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**Iqaluit, Nunavut
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Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Honourable Olayuk Akesuk, Honourable Levi Barnabas, Honourable Levinia Brown, Mr. Tagak Curley, Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Mr. Steve Mapsalak, Honourable Patterk Netser, Honourable Paul Okalik, Honourable Edward Picco, Mr. David Simailak, Honourable Louis Tapardjuk, Mr. Hunter Tootoo.

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. Peter Kilabuk)(interpretation): Good morning. I would like to ask Mr. Simailak to say the opening prayer. Mr. Simailak.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Good morning, my colleagues. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. If there are none, Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet South-Whale Cove, Ms. Brown.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 425 – 2(4): Congratulations to Whale Cove Graduates

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Members. I rise today to congratulate the students who graduated at the Inuuglak School in Whale Cove. There were three graduates: Karen Adjuk, Josie Okalik, Premier's namesake's daughter, and Jerias Teenar. Those were the three graduates in Whale Cove.

It was very sentimental to hear one of them make a statement about their parents waking them up so they can go to school and that's led to their success. Therefore, I would like to thank the parents of the graduates as well. As always, there's a slogan that states that 'It takes a whole community to raise a child.' This slogan is very much in evidence in the communities. On behalf of the members, I would like to congratulate the graduates at the high school in Whale Cove.

Appolina Manilak was in my place during the Youth Parliament and I am very proud of her. I would like to thank the grandparents for encouraging them to come here to the House to attend the Youth Parliament. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Brown. Members' Statements. Member for Natilik, Ms. Aglukkaq.

Member's Statement 426 – 2(4): Territorial Canada Day Poster Challenge – Naomi Alookie and Jennett Kingmiaqtuq

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq (interpretation): Good morning. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Assembly that Naomi Alookie, age 16, of Taloyoak was chosen as the territorial finalist for the Canada Day Poster Challenge. This contest is sponsored territorial wide by the federal government's Department of Heritage.

Mr. Speaker, the territorial finalist is chosen from among four age groups and I would also like to note that Jennett Kingmiaqtuq was one of the regional finalists in the 12- to 14-year-old group. Jennett is also from Taloyoak.

Mr. Speaker, Naomi will now have a chance to travel to Parliament Hill for Canada Day and she will also continue on to Quebec City to take part in the city's 400th anniversary celebrations.

I would like to offer my congratulations to both Naomi Alookie as the territorial finalist and to Jennett Kingmiaqtuq as a regional finalist from Taloyoak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Aglukkaq. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit Centre, Mr. Tootoo.

Member's Statement 427 – 2(4): The 2008 Youth Parliament

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to talk about a recent event that was held here in the Chambers of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, students representing all of our Nunavut constituencies were in Iqaluit from May 5 to May 9, 2008 to participate in this year's Youth Parliament. Unfortunately, two of the youth participants were unable to get here to Iqaluit due to weather, like some of my colleagues who are unable to be here today either for the same reason. One constituency had to be represented by a student from Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, I was very pleased to be present once again to witness the young parliamentarians voicing issues that they feel are facing the youth of Nunavut today.

Mr. Speaker, during their week in Iqaluit, the students learned all about being MLAs. They went through the Orders of the Day, made their Members' and Ministers' Statements, asked Oral Questions and even brought forward motions and reviewed a bill during Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker, many of the issues they raised related to the use of drugs and alcohol, teen pregnancy, unhealthy eating habits, suicide and the need for continuing education. They even presented suggestions on how these problems could be addressed.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that our Speaker fully supports this worthwhile initiative.

I want to acknowledge my constituents, Keegan Mackey, who represented me during the Youth Parliament, and also Duncan MacKay, who represented the Minister of Health and Social Services. I want to thank Minister Aglukkaq who took the opportunity to meet with Duncan who represented her and to thank my Honourable colleagues, Mr. Picco and the Premier, for being present here in the Chambers during their sitting. I am positive that your presence and an opportunity to meet you were greatly appreciated by the students.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the efforts of this year's participants and to encourage them to seriously consider being our future leaders one day. One of this year's Youth Parliamentarians is our page today and that's Samantha Giroux, and I think she represented the Premier during their session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Member's Statement 428 – 2(4): Paul Kanayuk Jr. and Rene Aggark Walk to Raise Awareness for Widows and Children

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise today in this House to inform members of a momentous event and to ask for their support of two young people who walked from Rankin Inlet to Arviat in April. The two young people, Paul Kanayuk, Jr. from Rankin Inlet and Rene Aggark-Sammy from Arviat, undertook this journey not only for their own enjoyment, but to raise awareness and support for the widows and homeless orphans. They elaborated on their reasons at the community hall in Rankin Inlet and they need more support in Nunavut.

The reason for doing this walk, based on their perceptions, is the need to show more love and support for these people. The support needs to be Nunavut-wide, not just from their respective communities and the fact that everyone has to offer more support to them. Many of the widows go through hardship and often don't have the will or the courage to ask for help, so we need to help them more.

Our hearts were deeply touched at a meeting over at the community hall. For ten days, while it was very cold, they walked from Rankin Inlet to Arviat. They arrived safely and were happy when they completed the journey.

I wanted to state publicly in the House that I am extremely proud of their efforts. Even though they're in their early twenties, they are concerned about their people and the

hardships they face, so I was quite honoured to support them. I urge members to support them as well as to recognize their efforts. Again, their names are Paul Kanayuk, Jr. and Rene Aggark-Sammy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Item 3. Members' Statements. If there are no more, going back to the Orders of the Day. I'm sorry. Item 3. Members' Statements. Minister Netser.

Member's Statement 429 – 2(4): Announcing Birth of New Grandson

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you. I raised my hand earlier, but I think you forgot.

Mr. Speaker, my wife and I are very proud that we got another grandchild last night, nine pounds, two ounces, and his name is Sebastian Netser. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Netser. Going to the Orders of the Day. Let me try this again. Members' Statements. If there are no more, Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit Center, Mr. Tootoo.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 533 – 2(4): Nunavut Medical Travel Contracts

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I tabled a series of correspondence between the minister and myself. I had hoped, after sending these letters, to receive some clarification on the recent awarding of Nunavut's medical travel contracts. Unfortunately, the replies I received raised even more questions than answers.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, on March 5, 2008, the minister responded to an Oral Question in the House that she would share information on the medical travel contracts including "the methodology, the criteria, the routes, the savings and the perks that were offered to airlines." In her most recent letter on this issue, she provided information on perks offered 'by' the contractors but not on those perks offered 'to' the contractors.

Can the minister provide information on the perks provided to the contractors as part of these awards and if she cannot answer now, will she commit to providing this information in writing before the end of the session? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think my response in regard to that question is covered in the letter I had distributed to the member.

In terms of the methodology, the criteria, the points that were used is outlined in the document that was tabled in the legislature by the Minister of CG&S responsible for the RFP process. It outlines, in my letter to the member, how the awards and points were allocated in the review of the information.

I also stated in my letter, with respect to the perks, the perks offered by the airlines, in terms of additional information, related to increases in Inuit employment in the communities. The other area related to the issues around scholarships, the issues around perks offered by the airlines related to the Pivut fare. Those were additional information offered through the airlines, in addition to providing the service for medical travel. So I think my letter is very clear in answering that question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister for clarifying that, but she didn't answer my question. I quoted her as what she said on March 5, she said, "perks that were offered to the airlines," not 'by' the airlines and my question was: can she provide us with information on what perks, as she had indicated, were offered to the contractors? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, to clarify for the record, it's the perks offered by the airline in addition. The additional employment by having additional routes for Inuit employees, the Pivut fare program that's offered by the airlines, in addition to the services they provide, I have outlined that in the letter. So I think it's quite clear. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My own interpretation of that could be that the minister made a mistake on March 5 when she told us that there were "perks offered to the airlines," or to the contractors, and she doesn't want to address that issue. I guess that would be the assumption I could make from that.

Mr. Speaker, the RFP documents and addenda tabled by the Minister of Community and Government Services on March 12 does not include any technical information on the issue of "perks." Can the minister clarify how "perks" were offered and evaluated in the

RFP evaluation process and whether competing airlines were permitted to consider and provide counteroffers on 'perks'? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, when I used the word "perks," the description I was trying to convey to the House was that with the results of the outcome of the contract, there are additional outside-the-contract benefits to Nunavummiut - Pivut fare for every beneficiary where there are Canadian North Airline routes as an example, additional employment at the community level where there are new routes as an example.

So as part of the RFP process, I have made it very clear in my letter to the member what was evaluated in the RFP process. The document was tabled by the Minister of CG&S in the House and the RFP document is very clear on how the points were assigned.

So what I was trying to convey to the member, and I'm apologizing to the member if he misunderstood what I meant by that, is that there are benefits outside of the medical travel contract to communities when governments make decisions on contracts such as this one. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't misunderstand what she said. She said "perks offered to the airlines," or to the contractors. There's no misunderstanding in that. So, obviously, she made a mistake.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister clarify what, if any, penalties would be incurred by the contractors should they default on any of their offer of 'perks'? For example, will there be a penalty if the scholarships for the training of nurses are not provided by the contractor who offered to provide it? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said just before his second last question, there are additional benefits to communities as a result of some government decisions around contracts; there are no penalties.

What I'm talking about is, in a government decision to award this contract, there are other benefits that are a result of it outside the contract - additional employment at the community level, scholarship programs, or Pivut fare. That's outside the contract, so there are no penalties.

I believe I answered the member's question earlier and it's very clear in my letter to the member what areas were addressed in the review of the RFP process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Simailak.

Question 534 – 2(4): Capital Projects in Baker Lake this Spring and Summer

Mr. Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and good morning. I say good morning to the residents of Baker Lake. I would like to ask the Minister of Community and Government Services if there are any plans on capital projects for Baker Lake this spring and summer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Five-Year Capital Plan was completed and announced to all Members. I can provide him with the plans on capital projects for Baker Lake for this summer if he so wishes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Minister. Yes, I definitely want to see what projects will be undertaken this spring and summer in Baker Lake.

Can the minister tell me if the construction of the new \$2 million reservoir is included? The population of Baker Lake is growing and the present reservoir is long past too small. The mining companies have started operations, so this has become urgent. So I'm asking if the \$2 million for a new reservoir is still on track. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can check into the question about the \$2 million project to see if it's still in the capital plan. At this time, I can't confirm that because there are so many projects. I will have to ask my officials to make sure that that \$2 million project is still in there and get back to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps I can assist the minister with some news. Our mayor was informed that that \$2 million allocated for this spring and summer wasn't going to be utilized in Baker Lake after all.

Can the minister check into this to see if that's the case and where that \$2 million has been reallocated? This is an urgent matter, so we would like to know if the minister will put that \$2 million back into the capital plan to be used in the spring and summer for the project in Baker Lake. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Absolutely, I will check into this and I would also try to find out where that \$2 million would be allocated. I will also check into the capital plan for that amount and get back to the Member for Baker Lake. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 535 – 2(4): GN Policy on Smoking in Apartment Buildings

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation with respect to cigarette smoking in the apartment buildings leased by the government.

Mr. Speaker, concerns have been raised in Rankin Inlet about second-hand smoke in apartment buildings. A number of non-smoking residents are being affected by second-hand smoke from other units in their building.

My question for the minister is this: what is the Housing Corporation's policy with respect to smoking in public and staff housing units? Do you have non-smoking apartments available if staff prefer them? Do you have a policy in place? (interpretation ends) Thank you.

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

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure if we have a policy on smoking in the apartment buildings that are leased by the government, but if the lessees have such a policy in place, then the tenants should be adhering to that policy. Thank you.

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

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to raise this question again. A few years ago, Nunavut's new *Tobacco Control Act* was passed into law. The law applies only to controlling smoking in and around workplaces and the sale of tobacco. There is no prohibition against smoking in apartments and this applies only to certain places.

The Act doesn't apply to the private companies that you are leasing apartment buildings from, so I was wondering whether or not you would consider having it apply to them. Is the minister working with the Minister of Health and Social Services, I believe that also falls under her responsibility, to amend the Act to address the issue of smoking in apartment buildings, especially for pregnant women and non-smokers? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I agree with the member. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, (interpretation) my mother recently passed away from tobacco use and I kept asking her to quit. We are quite concerned about this issue because cigarettes lead to death. Yes, I can definitely work with the Minister of Health and Social Services on how we can resolve the situation with the leased apartment buildings. Thank you.

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

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his understanding in this matter.

Mr. Speaker, smoking rates in Nunavut are among the highest in the country when compared to other jurisdictions. However, I believe that the government must do more to address the issue of smoking inside apartment buildings. Although the law applies at the workplace, and it's good because it keeps people from getting exposed to second-hand smoke, we're not doing enough to ensure that tenants are aware of the dangers of second-hand smoke.

However, I believe that more must be done for the residents living in aging public and staff housing units, which are in need of repair, so they don't end up being exposed to the second-hand smoke creeping into their homes from their neighbours. When will the minister develop a plan to address this issue and will he commit to tabling it in the House? It would be good to have apartments provide a smoke-free zone for pregnant residents, for example, some hotels offer non-smoking floors. Would the minister be able to table a plan at any time? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know if I would be tabling a plan, but we can probably work with the companies we are leasing buildings from before their contracts are up for renewal. We might be able to come up with a plan and I'll speak with our president about that. Thank you.

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

Question 536 – 2(4): Income Support Worker for Repulse Bay

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Three of my colleagues are not here and the rest seem so far away over there. My question is directed to the Minister responsible for Income Support.

Mr. Speaker, in Repulse Bay, we haven't had an income support worker for quite a long time. When does the minister plan to hire an income support worker? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is quite a topic of conversation. A couple of weeks ago, when I was attending the NAM meetings in Rankin Inlet on the Income Support Program and the income support workers, a lot of hamlets have actually turned back their contracts to have income support workers working in a community employed by the hamlet.

In the member's community, what we have been doing is covering the community off with an income support person who goes into the community to deliver income support. The actual opportunity to hire someone, Mr. Speaker, that is ongoing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. From what I understand, the Hamlet of Repulse Bay does not have such a contract and the territorial government has held that responsibility to this day. I know that because I worked at the hamlet at the time and we didn't want that contract. What is slowing down the process for hiring an income support worker? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member is correct. In some of our communities, we've had difficulty recruiting people for the position of income support worker. It can be a very stressful position in a community when you're dealing with

people and the amount of monies that are available to them under the Income Support Program sometimes causes some conflict. I think that's one of the reasons why we've had some issues in filling positions not just in the member's community but across Nunavut itself.

What I can say to the member is that after this session this morning, I will have an opportunity to talk to the department to see when we will actually be in a position to hire someone for the community.

It is my understand, again, from the information provided to me that although the income support worker is not in the community, they are directly employed by the government and all income support cases in the community are being covered off by the department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In Repulse Bay, there are a lot of income support recipients due to lack of employment opportunities within the community.

I think the residents of Repulse Bay are going through extreme hardship because there's no income support worker and sometimes they're unable to come into the community, so they're mainly dealt with over the phone when the income support worker is in Rankin Inlet, but they're not always able to get their either. That's the situation in our community.

Could the minister indicate exactly when we will be getting an income support worker? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that the department has been actively involved in trying to secure the position and have a person for the position. As the member has indicated, there is a strong caseload in the community.

There has been some difficulty, not just in the member's community but in other communities, to be able to find income support workers. So we are actively pursuing that and as I just said earlier, after the session this morning, I'll check with the department and I will put in writing to the member by email when we expect to have that position filled in the community and when that person would be able to start the job. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 537 – 2(4): Nunavut Medical Travel Contracts

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I would like to follow-up with some questions to the Minister of Health and Social Services.

Mr. Speaker, I think we need to get it clear for the record from the minister: in her last response, she seemed to indicate that there were no perks offered to the airlines, as she stated in the House here on March 5 and I'll quote her, "Perks that were offered to airlines." So I would just like to get a confirmation from the minister that, in fact, there were no 'perks' offered to the airline as she had indicated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That would be correct; the perks offered to us in addition to what was outlined in the criteria as to how the contracts are awarded. To clarify with perks, in addition to what we were looking for employment, Pivut fare and so on, there were no perks, as I described in my letter to the company. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm glad that the minister has clarified that because if someone read the *Hansard* from March 5, as the minister indicated, there were "perks offered to the airlines," so now they can refer to today's *Hansard* and see that that was, in fact, not the case.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister also indicate if the perks that she has outlined are all the perks she were offered by the airline, or were there more perks? In her letter it says, "perks such as." It just listed a couple, so I'm just wondering if there are any more included. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess to clarify, what I was trying to describe, again, during that time was that when we awarded the contract related to medical travel, there were additional things that naturally occur outside the contract where Nunavummiut benefit. Increases in routes, for example, Pivut fare is now available to beneficiaries with Canadian North where there are new routes, as an example, and in addition to additional employment, as an example.

So those were just comments outside the process that I tried to describe. They are benefits when the government awards contracts in Nunavut outside the contract process. So when

I used the word “perks,” I was trying to describe, at that time, was that naturally, things flow out of decisions of government and those were items that I could think of at the time that were coming through the process of awarding of contracts for medical travel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don’t think that the minister made it clear that she made a mistake on March 5 when she said, “perks offered to the airlines,” and that’s for the records where she can clearly state today that what she stated was, in fact, not correct.

My next question to the minister is: were these ‘perks’ that were offered by the airlines included in the proposals that were received by the government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What was included in the evaluation is outlined in the letter on May 20. The RFP process documents included pricing, customer service related experience of the company, Inuit labour, and Inuit firm. Those were evaluated.

So in terms of that type of questions, that would be directed to the department responsible for the criteria evaluations, and so on. What I’m aware of, as tabled in this House, is the RFP document, which clearly outlines what would be evaluated in the proposals submitted by the companies for this contract. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wasn’t asking what was evaluated; I was asking if those perks were in the proposal received by the proponent. And I’m sure that the minister cannot play the ignorance in that case and say, “I don’t know, it was the Department of CGS that did it.” I know how it works. The Department of CGS will evaluate it, make a recommendation, and bring the proposal forward to Cabinet for decision.

So I’m wondering then, in that case, if those perks were outlined in the proposal received by or from the proponent, were those perks taken into consideration in the final decision that was made in the awarding of the contract? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not claiming ignorance on this. I'm explaining to the member again the RFP process, as outlined in the May 20th letter to the Members of this House, explains very clearly what was evaluated and in terms of evaluating the proposals submitted, that would be a question that the CG&S Minister would have to respond to because I'm not part of the review of the proposals.

What I have been provided is the areas that were evaluated in the proposals submitted - pricing, customer service related experience of the company, Inuit labour, Inuit firm. That's the criteria that was used to evaluate the proposals, hence the decision of the government. If those items were included, then that's the responsibility of the Minister of CG&S to address.

I was not part of the committee reviewing it, but I want to state again that, as a decision of the government, there are natural things that flow out of decisions as a government. With new routes, one would assume that there are new jobs. With new routes with a Canadian airline, one would assume beneficiaries of NTI would have Pivut fare, and so on.

So that was all I was trying to explain again in the decisions of this government, that naturally, there are things that flow out of government decisions and those were just examples that I tried to demonstrate in this House in the last sitting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

Question 538 – 2(4): Patients Signing Prescription Waivers

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the same minister, the Minister of Health.

I would like clarification on how services are provided to patients who are referred to medical centres. I believe that the services provided to a medical patient should be uniform nationwide.

Just recently, there was an elder in Rankin Inlet who was referred to a medical centre due to some illnesses, but the elder would not be prescribed medication without signing a waiver. I would like to ask the minister when the policy was changed so that patients now have to sign a waiver before they're prescribed medication. (interpretation ends) Thank you.

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

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps I don't understand the member's question, but I don't know of any forms that are required to be signed as

waivers for prescription medication. So if the member can perhaps explain what this waiver is to me and I will look into it. I'm not aware that patients are required to sign waivers to be prescribed medication at all, but I would look into that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you. (interpretation) My question was: did the government change their policy within the Department of Health?

I'm sure that there's a procedure that nurses follow. When this incident happened, we assumed that the government had changed their policy because this individual had to sign a waiver before being prescribed medication. So is that the procedure that the nurses follow now? We would like to get clarification on whether there were any policy changes because I believe that medical patients have the right to receive prescriptions, even if they don't sign a waiver. Is that the way it is? (interpretation ends) Thank you.

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

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I'm not understanding the member's question. I'm not aware of the department's policies and procedures around having to sign for medication.

I do know when we dispense prescription medication that prescription medications are prescribed based on the patient's needs and are recorded on file when the medication is prescribed to a patient. The process is recorded on the patient's chart and at the same time, internally for our inventory purposes. Internally, we monitor what's dispensed to our patients.

So those are the two processes that I'm aware of. If anything else is in between that the member is referring to, I'm not aware of it but I can certainly look into it and clarify perhaps exactly what transpired with this individual the member refers to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister. I believe that it needs to be looked into because it seemed as though something was not done properly. I know we can't talk about personal medical records and we can't mention individuals' names in this House, but I can say that an elder was asked to sign a waiver. When the elder was seen by someone else, the nurse asked, "Why did you sign that waiver?"

I believe the minister should inform the nurses that they shouldn't be treating patients like that. These patients are Canadians and therefore, the nurses should be following

procedures for prescribing medication. These patients who are Inuit elders, who cannot speak English, should not be signing these waivers. Is that correct? Thank you.

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

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will look into the situation in Rankin Inlet as the member described, then investigate as to what transpired there where an elder was asked to sign some form of waiver and get back to the member. I'm not aware of us requesting waivers to be signed, so I would need to investigate further before I respond to the member's full question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 539 – 2(4): Removal of GST on Fuel in Nunavut

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I know I questioned the minister on the impact of the fuel price on the government this year and he didn't have any information readily available and committed to getting back to me.

All Nunavummiut feel as though they are being held hostage by the high world price of oil, although this is a situation that we have little or no control over.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, the Yukon legislature unanimously passed a motion calling on the three territories to work together to lobby the federal government to remove the GST on home heating fuel and the transportation of essential goods.

Can the minister indicate to the House what discussions he has had with his counterparts in Whitehorse and Yellowknife on this initiative? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Community and Government Services is responsible for petroleum products. I don't personally know if there was a meeting with the three territories to work together to lobby the federal government. I believe that Community and Government Services is responsible for petroleum products, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know, as the minister indicated, that Community and Government Services advises you of it, but the motion referred to was removing taxes and that's something under the Department of Finance.

So I guess I'm just wondering if the minister is not aware of that, can he give us an indication of when they anticipate being able to meet with his other territorial colleagues on developing an action plan to take to the federal government on that issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs is responsible for that and I want to work with them and discuss this matter further. I would also like to find out how this matter is dealt with by the Governments of Yukon and the Northwest Territories and discuss this matter with them.

I believe that we need to realize that in all of Canada, Nunavummiut are the only ones to purchase bulk fuel once a year. For that reason, we're going to encounter problems and we need to discuss this with the federal government. The member's concern needs to be discussed further with Intergovernmental Affairs, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we all know one of the things we need is good information when looking at things like this. I asked the minister yesterday and he wasn't aware of it.

I'm just wondering if he knows today if he is aware of what impact we're looking at this year would be on the government because of the increased cost of fuel. I think that would be an important piece of information to include in that argument to the federal government on the impact it will have on our territory. So does he have any idea of what the impact will be this year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If we compare last year's fuel price to this year, there's going to be a huge difference.

I believe the Minister of Energy will hold an information meeting on Wednesday and will be making a presentation to all the members on the impacts of the price of fuel. At that time, he will be able to elaborate further on how much of an impact it will have on us. However, it's obvious that the price of fuel is going to be a lot higher than that of last year, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is the minister indicating that, right now, he doesn't know a number or whatever that we're looking at with the increases? Is that what he's indicating? If he does know what it is, it would be nice to know what it is. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): We are monitoring the price of fuel and we believe it's going to cost an additional \$70 million to \$85 million from what we paid last year for this year's resupply. We will have to consider how we will deal with this issue. So that's our estimate on how much of an impact it will have. We will have to start purchasing fuel in July and the price of fuel probably won't decrease by that time, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

Question 540 – 2(4): Status of Fuel Purchase for 2008-09

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like ask a question on the same issue to the Minister of Community and Government Services.

Can the minister tell us now whether the Department of CG&S has purchased the fuel that will be delivered this summer? If you did not purchase any fuel, are you at the negotiation stage? Have you purchased part or all of the fuel that will be delivered to Nunavut in the summer? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to thank my colleague for his question with regards to purchasing fuel because we are heavily dependent on fuel and we will continue to use it.

From what I understand, we have purchased some fuel from Churchill and I will be able to respond adequately once I find out what type of fuel it is. There are three different kinds of fuel that we purchase - aviation fuel, home heating fuel, and automotive fuel. I believe there are five types of fuel.

I know that we purchased fuel from Churchill but I don't know how much. It's not a huge bulk, so it won't be distributed throughout Nunavut. It is May now and June is coming shortly, so we will have to start the process of purchasing bulk fuel within these two

months. Perhaps we will start the process of purchasing fuel this month and in June.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister for clarifying that. I'm sure the fuel that was purchased in Churchill was delivered by train to Manitoba. For that reason, would the minister be able to provide information on the quantity of fuel and at what cost? I think there is more than one type of fuel that will be purchased, so will you be able to table detailed information during our session? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Of course I will and I'm willing to provide that information. When it's in written form, it provides for more accurate estimates. I will ask my officials to start working on that, so I agree to the member's request. Thank you.

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

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you. Since the minister is going to be tabling that information on the fuel purchased in Manitoba and delivered to Churchill, we are very interested in hearing how many communities will be using that fuel, or if it's going to be used only for the Keewatin region, or if it's going to be distributed to other regions as well.

We would like to know, Mr. Speaker, what the price was at the time that fuel was purchased, so I would like you to include that figure when you table that information.
Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I will provide all the information that you have requested. I believe we will have a Full Caucus meeting on Wednesday and we will be briefed as members to ascertain if we agree unanimously on the petroleum products issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the minister another question. Comparing the cost of fuel price two days ago to last year, there has been a 55 percent increase. Can the minister tell us if the cost of fuel will increase after it has been purchased? (interpretation ends) Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The issue of petroleum products has been an unceasing one and we have been dealing with this issue on a daily basis. PPD and the Department of Finance have been working together to deal with the fuel issue.

As I stated earlier, we will start the process of purchasing fuel and looking at the price of fuel, if we purchase fuel today, we would know how much it would cost. However, we wouldn't know how much it would cost if they purchase fuel next month. It was \$135 per barrel recently.

I don't know how much it will cost at the time when we start purchasing fuel. Nunavummiut have already started telling and approaching me, expecting the cost of fuel to increase. I'm sure that the increase in the cost of fuel is going to have an impact on us.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the escalating prices in fuel oil is forever escalating and there seems to be no ending in sight. For certain, there are some constituents out there who are already speculating that there's going to be a price increase and for certain, I can't say that it's going to go down because we're already seeing the price of \$135 a barrel as of yesterday's news. So today, I don't know what it is but tomorrow, I don't know what it is either. I can't predict.

I think it's fair to say that we can predict, coming from the government's side, that there will be an increase. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 541 – 2(4): GN Strategy to Deal with Increase in Fuel Price

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, my question is for the Minister of Finance but I wish to thank him and appreciate his candidness on what they're expecting as the increase in the cost of fuel is between \$70 million and \$85 million this year.

Mr. Speaker, I think the minister will know, last year, I think it was a \$10 million increase in the cost of fuel because of the increased prices and the government did what it could to help Nunavummiut on the impact of that cost by subsidizing half of it so it only passed on half of that increase to the consumer.

So \$70 million to \$85 million is substantially more than \$10 million, so I guess my question to the Minister of Finance is: has the department looked at any preliminary work on how to address that increase and how they will spread out the impact, and where the money is going to come from for that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question that the member has is a concern to everyone. We are looking at the options available to us, especially if we were to add all increases in the cost of petroleum products it is going to have a severe impact on the people of Nunavut.

What we're trying to do right now is to try to think of how we can assist the people of Nunavut. We are looking at options to see the best way to support or to assist Nunavummiut when we have our next session. We will have to go to Financial Management Board and to Cabinet to work with them and to make recommendations to assist the people of Nunavut.

We are dealing with the issue. Not only are we working with the Finance Department but we are also working with other departments because we know that there will be no choice but to increase the price of petroleum products, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister for that response. When they say between a \$70 million and \$85 million increase this year, I mean that's pretty close to an entire year's capital budget.

The minister had indicated that they're look at ways to help or lessen the impact for Nunavummiut. We all know the biggest consumer and the biggest body that's affected by these increases is this government itself. So from that perspective, have they done any work at looking where the money is going to cost the government as a result of this increase it's going to come from? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated earlier, there will be an increase of \$70 million to \$85 million.

I don't think he can hear me. Looking at the price of petroleum products today, it would be a \$70 to \$85 million increase, but it might change again next week. I'm not sure whether it's going to be on the decline or on the increase.

What we're doing is looking at options as to how we can assist the people of Nunavut. We will have to meet with the Cabinet and the FMB and the CG&S as to the best ways of assisting the people of Nunavut, but I'm sure there will be an increase. I don't really want to guess what the price might be without the proper estimates, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that response. I know, as the minister indicated, right now, based on the prices of between \$70 million and \$85 million and it's not all purchased yet, it could be more than that. Everyone knows there's going to be an increase.

My question was... from the government's perspective as the largest consumer, the biggest impact that that cost increase is going to have is going to be on the government. I'm wondering if they have done any preliminary work to look at where that money is going to come from to cover off that increased cost to the government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you. We have thought about the best ways of assisting the people of Nunavut, but at this point, we are only guessing. Once we have better estimates, we will be able to give a better briefing on Wednesday concerning energy as well as fuel prices.

A number of things will be impacted, so we want to have a comprehensive briefing to fellow members on the impact of petroleum products and other things on Nunavummiut next week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to again thank the minister for that response and I look forward to their briefing next Wednesday.

Mr. Speaker, between \$70 million and \$85 million, potentially more and potentially maybe a little less, it's still a significant amount of money. Like I said, the biggest hit is going to be born by the government.

I would like to ask the minister if he can confirm that all the Members of this Assembly will have a say in how that is determined because it could potentially have impacts on programs and services offered by the government. I think that that's something that all the Members of this House should have an opportunity to have some input in.

So will the minister commit, prior to making any final decision on the government, that because of the significant amount involved here and the potential impact on the programs and services of the government, that all members have an opportunity to debate the issue prior to that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will be very interested to hear from our fellow members their thoughts and how we can lessen the impact. For that reason, we will be holding a meeting with them and ask for their input. Once we have held this meeting, we will be better equipped to make our decision. We very much welcome your input and we want to work together because all Nunavummiut will be affected. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Question Period is now over. Going back to the Orders of the Day. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Mr. Premier.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 230 – 2(4): The Akitsiraq Law Program: Lawyer-making in the Arctic

Tabled Document 231 – 2(4): Minimum Wage Annual Report 2007

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two items to table in the House: the Akitsiraq Law School Program Final Report and also the Minimum Wage Annual Report July 2007. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Can you bring the documents to the Clerk's table?

Thank you. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Simailak.

Tabled Document 232 – 2(4): Withdrawal from Nunavut Association of Municipalities – Letter from Baker Lake

Mr. Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I wish to table today correspondence from the Mayor of Baker Lake. Mr. Speaker, this letter includes a copy of a resolution passed by the hamlet council on April 10, 2008 concerning the hamlet's membership in the Nunavut Association of Municipalities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Can you bring the document to the Clerk's table?

Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

Item 14: Notices of Motions**Motion 035 – 2(4): Withdrawal of Bill 5, An Act to Amend the Local Authorities Elections Act – Notice**

Mr. Curley: I give notice that on Monday, May 26, 2008, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Akulliq, that the Legislative Assembly orders the withdrawal of Bill 5 from the Order Paper. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Premier.

Motion 036 – 2(4): Banning the Use of the Hakapik – Notice

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I give notice that on Monday, May 26, 2008, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit East, that this House calls upon the Government of Canada to ban the use of the hakapik as a sealing tool. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Premier. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Premier.

Item 15: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills**Bill 33 – An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act – Notice**

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I give notice that on Monday, May 26, 2008, that Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act*, be read for the first time. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Premier. Item 15. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills. If there are none, 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. (interpretation ends) House Leader, Mr. Picco.

Motion 037 – 2(4): Adjournment for the Day

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 46, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Barnabas, that this House adjourn for the day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. All in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

We will continue on to Item 22. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A reminder that there's a meeting of the Management Services Board this afternoon at 1:30 in the Tuktu Boardroom and that the meeting tomorrow of the Standing Committee *Ajauqtiit* is cancelled.

Orders of the Day for May 26:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
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5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
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20. Report of the Committee of the Whole

21. Third Reading of Bills

22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Our House stands adjourned until Monday, May 26, at 1:30.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 11:28*

