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Members Present:

Ms. Eva Aariak, Mr. James Arreak, Mr. Moses Aupaluktuq, Mr. Tagak Curley, Mr. Ron Elliott, Mr. Adamee Komoartok, Mr. Lorne Kusugak, Mr. Johnny Ningeongan, Mr. Paul Okalik, Mr. Eruk Pauloosie, Mr. Keith Peterson, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Mr. Fred Schell, Mr. Daniel Shewchuk, Mr. Louis Tapardjuk, Mr. Peter Taptuna, Mr. Hunter Tootoo.

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Good afternoon. Please remain standing. I will call upon Reverend Mike Gardener to lead us in prayer.

>>*Prayer*

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

I will now call for a motion to elect the Speaker. The Honourable Member for Cambridge Bay.

Item 2: Election of Speaker

Motion 001 – 3(1): Appointment of Speaker

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Baker Lake, that Mr. James Arreak, Member for Uqqummiut, take the Chair of this House as Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Clerk: Thank you. Do members agree to the motion?

Some Members: Agreed.

Clerk: I will now ask that the mover and the seconder of the motion escort the Speaker to the Chair.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): I was going to ask to have the Mace raised to its place, but I would like to thank you.

I will now ask the House to observe a moment of silence in honour and memory of the late Simonie Michael.

>>*Moment of silence*

Thank you. Please be seated. I will now call upon Elder Annie Nattaq to light the *Qulliq*.

Lighting of Qulliq

Ms. Annie Nattaq (interpretation): I can still recall the time when the *Qulliq* was the cornerstone of Inuit livelihood. The memory of my mother lighting it early in the morning still lingers as she would light it just prior to everyone getting up in the morning. The *Qulliq* required constant care and attention throughout the day.

I remember and recall the times when we would use the *Qulliq* to cook our meat and it was always delectable, and when flour was introduced, I recall the bannock made on the *Qulliq*. The *Qulliq* was quite exceptional for cooking meats. It cooks the food slowly and it tastes better than food cooked by just boiling.

As I said, the *Qulliq* is an integral part of the Inuit culture and it was not just a tool but a very important part of our lives. Today, I enjoy lighting the *Qulliq* for ceremonial purposes, especially for formal openings. I am so glad that we have not forgotten the foundation of our past lives. I believe that it ought not to be forgotten either.

Inuit of our generation were largely dependent on the *Qulliq*. Although it seems to be nothing more than folklore now, we must not forget our past dependence on it. We have to remember that the *Qulliq* was the sole reason for our survival. We must keep thanking our parents, our mothers and fathers, and our grandparents, who practiced their livelihood and ensured our survival to this day.

There are many uses for and stories about the *Qulliq*, but I will just stop here for now. However, the *Qulliq* was used in the past by our hunters when they were out hunting. It can still be used as an alternate source of heat in times of emergencies and it is still being used today for ceremonial purposes. They will also be used in our homes.

As well, I wish to comment briefly on some funny aspects of looking after a *Qulliq*, whether the Inuit were hunters or at home, the tradition was to keep it lit so as to rekindle it in the morning.

Although we are in a serious setting, sometimes a funny thing would occur. When all the people were sleeping and someone wasn't looking after the *Qulliq*, it started to become sooty. What would you see when you woke up? When you opened your eyes and looked at everyone else, everything but their eyes would be covered in soot. Thank you.

>>Laughter

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Elder Annie Nattaq.

(interpretation ends) I will now call upon the Aqsarniit Middle School Choir to lead us in the singing of O Canada. I ask all members to stand, please.

>>*School choir singing O Canada*

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): The choir will now entertain us with additional songs, (interpretation ends) throat singing, and drum dancing. (interpretation) Please proceed.

>>*Song and drum dancing*

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. We have more entertainment for you. Proceed.

>>*Throat singing*

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you very much. These young ladies are extremely talented and skilled throat singers.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Members. I am very pleased to welcome our elders, distinguished guests, guests and visitors to the House this afternoon.

I would like to begin by thanking the Member for Cambridge Bay for nominating me for the position of Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Peterson.

In accepting the position of your Speaker, I do so with a sense of humility and duty. I am deeply honoured by the trust and confidence which you have placed in me.

As Speaker, I will work to uphold the rights and privileges of this institution and its members. You can be assured that I will approach my responsibilities with a sense of fairness and impartiality.

Our Legislative Assembly has held almost 400 sittings since April 1, 1999. As Speaker, I will do my best to ensure that the deliberations of our House are characterized by a sense of mutual respect between all members.

(interpretation) It is my hope that our public will be able to look to this House and see their members working together for the benefit of all Nunavummiut.

Earlier today, all Members of this House took their oaths of allegiance and office. I look forward to working with all of my colleagues in the years ahead on behalf of our territory and residents. I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal gratitude to my family, my fellow residents and constituents in Clyde River and Qikiqtarjuaq for their support.

We will now proceed to the Orders of the Day.

At this time, I will ask the Clerk of the House to determine whether Her Honour the Commissioner of Nunavut is prepared to enter the Chamber to deliver the opening address. Mr. Clerk.

Opening Address of the Commissioner of Nunavut

Commissioner Ann Meekitjuk Hanson (interpretation): Good afternoon, everyone, especially on this beautiful afternoon. We will now commence with the procedures to welcome the new government-elect. I am pleased to welcome you to the first sitting of the Third Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

I would also like to welcome the members of the public with us in the Gallery and those following these proceedings on television and radio. I know and I think we all know that Nunavummiut have a keen interest in our democratically elected government when they are drafting legislation. Most Nunavummiut want to hear what the government is doing.

Prior to my commencing my opening speech, I would like to take a moment to recognize a fellow Inuk, the late Simonie Michael, who was the first Inuk elected to the Territorial Council of the Northwest Territories around the same time that Inuit first got the right to vote.

I know and we are well aware that Simonie Michael sat in the Northwest Territories' Territorial Council as the very first elected Inuk. He made a statement at the first meeting over in the west that he didn't want his disk number, E7-551, used to identify him but rather as Simonie Michael. Since Inuit were mainly using the disk numbers, he didn't want to be known by his disk number, E7-551.

To those he left behind, his family, his relatives, his friends, as well as the people of Iqaluit and the people of Canada, I extend to you my sincere condolences and may God be with you.

We will have a moment of silence in commemorating the late Simonie Michael, who opened the door for us to follow before most of us were even involved. Therefore, I would like to have a moment of silence in remembrance of the late Simonie Michael.

>>*Moment of silence*

Thank you. I would also like to congratulate the Honourable James Arreak on being selected as Speaker of the Assembly and my fellow woman, Madam Premier Eva Aariak. I am so thankful, proud, and happy for her election to represent her constituents in Iqaluit and also to lead the third government of Nunavut. These are exciting and great times for Nunavummiut, and they will rely on you to lead with sincerity and in consensus.

We also know that since its inception in 1999 and with this year being its tenth year, Nunavut continues to face challenges. There will be a lot of challenges and I think we're all aware of them, including the requirement for protecting our language, as well as our youth who, after graduation, will be looking for jobs. We also know that certain events beyond our borders will surface and affect Nunavut and our culture.

Every one of our challenges, however, is also an opportunity and will be a learning experience. Every single one of us knows that we have a lot of challenges but we should use it as a learning experience and take the opportunities. However, we know that it leads to more expectations.

The last government passed historic legislation to protect our language. This was the *Inuit Language Protection Act*. You, as the present government, will be required to protect our Language Acts and protect our language so that Nunavummiut will access goods and services in our territory's majority language.

Each of you recognized the importance of developing our youth from day care to primary school and all the way to post-secondary education. After their education, our youth will then require jobs to follow as we, the older generations, know from experience.

While you are sitting in the Third Assembly of Nunavut, we are also expecting more rights and benefits accruing from our federal government down in Ottawa. We have expectations now as well from our House of Commons. This process has been ongoing for many years. We have to work for our self-sufficiency and more devolution from our federal government. These will allow Nunavut to become more self-reliant and will lead to healthier individuals and local community control in the smaller communities.

The issues that are faced by our people require teamwork and this is one of the biggest hurdles we face - to assist others or consensus building. The only way we will grow and move forward is to cooperate and collaborate on issues of importance to Nunavummiut so that all programs and services are offered equitably in Nunavut.

As Members of the Third Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, you bring to this House the hopes, expectations, and visions of your constituents and Nunavummiut. Each of you is responsible to your constituents for building a government that serves your electorate while deliberating legislation and providing more relevant services to your constituents.

Further, we are counting on your best efforts in directing the affairs of Nunavut. I'm sure that you are up to the task ahead, but the people who voted you into office are entrusting you to represent them and they know that you were their best choice to do so.

I hope that all Members of the Third Assembly will exercise restraint to manage the territory and enact legislation here in Nunavut. I know that you will represent your constituencies in a professional manner and to the best of your ability and skill.

I extend my best wishes to you, the Members of Nunavut's Third Legislative Assembly, and I'm confident that you will serve the people of Nunavut to the best of your abilities. I wish you well in your deliberations and decision-making. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): We will return to the Orders of the Day. Item 3. Ministers' Statements. As we have not yet sworn in our ministers, there will be no Ministers' Statements today. Item 4. Members' Statements. Mr. Okalik.

Item 4: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 001 – 3(1): Welcome and Opening Remarks to the Third Assembly

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am honoured to be the first member recognized under your portfolio and for the opportunity under Members' Statements. Firstly, I thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm delighted with you on your appointment to the Speaker's seat and you expressed your acceptance of the oath of office quite forcefully.

I also wish to thank my constituents who re-elected me as their representative to this House. I am grateful for the support of my constituents when I was running to represent them in Iqaluit West, so I express my gratitude to my constituents.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the Members of the Legislative Assembly to my riding, where the House is located. So I would like to welcome everyone to my riding and I know that you will enjoy your work here. For your information, the residents of Iqaluit are very friendly and hospitable.

Further, I offer my congratulations to the returning members and in particular, the members elected to sit on the Cabinet. Madam Premier, I am extremely honoured and I celebrate with you on your successful run for the premiership because you have reopened the door for others. My upbringing hinged on my mother, and my mother was an extremely capable and wise mother when I observed her, and that outlook is what I see in the new Premier, an extremely capable and wise woman who has reopened the door for all women.

I say this because as a father, I have two daughters. They will see that anything is achievable for young women. On their behalf and all other women, I congratulate you on your achievement. You are a true role model to the people of Nunavut and to the women

and the young women. It shows that anyone can run for Premier and be elected. I urge all women to put their names forward in the next election, not just some of the ridings but in all of the ridings. I would like to see a more varied representation in the House and one that is more representative of our varied society.

It's unfortunate that you were the only female elected, but I know that our electorate deliberated on the candidates. However, your appointment will cause our electorate to conduct a more thorough review of all candidates, especially with our encouragement for more women to run in any future elections.

I thank you all, as well as congratulate all members who made it to the Cabinet. I will work with all of you in this Assembly as my priorities are for Nunavut and I will continue to assist my colleagues, whether it be legislative or in any other manner you may wish to be assisted in. All you have to do is to ask and my door will be open to all the Members of this House. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and colleagues.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Okalik. (interpretation ends) Members' Statements. Mr. Rumbolt.

Member's Statement 002 – 3(1): Thanks to Constituency and Family

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For my first statement, I would like to start by congratulating you on being elected as Speaker. I would also like to congratulate the Premier and the ministers for their appointments.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to say a special "thank you" to all my constituents from the riding of Hudson Bay. I also thank my family for being here today on this special occasion.

I want to thank the people of Sanikiluaq for putting their trust in me to represent them and be their voice to the Nunavut government. I want to assure them that I will represent my riding to the best of my ability.

And Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House. I want all of us to work together to make Nunavut a better place for all our constituents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Members' Statements. Mr. Tootoo.

Member's Statement 003 – 3(1): Looking Forward to the Third Assembly

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is an honour to rise today and first off, congratulate you on your selection as Speaker. I look forward to your presiding over our deliberations with the same fairness and sense of dignity that you brought to the Chair during your previous service as our Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to take this opportunity to publicly congratulate all Members of this House on their election. Having stood for office in three territorial general elections, I am very aware of the personal costs that inevitably accompany the scrutiny that comes with public life.

I would like to thank my family, my constituents and my campaign volunteers for their support. It has been almost ten years since I was first elected to this Legislative Assembly, and I would not be here today if it were not for their unwavering support.

In that time, Mr. Speaker, I have watched my children grow up before my eyes, starting off from being here with the choir when we first started to being pages and now, being too old to want to be pages anymore, and sometimes, like I said, in this very building with very long hours and sitting days.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, this place can be hard on families. As both parents and elected members, we too often find ourselves having to choose between attending an important vote, or sitting, or being present at a child's first sporting event or school function. This can be an impossible choice and I recognize the need for members to support one another in our most difficult times.

Mr. Speaker, I want to acknowledge the efforts that were made by my fellow candidates in the general election. Both Madeleine Redfern and Joe Sageaktook brought energy to their campaigns, and I pay tribute to them for putting their names forward.

Mr. Speaker, my constituents in Iqaluit Centre have placed their trust in me as their MLA on three occasions.

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

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

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

As their MLA, I intend to live up to that trust and earn their confidence every single day.

Although I anticipate that the view from the seats to the right of you, Mr. Speaker, will be different than that of which I have been accustomed to, my approach to our work and my work here in the Assembly will be consistent and the same as it has in the past.

Mr. Speaker, I want to again thank my fellow members for having selected me to serve with our new Premier and Cabinet team.

Although I long ago lost count of how many questions I have asked in this House, I have not forgotten the frustrations of not getting the answers that members and their constituents deserve. I will do my best to treat all members with respect when they hold me to account.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with all Members of this House on the common issues that face all Nunavummiut. Over the years, they have been: housing, education and health care being three of the main priority areas in the past.

I look forward to working with my fellow MLAs from Iqaluit and local leaders to ensure that the needs of our capital city and its residents are adequately met.

Mr. Speaker, today is a good day. It is a day of change and optimism. As we prepare for the long path ahead, it is fitting that we reflect on how we got here.

Our elders and leaders taught us the values of patience and perseverance. These qualities will be needed by all of us in the months and years that are before us.

Mr. Speaker, I have high hopes for this new Assembly and government, and I will conclude today by expressing my satisfaction that we begin the journey together. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Members' Statements. Mr. Shewchuk.

Member's Statement 004 – 3(1): Beginning of the Third Assembly

Mr. Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would first like to say that I am honoured to be in this House today. I would like to congratulate you as being elected Speaker and Ms. Aariak as the Premier-elect of the Third Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

I am also here today very honoured and proud in representing the constituents of Arviat who elected me as their MLA. I want to assure them that I will work hard and voice their concerns about our community. I would also like to congratulate all the other members for being elected, and a warm welcome to all their families and guests that are here today in this very special day.

During these two weeks of our orientation to the Legislative Assembly, it has been a life changing experience for me. I feel very privileged and honoured to work with all the members who are here and all of the support staff we have had from the Legislative Assembly.

As an avid curler, I recently went and watched many Canadian mixed curling games here at the Canadian Mixed Curling Championships in Iqaluit. I would like to congratulate the Mayor and Council of Iqaluit for holding such a world-class event. I believe it will lead to bigger and better things in the curling world for Nunavut and other sports.

I would like to thank all of my campaign team for their hard work during my election campaign. I would also like to thank all the Members of the House for having confidence in me to represent all of Nunavut and electing me to the Executive Council. I assure each and every one of you that I will do my best to represent my constituents of Arviat and also all Nunavummiut, and work hard to make Nunavut a better place to live and be part of a stronger country of Canada. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Shewchuk. (interpretation) Members' Statements. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Member's Statement 005 – 2(4): Thanks to Constituents, Outgoing Premier and the Third Assembly

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my *Annuraaqatik*. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I would like to congratulate you and the new Members of the Executive Council led by Premier-elect Ms. Aariak. The public perception, Mr. Speaker, may be that you and Ms. Aariak are married. So just to cut that off at the pass, I'm letting everyone know that these two members are not related or married; they just have the same last name.

My reason for expressing my appreciation here in this House is to acknowledge my constituents who elected me to represent them again. In particular, our outgoing Premier, Mr. Paul Okalik, has led us to this day and age. He has assisted Inuit tremendously here in Nunavut.

As Inuit, if we put all of our skills and abilities towards attaining our goals, then, as per Mr. Okalik's example, we can accomplish anything. As Premier, he dealt with many challenges faced by Inuit. Due to his leadership, we have passed a fair number of issues as a government. Although the path we chose wasn't always smooth or easy, life is like that. When problems are tackled head on and people explore all their options, then it's possible to achieve your goals. I know this for a fact because I have experienced it firsthand.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank all my constituents, even the ones who voted against me. I thank those who participated in the democratic process because they have shown that elections are an integral part of identifying whom the majority supports.

I would also like to thank the people who didn't bother to vote because they followed their own minds and desires. They can also voice their concerns to me even if they didn't vote because they are part of the electorate and this is democracy at work. So I will do

my best to represent them in this House and we will do our best to try and represent everyone.

I would like to thank all my supporters in Igloolik, specifically my assistants in the election process, and John Illupalik in particular. As well, I would like to thank the people of Hall Beach for electing me to represent them once again.

For those reasons, I will try my best to represent you all as much as I can. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk, for clarifying the matter for our people. (interpretation ends) Members' Statements. Mr. Elliott.

Member's Statement 006 – 3(1): Appreciation to Constituents in Quttiktuq

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am humbled and honoured to rise today on the first sitting of the Third Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin today by extending my congratulations to you, our new Premier and the Members of Cabinet on their appointments. This is an exciting time, a time of change and new direction, and I look forward to working with all members on both sides of the House during the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my deepest thanks to all of my constituents in our three communities for the trust that they have placed in me as their elected representative. I know that many of them will be watching today's proceedings, and I want to speak directly to them today and reiterate my commitment that I will listen closely to your concerns, articulate your aspirations and work hard for you each and every day that I have the honour of representing you in your Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to take this opportunity to pay public tribute to the years of dedicated service to the High Arctic that were undertaken by my predecessor, the Honourable Levi Barnabas.

Mr. Speaker, my constituents in Resolute Bay, Grise Fiord, and Arctic Bay have high expectations for this new Legislative Assembly and government. During my campaign, numerous concerns and ideas were brought to my attention. I am committed to raising them in this House and pushing for action.

In Resolute Bay, I heard many times about the need for a new arena. This is a project that should have been undertaken years ago and is critical if we are to fulfill our commitment to providing opportunities for healthy lifestyles and recreational initiatives for youth.

In Grise Fiord, government staff continue to work in a condemned building. I look forward to the government making good on its commitment to build a new facility in the community.

In Arctic Bay, the need for a new health centre remains critical and residents look forward to real progress being made.

Mr. Speaker, I fully recognize that the government's resources are not unlimited and I fully respect the need for all MLAs to advocate on behalf of their constituencies.

As a member representing three of Nunavut's smaller, non-decentralized communities, I am committed to working with all partners to build on our strengths. Although we may be lacking in modern, essential infrastructure, we are strong as a people.

Our elders continue to play a central role in the lives of our communities. Their wisdom and values guide us in our decision-making.

Our youth are full of energy and new ideas.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for unanimous consent to continue with my address.

Speaker: Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our youth are full of energy and new ideas. I have been proud to have had the opportunity to work as an educator for many years in the High Arctic and I know that our youth have tremendous potential.

As MLAs, we have a responsibility to ensure that every opportunity is made available for youth to pursue training and educational opportunities in order to gain the skills and tools with which they can make their dreams of today their realities of tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude today by expressing my condolences and those of the community of Arctic Bay to the family of the late Jayko Tunraq. Jayko recently passed away while out on the land with family and close friends. Jayko was a respected community leader whose wisdom will be deeply missed. I ask all members to join me in paying tribute to Jayko. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Members' Statements. Mr. Kusugak.

Member's Statement 007 – 3(1): Opening Remarks to the Third Assembly

Mr. Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also wish to congratulate you, Mr. Speaker, as you will be our Speaker for the next four years and I know that you have a heavy workload but I know that you are capable of completing your tasks.

I am also very proud to have Ms. Aariak as the Premier, your colleague with the same name, and I look forward to working with her. I would also like to thank Mr. Okalik for bringing us to this day and I know that he experienced hardship over those years. I would also like to thank Mr. Curley. Mr. Curley's vision is finally coming into fruition and he worked for many years to attain that dream. I thank them for all of their hard work.

I would like to recognize the people of Iqaluit who are undergoing hardship at this time. We empathize with their loss. Mr. Simonie Michael was not just a local elder. He worked for all of Nunavummiut, whom he represented numerous times.

Mr. Okalik stated that the people of Iqaluit are very hospitable. This is the truth because ever since I arrived in Iqaluit, the people I meet have continued to welcome me as well as my family who arrived with me to Iqaluit. A heartfelt thank you to Iqalummiut, you are quite hospitable and please welcome me to your community should you see me on the roads.

I would like to thank my constituents of Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove from the bottom of my heart. I will represent them and work hard to fulfill their goals as a community and to work on issues they consider important.

I would also like to thank my family for helping me while I was campaigning. During my campaign, I would also like to thank my supporters and my committee. If they are following the proceedings, I thank them all tremendously. We still have a large plate of items to work on.

(interpretation ends) Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I would like to give special thanks to Alex Rudd, who was part of my campaign team. Although she is not eligible to vote, she worked hard on my campaign. I just wanted to take this time to acknowledge her.

(interpretation) Thank you, everyone, and I hope that we will work together to make it better for the people of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 008 – 3(1): Thanks to Constituents, Family and the Third Assembly

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On this first day of the first sitting of the Third Assembly, I am pleased to be able to rise and begin my statement by congratulating you on your selection as Speaker of this Assembly. I would also like to offer my congratulations to the Premier and her ministers and the Members of the Executive Council.

I am very humbled and honoured of the trust that the constituents of Cape Dorset and Kimmirut have put in me in electing me as the Member of the Legislative Assembly. I remember visiting the Legislative Assembly six years ago and I was wondering what it would be like to sit in these wonderful sealskin chairs and here I am.

I would like to also thank my family, Cheryl Constantineau, and the many volunteers that helped me with my election campaign.

I'm looking forward to working all of my colleagues in this House for the next few years. The main objective that I will be working on is the housing issue in Nunavut. Housing affects the wellbeing, social issues, and the ability of students to learn at school due to overcrowding.

I'm looking forward to the Cabinet and regular members to work together as a team and contribute to the success of our government for all of Nunavut. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

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

Member's Statement 009 – 3(1): Opening Remarks to the Third Assembly and Farewell to Simonie Michael

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to welcome you to the role of the Speaker, and I know that you will work hard for the people of Nunavut. I certainly hope that you have no family issues while fulfilling your new position.

I would also like to thank the Premier-elect of Nunavut. Welcome to the premiership. Don't be cowed by anyone sitting here in the House as well as Nunavummiut and please approach the members when you require assistance.

Further, to your new colleagues in Cabinet, I would like to welcome you to the government. I know most of you and I will be working with you as closely as I can. As well, my colleague from Rankin Inlet was the mayor for a long while and I know that the community will miss his presence daily. However, he has a big job ahead of him and I expect to work with him to represent the community of Rankin Inlet.

Mr. Speaker, another reason for rising to make a Members' Statement is that I wanted to acknowledge the late Honourable Mr. Simonie Michael, who passed away this weekend. I wanted to acknowledge the fact that when Mr. Simonie Michael was first elected, he

had almost unbearable pressure in fulfilling his duties as the very first Inuk. I can just imagine how stressful that was back in 1966 as the Eastern Arctic member.

When I was taking courses in Ottawa, I recall there was a newsbrief about the election of the first Inuk to the Territorial Council. My school counsellors came to inform us and that's because Mr. Simonie Michael was the one who had opened the door and that we younger Inuit would be able to deal with politics since the precedent had been set. I don't recall exactly what our plans were or what the outcome would be, but I found when I was told about the matter that it was extremely important.

Mr. Simonie Michael, by virtue of your setting the precedent, we acknowledge that you had heavy matters to deal with. We empathize with those he left behind. My wife and I love all of them and we wish them all loving kindness. Mr. Speaker, this event has passed and we will continue our journey to our destination.

However, I wanted to reiterate that Nunavummiut have expectations and that many new initiatives will be dealt with by this government. We will also be the watchdogs here on this side, but I want to say that only by cooperating and dealing with these challenging issues can we move forward and resolve the issues. I expect that we will cooperate in meeting our territory's challenges. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 010 – 3(1): Tribute to Simonie Michael and Looking Forward to the Third Assembly

Ms. Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The person on my left calls you his *Annuraaqatik* and perhaps I can call you my *Avvaq*, same surname.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of a respected Apex elder, who resided in my constituency, the late Mr. Simonie Michael, who passed away this weekend and whose funeral is being conducted today here in Iqaluit.

He set the precedent, as other people have mentioned earlier, in Nunatsiak by becoming a member of the Northwest Territories Council in 1968. In addition, he led the fight for the recognition of Inuit surnames by not wanting to be addressed by his name followed by his E7 disk number. So he was instrumental in the creation of Project Surname, which resulted in Inuit choosing their own surnames. The proof is right here in this House where all of us now have surnames and no one else has to use the E-numbers anymore.

Simonie Michael was a leading pioneer in the North and his ardent fight for equality for Inuit led to many changes that started in those days to his descendents to this day. He set into motion changes that led eventually to today's situation, including Nunavut and for that, we are all grateful for the changes he helped to bring about.

In addition, I would be remiss without mentioning his family who reside in Apex, and we extend our deepest sympathies to all of those he left behind and to let them know that all of Nunavut remembers them in their hearts at this time of personal loss. Today, we know that he will rest in peace.

In addition to this matter, I would like to also express my appreciation to all those who voted in Iqaluit East because the majority believed in my abilities and elected me to represent them. I am extremely grateful for that. I would also like to especially thank the members, who are here on behalf of their constituents, for elected me as their leader.

In particular, I would like to thank our long-serving Premier, Mr. Paul Okalik, who worked extremely hard and diligently since the creation of Nunavut and he has led us to now by his careful management. As well, most government operations are now operating at a level that can provide perfunctory services and for that, we thank Mr. Okalik deeply.

Further, I wish to acknowledge the person who shall now be my *Avvaq* for his selection to the seat of the Speaker.

Also, I would like to extend my deepest gratefulness to my supporters during my campaign...

Speaker (interpretation): I apologize, my *Avvaq*. I may initially have to keep reminding you these first few days. You need to ask for unanimous consent to conclude your statement. Mr. Aariak.

Ms. Aariak (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, if it's possible, I would like to ask for unanimous consent.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Ms. Aariak.

Ms. Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to thank my dedicated and tireless volunteers, Alethia Aggiuq-Baril and Phillip Lavallee, who were my campaign managers and my financial agent, Theresa Rodrigues. They worked tirelessly throughout my campaign. I also wish to thank my relatives and my children for supported me during my campaign, as well as many others who assisted throughout the process.

We will be required to cooperate and work together here in this Assembly. It's obvious that we have many things to debate that surfaced as a government. And I have great expectations that through negotiations, we can realize our dreams of where we want Nunavut to be in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 011 – 3(1): Congratulations to the Third Assembly; Thanks to Family and Kugluktuk Residents

Mr. Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your selection to the Speaker of this House. I also would like to congratulate Madam Premier and the members elected in their respective ridings.

I am very humbled and honoured by the faith and trust placed upon me by my constituents of Kugluktuk. I thank my wife, Joanne, my children, and a special "thank you" to all the people of Kugluktuk that contributed their efforts and time during my campaign. Just to name a few: Annie and Herbert Bolt, Thomasie Tautaq, Red Pedersen, Andrew Kuliktana, Collin and Mavis Adjun, and of course, my sister, Elizabeth.

I will represent them to the best of my ability, including all Nunavummiut, the youth, the elders, and of course, all the residents that are in between youth and elders.

Mr. Speaker, one of the key beliefs I have for healthy, productive communities is through meaningful employment. Employment and training for employment leads to better self-esteem, self-confidence, and overall happy, healthier families.

Mr. Speaker, although there's global economic uncertainty, which Nunavut is not immune to, we will have to work hard to mitigate the negative impacts on the uncertainty that will be caused in Nunavut.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I want to acknowledge a special occasion and celebration that took place in Kugluktuk last month. Most of my colleagues and people sitting here know Peter and Sophia Kamingoak, who celebrated what most people think is unattainable last month, they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Mr. Taptuna. I'm sorry. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Member's Statement 012 – 3(1): Appreciation to Constituents in Baker Lake

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I am both humbled and proud to rise today in this House in order to speak on behalf of my constituency of Baker Lake.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin by congratulating you and all my colleagues for their elections to the Legislative Assembly. I look forward to working with all members on issues of concern to Nunavut and Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to congratulate the Member for Iqaluit East, Eva Aariak, on being selected as Premier and the new Cabinet colleagues. They have many responsibilities and challenges ahead of them and I will do my utmost to make positive contributions to the work of this Legislative Assembly.

In my community of Baker Lake, partnerships between the generations are key to accomplishing progress for the community.

Mr. Speaker, during my election campaign, I listened closely to the concerns that were raised with me.

I would like to take a moment to highlight some of the priority issues that I will be focusing on during my time in office.

As all Members of this House are aware, the Kivalliq is experiencing a period of strong economic growth, which is being led by the mining sector. Although this growth is bringing tremendous economic opportunities to our communities, I intend to work as an MLA to ensure that all of our residents benefit in a meaningful fashion.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Baker Lake sent me here to work on a platform of social justice and basic human rights. They expect me to work for the implementation of *Article 23* of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* in order to ensure that Inuit are the primary beneficiaries of growth and development.

Government must work with communities, industry partners and appropriate Inuit organizations to develop initiatives that will benefit our residents. Education and job training are critically important to ensuring that ordinary Inuit benefit from large-scale projects and developments.

Mr. Speaker, I fully recognize that the issues in front of us are complex. For example, how can we best ensure an appropriate and workable balance between strong economic growth and our culture's desire to protect the environment? How can we ensure that communities feel fully involved in the decision-making process?

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I seek unanimous consent to continue my statement. (interpretation) Thank you.

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

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I also thank my colleagues for allowing me to continue.

Mr. Speaker, I am committed to working with the community and its partners in the journey ahead to address these critical questions.

Mr. Speaker, there are many other issues in my community that need attention. Health care, education, housing, day care and infrastructure are challenges that need all of our attention, all of our energy and all of our efforts.

I also recognize the importance of bringing a Nunavut-wide perspective to the deliberations of this House. For example, when one community identifies innovative solutions to its housing needs, we all benefit.

Mr. Speaker, one of the main reasons why I stood for public office was to help ensure that the potential of our youth is realized. I am pleased to take this opportunity to draw the attention of the House to some Baker Lake success stories.

Yvonne Niego was recently promoted to the rank of corporal in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. That, in itself, is an achievement and is also a good example for all young and old.

Kiah Aqattuaq, Siobhan Iksiktaarjuk and Paula Amy Rumbolt are three young women who are pursuing studies at the Nunavut Sivuniksavut program in Ottawa. I am a graduate of this program and can attest that it has benefited many young Inuit from Nunavut and is deserving of our full support.

Roxanne Sevoga and Kaviq Kaluraq are pursuing their higher education at Trent University in Ontario. We look forward to them earning their degrees.

Mr. Speaker, we are in a time of great change and great challenge. The economic challenges facing our people cannot be underestimated. We must all work together on behalf of our communities, constituents and Nunavut as a whole.

And in closing, Mr. Speaker, if it were not for my mother's determination to see her son receive an education, I would not be here today. I can assure you that I have also sought advice and guidance from my older brother, Joe, who has also always been there to encourage me to be independent.

I also want to give notice that my uncle, George Tanuyak and Eva Tanuyak will be celebrating their 50-year anniversary on November 25.

I also wanted thank everybody in the House and I look forward to working with you and also sharing some ideas, and also growing as a territory. (interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Members' Statements. Mr. Peterson.

Member's Statement 013 – 3(1): Opening Remarks to the Third Assembly

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to congratulate you on your selection as the Speaker of this Third Assembly. It was quite a struggle to get you up there but I'm glad that Moses and I were able to get you up there.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to congratulate those of my colleagues who have been chosen to form the Executive Council and I appreciate our colleagues that are on the other side of the House for selecting us to be here.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank all my constituents in Cambridge Bay, Umingmaktok, and Bathurst Inlet for putting their trust and confidence in me by returning me to this House to be their voice for another four years. I will continue to work hard on their behalf and represent them to the best of my abilities.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank my family and many friends, who have supported me over the years, who encouraged me to run for MLA for a second term. I learned in the Second Assembly what it means to have strong support from back home when I'm here in Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, I'm very optimistic about the next four years. We have a great group of MLAs and Cabinet Ministers who are committed to working together to improve life for Nunavummiut and strengthen our great territory of Nunavut. I have been hearing from people across Nunavut over the last several days and telling me that they're very helpful about our future.

Mr. Speaker, there will be difficult times and choices ahead of us but we must remain focused on building a stronger government and territory that future generations will inherit. There will be many demands and pressures on all MLAs to get things for their communities. The great strength of a consensus government, I learned, is that ministers and regular members can work together and support each other in understanding the issues and concerns that people raise with us so we can find solutions together.

Mr. Speaker, I'm eager to work with my Kitikmeot MLAs and colleagues to raise the profile of Kitikmeot. Our communities are wonderfully supportive and have been following our proceedings with keen interest. I have been receiving many emails and telephone calls from back home offering us support and congratulations.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform my constituents that are watching today that I will be returning to Cambridge Bay for a few hours tomorrow to see them before returning to Iqaluit for Cabinet briefings and meetings. I'm looking forward to seeing my family, friends, and constituents for those few hours.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to continue my statement. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleagues for allowing me to continue.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate all MLAs and Cabinet Ministers on their successes and look forward to working with them all in the coming months and years. I also look forward to meeting all the government employees who I will be working with as Cabinet Minister.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would also like to say to the people of Iqaluit that I am very grateful for their support, hospitality, and friendship to me over the years. Although Iqaluit is not my hometown, it is my home away from home.

I appreciate the people who invite me to dinners because I'm not a very good cook, offer to drive me around town, and offer me words of encouragement in the House. So it's almost like home, it's not quite home but it's close enough. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. If I lose my head, it's your fault.

>> *Laughter*

(interpretation) Members' Statements. Mr. Komoartok.

Member's Statement 014 – 2(4): Appreciation to Constituents from Pangnirtung and Thanks to Peter Kilabuk

Mr. Komoartok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would first of all like to congratulate you as being selected as Speaker. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my immediate family members and the people of Pangnirtung who encouraged me to run for the position.

I would first of all like to thank all the people in my constituency. There are also many organizations in our community who have encouraged me and I would also like to thank the previous Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Peter Kilabuk, who did an excellent job in representing our community and also his wife, Rosie, who called me right away to tell me that I wasn't going to be home much anymore and that my wife will become accustomed to doing most of what I normally do as she will be left behind quite often. I would like to thank all of them.

I would also like to remember the youth of Nunavut who are our future and at times, will not be getting into the job markets, especially in the smaller, non-decentralized communities in Nunavut where there aren't a lot of employment opportunities.

Further, sometimes people turn to suicide, something we see far too often in Nunavut. We need to reflect on the underlying causes and do something.

As well, we need to acknowledge our elders, who continue to manage our communities. They are our wells of knowledge, especially when we undergo stressful periods. However, we must recognize that elders also undergo stressful periods and we need to assist them further.

I grew up in the traditional way in an outpost camp as a child, and we should all remember that our elders were the leaders of the camp. They were hunters and they were the ones with the vision. Even though there weren't many in our populations, we managed to handle all of the issues of outside influences independently.

We also have to conduct ourselves in that manner when we are sitting here deliberating the issues meaningful to Inuit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Komoartok. Members' Statements. Mr. Ningeongan.

Member's Statement 015 – 3(1): Opening Remarks and Thanks to Constituents in Nanulik

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I congratulate you for being selected by the members here to be the Speaker. I would also like to thank Eva Aariak, the Premier-elect, her associates in the Cabinet, and the regular members.

I would like to recognize the people of Coral Harbour and Chesterfield Inlet who elected me to be their representative in this House. I wish to also thank people in Coral Harbour. Noel Kaludjak, who was my coordinator; Marlene Jar, my financial agent; Angela Gibbons, my assistant; Shiela Paniyuk, Lizzie Putulik, Daisy Paniyuk, and Willie Nakoolak, who are all in Coral Harbour. In Chesterfield Inlet; Brenda and Robert Putulik, Joe Issaluk, I thank you for your support during our campaign.

I would most of all like to thank my wife. She is currently in Iqaluit, although at this time I don't know exactly where she is. She supports me unequivocally and she has never changed in all that time. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my immediate family members, my children, and my grandchildren for their support.

I would like to make this brief comment. When I was the mayor, I used to try and make this my foundation, which is a comment made by John F. Kennedy, who was a President of the United States. He stated that one must offer himself selflessly to the public office they serve and not just for selfish reasons.

We must look to serve the needs of the people if we are to be the leaders and if this is our foundation, we can offer more benefits to our people without just thinking of the financial reasons. We have to put it all on the table for the people of Nunavut and set aside that which can benefit us personally. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Members' Statements. Mr. Pauloosie.

Member's Statement 016 – 3(1): Appreciation to Constituents in Nattilik

Mr. Pauloosie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I congratulate you as well for being selected to be the Speaker and also to Madam Aariak, who was elected as the Premier of Nunavut. I congratulate you both.

Last week, I forgot to thank Mr. Komoartok, who nominated me even though I wasn't selected to sit on Cabinet. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Komoartok.

Further, I would like to thank all of the electorate of Nattilik and the people who believed in me, even to those who didn't. Thank you. I will be sitting here to raise the issues that I spoke to in my platform and I will work hard to implement the platform that I ran on. I will not forget my promises and I have them written down.

Further, I wish to extend my gratitude to my wife, my children, my mother, and my relatives from Nattilik. I thank them all.

I urge that we, as Members of the Legislative Assembly, work together for the improvement and betterment of Nunavut. There will be challenges and we have to work together in order to move forward and to make Nunavut prosperous.

Finally, I would also like to thank Megan Porter. She was my financial agent during my campaign for the constituency of Nattilik.

I wish to thank my family and my colleagues here in the House. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Pauloosie. Members' Statements. There being none, I would like to inform all members that Mr. James Arvaluk, who is representing Tununiq, is unable to be in the House today due to family issues he is experiencing.

Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Tootoo.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am honoured today to recognize a couple of individuals here in the House. One is whose fault it is I'm here to begin with and that's my mother, Sally Lombard. I would like to welcome her to the Gallery. She has travelled up from Calgary to be here today, so I would like to welcome her.

Also in the Gallery up for the swearing-in and the ceremonies today is my father-in-law, Mr. Albert Beaumier, who is sitting back here. He came up from Montreal, so I would like to welcome him to the Gallery.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to recognize a couple of young constituents of mine here and that's two pages that are sitting on the end here, Duncan and Keegan. I would like to welcome them to the Gallery. They have been here before.

Also, I would like to recognize another individual that is a constituent of mine and in fact, I have worked with her a lot in the past as the Chair of the Iqaluit District Education Authority and that's Ms. Lori Idlout, sitting back here in the Gallery. So I would like to welcome them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Ms. Aariak.

Ms. Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to recognize the individuals sitting over there, Ms. Alice Joamie and Annie Demcheson. They are very talented seamstresses and that's why we all have *Amautiit*. From my constituency, I would also like to recognize Ms. Annie Nattaq and Simon Nattaq, who is the Sergeant-at-Arms. Thank you.

>>Applause

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

Mr. Pauloosie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to recognize my wife and my mother who were here during our swearing-in ceremony. I would also like to thank my in-laws in Taloyoak, even though they are not able to be here. I am grateful that they are able to attend our swearing-in ceremony. Thank you.

>>Applause

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

Mr. Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my family, my wife, Sally, who is sitting behind me, and my daughters, Moatie and Terry, who are here in the Gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize someone who is very near and dear to me, we celebrated our 27th wedding anniversary on November 7. I didn't get a chance to recognize her at all in the Second Assembly. I have been lucky to recognize her twice now in the last five days and that's my wife, Sandra, sitting right behind me here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my wife and my son, and I'm very thankful that they could be here today. Thank you.

>>Applause

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

Mr. Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my wife, Joanne, whom I appreciate being here for these openings. Of course, in January, we will be having our 31st wedding anniversary.

Also, I would like to recognize my honoured guest, Aakuk Adjun, who is the great-granddaughter of Peter and Sophia Kamingoak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Mr. Komoartok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I would like to recognize my wife, Penina, who has been here since I came down. Again, from our community, behind the windows as one of the interpreters, is Naimie Bourassa. I am grateful to have had an opportunity to work with her in some of the boards and entities in Pangnirtung. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Since there are no more, Oral Questions. As we have not yet sworn in our ministers, there will be no Oral Questions today. I am sure that the soon-to-be confirmed ministers are very disappointed.

>> *Laughter*

Speaker (interpretation): Written Questions. As we have not yet sworn in our ministers, there will be no Written Questions today. (interpretation ends) Item 8. Petitions. Do any members wish to table petitions? There being none, we will continue with the Orders of the Day. Item 9. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. As the House has not yet established its standing committees, there will be no reports today. (interpretation) Item 10. Tabling of Documents. Do any members wish to table documents? There being none, Item 11. Notices of Motions. Mr. Okalik.

Item 11: Notices of Motions

Motion 002 – 3(1): Appointment of Deputy Speaker – Notice

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, November 21, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Pangnirtung, that Mr. Eruk Pauloosie, Member for Nattilik, be appointed Deputy Speaker.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Notices of Motions. Mr. Elliott, Member for Quttiktuq.

Motion 003 – 3(1): Appointment of Premier – Notice

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, November 21, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit West, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of Nunavut that Ms. Eva Aariak, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Iqaluit East, be appointed Premier of Nunavut and Member of the Executive Council.

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

Speaker: Thank you. Notices of Motions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Motion 004 – 3(1): Appointments to the Executive Council of Nunavut – Notice

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I give notice that on Friday, November 21, 2008, I will move the following motion:

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

Mr. Lorne Kusugak, MLA for Rankin Inlet South-Whale Cove;
Mr. Keith Peterson, MLA for Cambridge Bay;
Mr. Daniel Shewchuk, MLA for Arviat;
Mr. Louis Tapardjuk, MLA for Amittuq;
Mr. Peter Taptuna, MLA for Kugluktuk; and
Mr. Hunter Tootoo, MLA for Iqaluit Centre.

At the appropriate time, I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. (interpretation) Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Notices of Motions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

Motion 005 – 3(1): Appointments to the Management and Services Board – Notice

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, November 21, 2008, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit East, that the following members be appointed to the Management and Services Board:

Honourable Hunter Tootoo, Member for Iqaluit Centre;
Mr. Ron Elliott, Member for Quttiktuq;
Mr. Paul Okalik, Member for Iqaluit West; and
Mr. Fred Schell, Member for South Baffin.

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

Speaker: Thank you. Notices of Motions. (interpretation) Member for Nattilik, Mr. Pauloosie.

Motion 006 – 3(1): Appointments to the Striking Committee – Notice

Mr. Pauloosie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) Sorry, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I give notice that on Friday, November 21, 2008, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nanulik, that the following members be appointed to the Striking Committee:

Mr. James Arvaluk, Member for Tununiq;
Mr. Moses Aupaluktuq, Member for Baker Lake; and
Mr. Adamee Komoartok, Member for Pangnirtung.

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

Speaker: Thank you. Notices of Motions. Member for Iqaluit Centre, Mr. Tootoo.

Motion 007 – 3(1): Extended Adjournment – Notice

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, November 21, 2008, I will move the following motion:

I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for South Baffin, that notwithstanding Rule 4, that when the House concludes its present sitting in Iqaluit, it shall be adjourned until January 26, 2009.

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

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Notices of Motions. Moving on, Item 12. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. (interpretation) As we have not yet sworn in our ministers, there will be none today. Item 13. Motions. Mr. Okalik.

Item 13: Motions

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent of this Assembly to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Okalik. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Okalik.

Motion 002 – 2(4): Appointment of Deputy Speaker

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. WHEREAS the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly shall, at its first session, elect a Deputy Speaker;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Pangnirtung, that Mr. Eruk Paulosie, Member for Nattilik, be appointed Deputy Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour, raise your hand, please. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried.

>>Applause

(interpretation ends) Motions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

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

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

Motion 003 – 3(1): Appointment of Premier

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

WHEREAS the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that there shall be an Executive Council of Nunavut composed of a Premier chosen by the Legislative Assembly from among its members and persons appointed by the commissioner on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit West, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of Nunavut that Ms. Eva Aariak, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Iqaluit East, be appointed Premier of Nunavut and Member of the Executive Council. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

>>Applause

Motions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Aupaluktuq.

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

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

Motion 004 – 3(1): Appointments to the Executive Council of Nunavut

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

WHEREAS the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that there shall be an Executive Council of Nunavut composed of a Premier chosen by the Legislative Assembly from among its members and persons appointed by the commissioner on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

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

Mr. Lorne Kusugak, MLA for Rankin Inlet South-Whale Cove;
Mr. Keith Peterson, MLA for Cambridge Bay;
Mr. Daniel Shewchuk, MLA for Arviat;
Mr. Louis Tapardjuk, MLA for Amittuq;
Mr. Peter Taptuna, MLA for Kugluktuk; and
Mr. Hunter Tootoo, MLA for Iqaluit Centre.

(interpretation) Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried.

>>Applause

(interpretation ends) Motions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

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

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

Motion 005 – 3(1): Appointments to the Management and Services Board

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

WHEREAS the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly shall, by resolution at its first session, appoint members to the Management and Services Board;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit East, that the following members be appointed to the Management and Services Board:

Honourable Hunter Tootoo, Member for Iqaluit Centre;

Mr. Ron Elliott, Member for Quttiktuq;
Mr. Paul Okalik, Member for Iqaluit West; and
Mr. Fred Schell, Member for South Baffin.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour, raise your hand. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried.

>>*Applause*

(interpretation) Motions. Member for Nattilik, Mr. Pauloosie.

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

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

Motion 006 – 3(1): Appointments to the Striking Committee

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

WHEREAS the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly* provide that the Legislative Assembly shall, at its first sitting after a general election, appoint a Striking Committee of at least three members to report and recommend, with all convenient speed, members to comprise standing committees of the Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nanulik, that the following members be appointed to the Striking Committee:

Mr. James Arvaluk, Member for Tununiq;
Mr. Moses Aupaluktuq, Member for Baker Lake; and
Mr. Adamee Komoartok, Member for Pangnirtung.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried.

Motions. Member for Iqaluit Centre, Mr. Tootoo.

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

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

Motion 007 – 3(1): Extended Adjournment

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for South Baffin, that notwithstanding Rule 4, that when the House concludes its present sitting in Iqaluit, it shall be adjourned until January 26, 2009.

Further, at any time prior to January 26, 2009, 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 if it had been duly adjourned to that time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour, raise your hand, please. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried.

Motions. Item 14. First Reading of Bills. As we have not yet sworn in the ministers, there will be none today. Second Reading of Bills. As we have not yet sworn in the ministers, there will be none today. Item 16. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 16: Orders of the Day

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Orders of the Day for January 26, 2009:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
13. Tabling of Documents

14. Notices of Motions
15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. I remind all members and visitors that the swearing-in ceremony for the Premier and Members of the Executive Council will take place in this Chamber at 4:00 p.m. I am also pleased to invite all members, guests and our visitors to join me in the foyer for refreshments after adjournment.

This House stands adjourned until January 26, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*Session adjourned at 15:27*

