carryover from one year, like last fiscal year, or this fiscal year, but in many cases they could be carried forward three to five years before the money is spent.

We're often told that there is no money for capital projects. As my colleague said here, he's waiting for a new school in Arviat. The minister in his opening comments mentioned the new approach to capital planning will address some of those concerns. He says that the Community and Government Services Technical Division will review all planned projects to determine their reasonability, cash flow requirements, community issues, and then the department will be required to provide a monthly progress report and status of a multiyear capital projects.

I presume that is going to go to the Department of Finance and then the Department of Finance is going to regularly update the various standing committees on a quarterly basis, I believe, so that we know the status and progress of capital projects.

I believe that we addressed the concerns of some capital projects going longer than two years. I think it would be unreasonable to expect a project to be completed in one year, but it should be two years, and some of the bigger ones, maybe three years. But we've got to be able to track them so that members know and understand where the money is coming from. We review these supplementary appropriations, but if we have some background on them before we see them, we don't have to sit here and chew up valuable time asking questions if we already have all that information in our possession.

When the minister appears before various standing committees to brief us on these supplementary appropriation bills he would have that information available to members. Then we would be confident in our minds that the projects are proceeding as we had originally approved and that the government is on top of the management of the projects, and the cash flow.

I think it is in the best interest of the government and the limited resources we have that we do stay on top of this in a very consistent basis. I thought I would offer those comments, Mr. Chairman, and if the minister wants to offer any comments, I would appreciate hearing them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. I did not hear a question but if you have any comments, Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Those are very, very good comments and I really appreciate them, and that is exactly what we are trying to do as part of the

whole exercise of strength in financial management and that is the kind of things we are working towards and we will continue to work towards. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the Minister of Education about the breakdown of the Iqaluit student accommodation allocation of \$1.877 million. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Picco. Thank you. Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No I do not have the actual breakdown of that \$1.877 million. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, my question was to the Minister of Education. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister of Education, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not have a break-down of the \$1.877 million by total amounts, for example, \$300,000 for this or \$400,000 for that and so on and so forth. Again, these are already agreed to monies through a private that was debated and came forward in this house last year, and usually you do not get to that level of detail.

At the same time the members of the committee also have an opportunity, in committee, to question a minister. Most of that type of detailed information is usually allowed and vented through the committee at that time. So I don't have that information with me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Picco. We are on Page 7. 2006-07 Supplementary Appropriation. Capital 1. Education. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the advice of the minister, but I am not sure that he is contributing any information that is needed; not only by me, but also by the public.

Normally, if you have a project or allocation almost of \$2 million, surely you have to have a plan if you are asking for approval. Is the minister telling this committee that there are no designs planned for student accommodation and that he does not know the cost of the design and he is also asking for approval to proceed with the construction of the student accommodations in Iqaluit?

I think that for the minister to say to us that, if you did not ask for information at a certain particular committee where it is not publicly forum it is too bad. I do not believe that is what our rule is.

Our rule is to exercise our privilege and request information from the cabinet minister who is a protector of the public expenditures, particularly related to school. So I am asking for a breakdown of information and will he table that information to this committee, I am sure he has it within his briefing documents. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the member's question and I understand that the member is trying to get that information. What I said to the member, and I want to make sure that the member in the house, for the record, understands what I said, I said I don't have a breakdown of the \$1.877 million by line item. The \$1.877 million to be approved under supplementary appropriation is a carryover. I said that last year we went through a whole debate for this amount of money.

What I can do right now because of the request is to get that information; that line item, and provide it to the members. As I'm speaking I'm sure my staff is getting a breakdown of that amount right now. The member just says that I'm sure he has it broken down in his briefing binders. I don't have a breakdown of the \$1.877 million specifically for the project.

Maybe if the member would give me an indication of what he wants in that \$1.877 million. Does he want to see an amount of \$635,000 for design; \$438,732 for site planning work; \$621,572 for the hook-ups to the utilidor. Is that the breakdown of the \$1.877 million that the member is requesting of money already approved in the House for this capital plan, which we're only seeking to approve to continue with?

So maybe the member could specify exactly the amount of the breakdown and the level of detail that he expects? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you. I think it's the job of the minister, the deputy minister and his officials to provide the information that I'm asking to this House. That's why he's appointed as a minister, to provide information to the public. I'm not asking for information for personal reasons.

He's asking us to give him \$1.877 million carryover from the existing approved expenditure allocation and re-profiling them to this particular project. It's amazing. I've never heard of site planning and the other entire technical specs requirement for almost \$2 million.

It is important that the minister not give the public that this item is only for planning or design phase. Otherwise if you want a design phase I believe it should be around \$200,000, or so, or less. Am I correct in that assessment that it's only for planning or design item? Thank you.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand where the member is coming from. I'm not trying to be difficult. All I am saying to the House, and the member knows the process, over the last two years, this is not the first time that we've had capital carryovers brought forward.

The \$1.877 million is monies that have already been approved and debated in the House. It is a carryover of a specific project for the student accommodation. The member is asking me what of the \$5 million or more that has been approved already through last year and this year, how much of that has been expended? What's the budget breakdown?

I'm saying that I don't have a copy of that right now but through debate in the House right now, I'm trying to get the level of detail that the member is requesting. I will get that and provide it before this House finishes, and explain where the money has gone.

On the capital budget prior years for this project was over \$5 million and \$1.877 million is carried over to this year. That's because of the rules of the *Financial Administration Act*. Of that \$1.877 million where each of that dollar value is going to be spent, I don't have that budget breakdown.

I will again get that information for the member. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. The minister doesn't have the detailed breakdown of the reportedly it is probably more than \$1.877 million. Eventually that'll happen.

What I am asking the minister is if he doesn't have the details of the project that he wants us to re-profile, approve. You want this item approved by this committee and you're telling the public you don't have the details as to how it's going to be spent in terms of the breakdown of the project.

The public normally asks the government; "I want a lump sum figure so that I can do certain things". We're never given that privilege, except the minister perhaps. So, if you don't have the breakdown, why do you want us to approve it?

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is not a new process. And, I think I've said it now for the record at least four times that the budget detail that the member is

asking for, I don't have with me right now, but through his questioning in the House, I'm sure that is being provided to my office, and I will provide that to the member.

Again, this is not a new project; the monies have already been approved. It is to carry over the monies so that they can be expended in this fiscal year as per the Auditor General, and the *Financial Administration Act*. These are not new monies, or a new project. This is not something I've invented.

The member does know the process, and so I would suggest to you Mr. Chairman, if the member is requesting a budget breakdown of the \$1.877 million, where the money is going, that will be expended to finish the project, then I will have that information for him before the House rises today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: I appreciate the minister's attempt to try and get me to fully explain to the committee that I am fully aware of his process. I don't know his process. The only process I know is that, even the Auditor General has stated to us that we don't spend money before the House approved it.

Sure, the minister would like us to approve this item now for the particular item that he says that it's going to be used for, but, we don't have the plans and details which the Auditor General always assumed the details are included with the costs that the proposals and what not, when they are submitted to House.

For the Minister of Education to tell us that he does not have the plan I think is a very serious situation. So, why don't you simply ask for the deferment of this item to the Fall Session so that we could fully incorporate it along with the plans of what you want to spend?

Surely, I'm not aware of the process that you use in presenting your cases to the committee. Thank you.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Mr. Chair, maybe I'll ask the chair then, you will look at the process that we've been doing for the last two years as chair. The process as outlined is that capital carryovers are brought forward into the Assembly.

And, the amount of \$1.877 million, if it is not a new amount of money, if it hasn't been added to, if there is no increase in that amount, then usually it's a formality to bring it through on an appropriation to show that money.

However, the member has requested a budget breakdown of the \$1.877 million, where is it going? Is it going into design plans, the utilidor and so on? As I just suggested to the

member, I'm sure my staff are working on that right now, and we'll have the information before the House rises.

And, that will be before six today. But, Mr. Chairman, I'm not trying to do anything outside the scope of the House. I think the majority of the members would probably agree with me on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With your concurrence then, we defer that item, and go to page 8 so that we can wait for some of the details. Once they come in, the minister can then give the indication to go back to that page. So, that would be fine with me, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Before I go to page 8, I will allow Mr. Tootoo to make his comments. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to try and make it really, as clear as this nice fine glass of water I have here that capital carryovers; I wonder if I could get Mr. Vardy or someone to explain exactly what that is.

It's not...there are projects that we have already seen all the detail on and approved. I believe that particular project was approved last year. It would have gone through all of the detail and scrutiny here in the House through the appropriate standing committee, through Committee of the Whole with the entire detailed breakdown of what those dollars were approved for.

So maybe just to make it clear because that's what it is; it's something that we already approved and it's just proper accounting principle practice because it was approved in last year's budget, it has to get carried over to this year's budget because it has to be shown, that amount of it is the amount of the project that hasn't been completed yet; is that correct? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Finance, Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Yes, that's correct. Yes, Mr. Chairman, all of these items were debated in this House last year, in the last fiscal year, in fact, in 2005-06 fiscal year, this House approved \$2.678 million for this project, and of that \$2.678 million, there was \$1.877 million left over at the end of that fiscal year.

So now all they're trying to do is get approval in this House to carry all of those monies over into this fiscal year because we did not spend all of that money in 2005-06 fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So it's the same with all of these carryovers is the same thing; it's just a formality, there's nothing new or anything like that? Is that just for accounting purposes? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There's no new money in any of these line items that we're looking for approval in this House right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe, Mr. Chairman, on that one particular project that my colleague seems to have considerable interest in, maybe ask the minister responsible: is that project finished? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: No, it isn't. Mr. Chairman, there have been some issues here in the community that have been in the media, for example, with lot availability, as well as gravel for the site and so on. So there have been logistic issues and that's why the total amount hasn't been expended to date and that's why the request for the carryover. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the Minister of Finance or his officials, that's the same thing with all of these other projects that are down as carryovers? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, that is correct. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It seems pretty crystal clear to me that there's no big deal, so just go ahead as far as I'm concerned. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you. The Minister of Education assured this House and I'm fully well aware of the process. So I think that speaks for the record that the process that I'm aware of is that before any project or capital expenditures are spent for construction, the design phase, and all the technical status, blueprints and what not, normally are allocated.

But, the practice, that we're not questioning whether or not these funds were approved or not approved. That's not what we're getting at. What we're getting at: are the detailed plans completed?

If you carry over a project, there has to be an explanation. I'm sure the department has all this information, which is never tabled or provided to update this committee. What I'm asking for is; these updates, why an explanation...why the project is carried over to that effect, because if the project or the design phase was approved last fall, it would have been simply a design phase, not the construction part, unless they're using existing plans to go ahead with the community.

Normally, the communities, I'm sure, probably has all the information with respect to the lot, allocations for the setback, the particular town plan. So, I need that information, and that's what I'm asking for, and the minister says these specifications are on their way to this committee.

I'm not asking that this item be deleted. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. More information now again has been made available to me from the department on the Iqaluit Nunavut Arctic College Student Accommodations.

If I may, I'll read directly from the briefing paper. "The design is currently in the final review by Community and Government Services Technical Services. There have been re-design costs for cost effective region. The intention is it still remains to tender for construction for this fiscal year".

Almost all projects under the government, as all members know, have come in almost 20 percent over budget because of the economic situation and cost over runs, and so on.

So, this \$1.877 million is a proportion of the total amount of the project, which is \$5.677 million, and we are carrying it over to begin and complete the project itself. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): I would like to ask the minister if he would table these documents so that we can make use of them.

My point is that the minister stated earlier that the project has not yet begun, but now, the construction hasn't begun. The design phase has not been fully completed. The total construction cost, the estimate is probably going to be \$5 million, and a portion of that construction item appears to be included in there, but I have never seen or heard that before the design is completed.

You cannot put in a figure as to exactly how much it's going to cost. So how do you, or why is it that you're including construction costs in the design phase if you're not sure exactly how much it's going to cost?

Is that a new approach now that the government is taking with all capital projects in most of the regions? Thank you.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, that is not the approach that anyone is taking. When a project is budgeted for in a given year, let's use this project.

If the total for the project is \$5.6 million, and you put tender out and you say we want to build new accommodations, or a new school, or a new building, and you have a tender of \$5.6 million, that's the amount budgeted in this House. When the three companies bid on your tender and have bid \$9 million, you need an extra \$3 million to actually go forward with the project, or you cancel the project and you go out to re-bid.

In the mean time, your fiscal year might have ended. So you have to expend some monies on the project even though the project hasn't even started and you're over budget already.

So by the time the next fiscal year comes around in the House here, because this is a public government, you would show that you have \$5 million to be expended and rolled over, and then you would look at re-tendering to find a better price for the facility.

That's similar to what has occurred here on this file. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. We're on page 7. Education. Capital. Corporate Services. Not previously authorized. \$14,746,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Corporate Services. \$14,746,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Department. \$14,746,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 8. Department of Health and Social Services. Capital. Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It takes a long time for us to see. I think we should move our seats. These are not working very well, so it's very hard to get everything that is being said. So at the next session I would appreciate it if they can

be working. I had my hand raised under general comments. I have a question and I was going to ask anyway, and I didn't think it was going to be here.

But, I don't know for how many years now, and from what I understand, these are constantly being deferred because of the lack of funding, that the funding is carried over. In Repulse Bay, it's been like that with the health centre.

I don't know what the reason is. I wonder why they keep deferring it. Why do they keep doing that for so many years? I would like to ask the minister. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Ms. Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The information I have before me, the Repulse Bay Health Centre Replacement Project, the delay is linked to the unavailability of personnel, and some building code changes had to be incorporated into the construction project design before.

That's the rationale behind the carryover for the Repulse Bay Health Centre.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister. I wonder if the minister (interpretation ends) Can the minister promise me that the department is carrying forward the capital estimates to work on the health centre in Repulse next year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Minister Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are doing our best to try and address all the capital needs that have been identified in the five-year capital plan. The allocations for the Department of Health for their projects sometimes have to be carried over because of financial years.

The 2006-07 money has to be carried over to the next fiscal year of 2007-08, so that we could continue with the projects.

If I promise not to carry it over, then *Umingniaq*. I can't promise that. What I can commit to is to try and progress the projects forward based on the availability of staff, and so on, if that makes any sense. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for giving me the information. Is the usual practice, especially it seems more obvious for our constituents, for those communities that are not decentralized because they have deferred these for a number of years. Right now in Repulse Bay there hasn't been any new facility for over

ten years; there's nothing. There would be one made only if we definitely, definitely need it because there if there is always a shortage of oil, then they'll have to increase the tank farm.

When the centre burned down, because of the necessity, they built a new one...only if they were very central places in the community...I think for over ten years there hasn't been anything new that is built and we always hear that these are all ongoing, but they never seem to come about.

In regards to the health centre, what I want to hear that this won't happen again because we've been expecting this for too long and they need a good reason. I am urging the minister to make sure that this goes through in Repulse Bay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Minister Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) I agree with the members. It's also in Taloyoak. There are so many things that have been deferred for Taloyoak. I will surely try and work on what you're concerns are. Thank you.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question for the minister on the Kitikmeot Medical Boarding Home, the \$1,135,000. I think a portion of this is into its second carryover. I think last year the construction didn't begin because there had to be some changes to the plans. The Fire Marshall wanted something to do with elevators so that caused a delay.

I am wondering if the minister could update me and confirm if this project is going to go ahead in this current fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The plan was to have started the project last year. The materials that were required, from what I understand, for the renovation of the old high school residence missed the sealift, which resulted in us to transfer the funding, and so on. Our plan is to initiate the renovations this construction year on that project. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I would like to ask what year the Arctic Bay Nursing Station is going to be constructed at.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Minister Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Arctic Bay funding for designs, we're not able to again complete that design due to unavailability of personnel to do the design work for the health centre.

So we are carrying the funding over to this fiscal year to again try and get the design bids in to start that process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In what year is that facility going to be built? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. We're on page 6, 2006-07 Supplementary Appropriations, page 8, I'm sorry. Supplementary Appropriation. Capital 1. Health and Social Services. Capital. Directorate. These are carryovers from the previous year.

Minister Aglukkaq, if you want to reply to that. Thank you.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Arctic Bay Health Centre Renovation Project is in this carryover this year to start the process for the design. In order to proceed with construction plans, we need the design phase completed to do that.

So we weren't able to do that in the 2006-07 approved funding so we're carrying it over again to try and get personnel to do the design work. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is it in 2007-08? The reason why I'm asking this question is as Mr. Mapsalak stated that the regular members' projects are being deferred constantly.

In 2008, and if I don't run, or somebody else gets elected, the government is going to change and this project is just going to disappear into thin air and so will the money, or it will be allocated to another community for another project. That's the reason why I'm asking this question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. We are at this time dealing with carryovers and we're working on items that are just listed here on this page. We're on page 8. Minister Aglukkaq, if you would like to respond.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Department of Health Capital Plans that were approved in 2006-07, that plan is progressing. We're transferring funding from one financial year to the next financial year to continue with the work of the five-year plan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. (interpretation) We're on page 8. (interpretation ends) Health and Social Services. Capital. Directorate. Not previously authorized. \$50,163,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Directorate. \$50,163,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Department. \$50,163,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 9. Department of Environment. Capital. Program Management. Not previously authorized. \$2,215,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Program Management. \$2,215,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Department. \$2,215,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 10, and 11. Department of Community and Government Services. Capital. Capital Planning. Not previously authorized. \$12,534,000. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could the minister just clarify for the record, or explain what the Nunavut Emergency Management Program entails? There's a budgeted figure of \$1,005,000. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Simailak: Minister Brown would have the necessary information. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Nunavut Energy Management Program, this is to fund the retrofit work on existing Government of Nunavut buildings to reduce usage of fuel, oil, electricity, and water. It is GN-wide and applies to any building we own including; office buildings, schools, and health centres. Approximately \$450,000 of the work had been in 2005-06.

Another \$1 million will be done this year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Peterson, can you clarify your question; is it emergency or energy?

Mr. Peterson: Well, it says, 'Nunavut Emergency Management Program.' \$1,005,000.

Chairman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My apologies; I was under the wrong line. On the Nunavut Emergency Management Plan...just one moment while I find the proper page.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is the same program. It is the Energy Management Program. I'm not sure why it's called the Nunavut Emergency Management Program on page 10, but it is the Energy Management Program that Minister Brown was just explaining. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ministers. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I suspected that that's what it was. My recommendation is that somebody should proofread these supplementary appropriation bills before they're handed out.

Somewhere else in this report they spell Kitikmeot wrong. We thought that there might be a fourth region in Nunavut this morning. That's just a comment, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. That will be corrected. Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In defence of my financial gurus, this is what we were given originally when we started doing up these books. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. We're on page 10, and 11. Community and Government Services. Capital. Capital Planning. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you. Just for further clarification, there is \$117,000, which again will be used for the Nanisivik Facilities Technical Evaluation. Is that still the case? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am looking for a lot of things, and of course, I want to respond correctly. In regards to your question I want to know where it is but I can't find it, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Simailak, if you could respond to that. Thank you.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This carryover amount will allow for salvage of a Government of Nunavut owned three bay garages, which can be relocated to Arctic Bay for community use. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): That's it for now. Thank you.

Chairman: Page 10. Community and Government Services. Capital. Capital Planning. Not previously authorized \$12,534,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 11. Community and Government Services. Total Capital Planning. Not previously authorized. \$12,534,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Petroleum Products Division. \$2,402,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total. Petroleum Products Division. \$2,402,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Department. \$14,936,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 12. Department of Economic Development and Transportation. Capital. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just for the record it says here Bathurst Road and airport. I suspect that means Bathurst Road and Port. If we could get that clarified and corrected. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My guess is it should have read Bathurst Road and Port, not Airport, unless we're really forward thinking. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Page 12. Mr. Alagalak.

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask two questions for two line items: for the Nanisivik Highway upgrade and Nanisivik replacement pick-up truck. Even though the Nanisivik Mine was closed after the closure it seems like the government is spending more money, and they're buying a new pick-up truck. What's happening here? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're still using the airport and the highway from Arctic Bay to Nanisivik is quite far. We have to maintain that highway as long as we don't build an airstrip in Arctic Bay. So we have to replace these vehicles while constructing an airstrip in Arctic Bay. Thank you.

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

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think it should be Arctic Bay instead of Nanisivik because we get confused. Even though they closed the community, they are still using Nanisivik. It seems like everything was Nanisivik rather than Arctic Bay.

So my suggestion would be that rather than using Nanisivik, you should be using Arctic Bay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, dear Member Mr. Alagalak.

>>*Laughter*

Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we're on that, but once that airstrip in Arctic Bay is more available, it'll be that way. Thank you.

Chairman: I have no more names on my list. Department of Economic Development and Transportation. Capital. Transportation. Not previously authorized. \$3,775,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Transportation. \$3,775,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Department. \$3,775,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 13. Nunavut Housing Corporation. Capital. Nunavut Housing Corporation. Not previously authorized. \$11,250,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Nunavut Housing Corporation. \$11,250,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Total Nunavut Housing Corporation. \$11,250,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go back to page 2. Page 2. Schedule 1. Capital. Total Capital Appropriation. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I made a commitment to my colleagues about the Sivumut Brown Building leasehold changes during my deliberations. My apologies for being late; my notes weren't very clear so I had to get clarification.

This is for the completion of the Arnakallak Building, which is the old court house, to be used to house all of the following offices; Legal Aid, Public Trustee, and Community Justice under the same roof. So, we have to get that done to move those offices together.

Right now they're scattered all over the community and who ever wants to use the services to go under one roof, so that's why \$70,000 is in there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Okalik. Page 2. Schedule 1. Capital. Total Capital Appropriation. \$98,236,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go to Bill 17 in your white binder. Bill 17, *Supplementary Appropriation. Capital Act #1, 2006-07*. Clause 1?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 2?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 3?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go to the schedule on page 3. Schedule. Vote 1. Capital. Total Capital. \$98,236,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Supplementary Appropriation. \$98,236,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go back to page 1 please. Clause 3. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 4?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 5?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 6?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 7?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree to Bill 17 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree that Bill 17 is ready for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you very much. Now, we'll deal with Bill 18. Bill 18, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act #1, 2006-07*. Page 4. Please go to page 4.

Finance. Operations and Maintenance. Directorate. Not previously authorized. \$2,495,000. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Would the minister provide us with a breakdown of the budget of the individual components of the \$2,495,000 that they're proposing to use to strengthen financial management across departments and public agencies? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are proposing to strengthen the comptrollership branch for \$475,000; revise the policy framework for \$500,000; standard processes and procedures, \$120,000; public accounts strategy, \$400,000; and Financial Assistance Needs Study, \$600,000; Human Resource Strategy, \$150,000; and Review of Public Agencies, \$250,000; for a total of \$2,495,000. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I thank the minister for that information. Could the minister tell us if all this work will be completed in this current fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, it is our intention to complete this phase in this fiscal year. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Are there any further questions? Finance. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Directorate. \$2,495,000. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. Yes, I have a further question. These carryovers are quite significant in some respects. I suppose it can't become a pretty safe practice to not do some of the work and then they carry over to another fiscal or so on.

It's very unusual; the item 7, \$3.6 million is not a small figure. Exactly why are these figures, such a huge amount, carried over to this particular portion. I'm just asking again, the minister, to explain to us what's going on here? Thank you.

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

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The 2006-07 supplementary appropriations for operations and maintenance is not a carry; these are new monies. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Could the minister give a brief outline what exactly it's going to be spent on? Thank you.

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

Hon. David Simailak: Could the member please refer to what Page he's on? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. We are on Page 4. Finance. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Directorate. \$2,495,000. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I will rephrase my question later, but I was dealing with the item on Page 2. I'll ask it at the appropriate place later. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. We'll move on. (interpretation ends) Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Directorate. \$2,495,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Directorate. \$2,495,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Department. \$2,495,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Justice. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Lawyer Support Services. \$450,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Lawyer Support Services. \$450,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Corrections. \$54,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Corrections. \$54,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Department. \$504,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 6. Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Community Programs. \$160,000. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It says here \$160,000 for the assessment of sport recreation and physical activity facilities in Nunavut. Is the existing staffing going to do that, or is there a contract that going to go out to do it. I thought that kind of stuff was done on a regular basis. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Minister.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand that this work will be contracted out. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. We will go on. (interpretation ends) Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Community Programs. \$160,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Community Programs. \$160,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Department. \$160,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 7. Education. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Adult Learning and Post Secondary Services. \$657,000. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. This is a two-part question. I believe the first one is: where will this \$150,000 for Nunavut Arctic College individuals be located? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister of Education, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is part of the new monies we're using in response to some of the recommendations in the Berger Report. It was intended to strengthen the education system in Nunavut. There's an addition to build 100 positions we created in the last two budgets.

The breakdown is as follows in these new positions is that we have new positions created in Pangnirtung, Kugluktuk, Kivalliq region, the Qikiqtani region, Arviat, and CSFN.

When I say the region, I mean the regional office in that region. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Yes, on that page, the first part of that is to provide a coordinator. Will that be an overall coordinator for all the trades programs in Nunavut? And, that particular position, will it be based here, for instance in the Baffin? That was my first question.

I understand that you will also have regional supporting positions as opposed to for the total from this \$657,000 part. But my question really is: exactly where will the coordinator be located for all the trades development and operations of the proposed trades schools? Thank you.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you. The member is correct. The intent would be to have that position, if the monies are approved and so on, situated in the home of the trades' school, which would be Rankin Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: But my second question has to do with the allocation for \$570,000 for implementation of project training plans as it was specific to Cape Dorset. I'm wondering exactly what types of training plan; you know...it appears to be related to the contractors or what not in trades and related training requirements.

Could the Minister of Education help us a bit? Exactly how this initiative...I think it's a good program, how is it going to fit? Will it be private sector related, or will it be four walls standard training program? How is it going to work? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister of Education, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're excited about this program. It's a little over half a million dollars for the Cape Dorset program.

The reason why we're calling it the Cape Dorset Project Training Plan is in cooperation in our Labour Market Development Agreement that we have in place; it's the implementation of trades training at the local level within the community.

Cape Dorset has led the way in the Community Transfer Initiative. It was one of the first and most significant communities that took on a lot of responsibility from the previous territorial government, and we believe there is an opportunity to begin that training plan there.

So, not only are we dealing with location, but we'll also be dealing with some of the academic subjects and so on. This is a pilot project. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Mr. Chairman, I fully support it. I think it's a good initiative. I think it's long over due whether it is a pilot project or not. But if it does work, I think it could probably be a standard throughout other communities and I would encourage the minister to use that as a model when negotiating other labour market agreements with the federal government because there are significantly untapped federal labour market initiatives that the federal government normally has.

I note that the only reference to the document that I found, or in the press was when requesting education-training dollars...was related to NTEP students in Nunavut programs.

So I would like to encourage the minister, whether or not he monitors this carefully and maybe could succeed in expanding into the communities and hopefully that he would also seek and get some federal dollars through this type of program. Would that be one of his strategies or plans? Thank you.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The member is correct. That is part of the strategic plan that we're trying to put in place with the Cape Dorset project.

As I said earlier, it is a pilot project. Once it's complete, after the evaluation I would suggest to you that we would be able to implement it in more communities across Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Picco. Does anyone have any questions on that page? We'll go on to another. Education. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Adult Learning and Post Secondary Services. \$657,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Adult Learning and Post Secondary Services. \$657,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Curriculum and School Services. \$1,549,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Curriculum and School Services. Not previously authorized. \$1,549,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: School Operations. Not previously authorized. \$1,411,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total School Operations. Not previously authorized. \$1,411,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Department. Not previously authorized. \$3,617,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Page 8. Department of Environment. Operation and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Corporate Management. \$63,000. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Would the minister clarify for the record what the term "reinstatement" means on this page? It implies that a position existed in the department before and has ceased to exist, but now it's being reinstated. Can you give us a bit of background to that, please? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister of Environment, Mr. Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My understanding is that this activation has forced an unfunded position. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Netser. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister. Could the Minister of Finance indicate that if this is part of the overall government strategy where positions that go unfunded for years are terminated, and then it's up to the department to justify reinstating positions and seeking funding from the Legislative Assembly? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As a result of the person year control project departments were directed to remove all unfunded frozen positions from the organizational charts, and the Department of Human Resources was directed to deactivate those positions.

The Department of Environment has stated that the reactivation and funding of some of the positions is crucial for it being able to meet its current mandate and future program demands. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is certainly good news to hear that that program is working. A bit further down on the page there is a list, under the environment funded in the Northern Strategy; there is a mention of a four-year program totalling \$5 million involving 13 projects that focus on environmental issues.

Could the minister provide a list of the 13 projects that are referenced in this page? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Mr. Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Does he want me to itemize all the things that we want to do? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Netser. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't need a whole lot of detail, just titles of the 13 projects. I don't need all the details; just projects and perhaps where they're located. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Patterk Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It includes anything from drum crushing and removal to climate change adaptation and also devastated polar bear population inventory, and also the High Arctic caribou ground aerial survey. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I thank the minister for that information. I think I heard four or five projects. Do you have a list for the remaining projects? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Patterk Netser: I'll go through all of them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We want to do a contaminated site inventory, drum crushing and removal, recycling, communication brochures, radium resolution satellite imagery partnership, data servers, climate change adaptation, Nunavut Climate Change Centre Programs, ecological land classification,

building an accessible Government of Nunavut ecological knowledge base, and the James Bay/Hudson Bay Ecosystem Assessment Project. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Netser. Going back to page 8. (interpretation ends) Environment, Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Corporate Management. \$63,000.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Corporate Management. \$63,000.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Program Development. \$306,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Program Development. \$306,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Department. \$369,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 9. Community and Government Services. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Community Support. \$2,683,000. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. I have a question on that page with respect to providing funding of \$40,000 for additional lease costs for office space.

My question is regarding the additional lease space. Obviously, they're entering into a new expanded area. Could the appropriate minister explain exactly, that it will be an annual cost, I suppose, for expanding the lease provision, or is that just a one-time cost? Thank you.

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

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, this is going to be an annual cost. This is to lease out additional space in the Parnaivik Building for the Liquor Enforcement Division of the Nunavut Liquor Commission.

We were originally located in the Brown Building, but Community and Government Services has wanted that space in the Brown Building for something else and we were forced to move. Space became available in the Parnaivik Building, so this now puts the

Liquor Enforcement Division in the Parnaivik Building, along with most of finance, which is where it belongs anyway. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Page 9. (interpretation ends) Community and Government Services. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Community Support. \$2,683,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Community Support. \$2,683,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Government Services. \$40,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Government Services. \$40,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Capital Planning and Technical Services. Not previously authorized. \$116,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Capital Planning and Technical Services. Not previously authorized. \$116,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Department. \$2,839,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: We're on page 10. Economic Development and Transportation. Operations and Maintenance. Special Warrants. Economic Development. \$1,716,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Economic Development. Special Warrants. \$1,716,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Department. \$1,716,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Nunavut Housing Corporation. Operations and Maintenance. -\$2,683,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Nunavut Housing Corporation. -\$2,683,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Nunavut Housing Corporation. -\$2,683,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: We'll go back to page 2. Schedule 1. Operations and Maintenance. Operations and Maintenance Appropriations. \$9,017,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): We'll go to Bill 18 in your binders. (interpretation ends) Supplementary Appropriation. Operations and Maintenance. Clause 1, 2006-07.

Clause 1. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 2. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 3. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go to the schedule on page 3. Schedule. Supplementary Amounts Appropriated for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2007. Vote 1. Operations and Maintenance. Total Operations and Maintenance. \$9,017,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Supplementary Appropriations. \$9,017,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: We'll go back to page 1. Clause 4. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 5. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 6. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 7. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree to the bill as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree that Bill 18 is ready for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister and your officials. Mr. Vardy, and Mr. Reddy. You can return to your seat at this time.

(interpretation ends) What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: I wish to report progress. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: We have a motion on the floor to report progress and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion. All those opposed. The motion is carried. I will now rise to report progress.

>>*Committee recessed at 18:11 and House resumed at 18:20*

Speaker (interpretation): Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Barnabas.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 17 and Bill 18, and would like to report that Bill 17 and 18 are now ready for third reading. I would like to move that the report be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder? Thank you, Mr. Premier. The motion is in order. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried.

Thank you. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Minister Simailak.

Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

Bill 15 – An Act to Amend the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act – Third Reading

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Rankin Inlet South/Whale Cove that Bill 15, *An Act to Amend Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. All those in favour. I apologize. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just in case I want to declare a possible conflict of interest with this piece of legislation, and I'll excuse myself from the rest of the proceedings. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. (interpretation) Thank you. All those in favour. Opposed. Thank you. The motion is carried.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. I apologize. I'm a little ahead of myself. Bill 15 has had its third reading. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Mr. Premier.

Bill 22 – Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act – Third Reading

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nanulik, that Bill 22, *Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 22 has had third reading.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Minister Simailak.

Bill 17 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act #1, 2006-07 – Third Reading

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for South Baffin that Bill 17, *Supplementary Appropriation Capital Act #1, 2006-07*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 17 has had third reading.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Minister Brown.

Bill 19 – An Act to Amend the Revolving Funds Act – Third Reading

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit East, that Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Revolving Funds Act*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 19 has had third reading.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Minister Simailak.

Bill 18 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act #1, 2006-07 – Third Reading

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit East, that Bill 18, *Supplementary Appropriation Operations and Maintenance Act #1, 2006-07*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 18 has had third reading.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Minister Simailak.

Bill 21 – An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act #2 – Third Reading

Hon. David Simailak: I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit West that Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act #2*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 21 has had its third reading.

(interpretation ends) Third Reading of Bills. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to go back to Item 5.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to go back to Item 5. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Premier.

Revert to Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues. Mr. Barnabas had acknowledged some staff and he had forgotten an additional staff. He had forgotten to mention George Metuq. He is the technician and repairs all the broken technical equipment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. We also acknowledge him. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Thank you.

Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

I would now like to resume the Third Reading of Bills.

Members of the Legislative Assembly we were reminded that it's Elders Abuse Prevention Day and before we move onto the orders of the day, I would like to ask the Clerk, could you please ascertain if the Deputy Commissioner is prepared to enter the Chambers to give assent to the Bills. Thank you.

Assent to Bills

Deputy Commissioner Maksagak (interpretation): Members of the Legislative Assembly please be seated. As Commissioner of Nunavut I hereby give assent to the following bills:

Bill 07 – An Act to Amend the Liquor Act – Assent

Bill 11 – An Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act – Assent

Bill 15 – An Act to Amend the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act – Assent

Bill 17 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act #1, 2006-07 – Assent

Bill 18 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act #1, 2006-07 – Assent

Bill 19 – An Act to Amend the Revolving Funds Act – Assent

Bill 20 – Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 – Assent

Bill 21 – An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act #2 – Assent

Bill 22 – Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act – Assent

(interpretation) I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members a safe trip back to your home communities and my best wishes for a rewarding summer with your families and your constituents. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, members. We were so pleased to see the Deputy Commissioner and we wish her well. Members on behalf of you I would like to thank all

of our staff for working hard during our Session. Also our pages and also the previous pages, all the interpreters, and our Sergeant-at-Arms, Thank you.

Orders of the Day. Item 22. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Orders of the Day for November 21:

1. Prayer
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Thank you.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The House will stand adjourned until November 21, 2006 at 1:30.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*Session adjourned at 18:29*

