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Iqaluit, Nunavut
Thursday, November 4, 2010
Members Present:

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

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Deputy Speaker (Mr. Ningeongan) (interpretation): ... (inaudible) ... I would like to ask Mr. Curley to say the opening prayer.

>>Prayer

Deputy Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Schell.

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent that we proceed directly to Item 14 of the order paper. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: Do members agree that we proceed directly to Item 14 on the order paper?

Some Members: Agreed.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you. We will proceed to Item 14. Notices of Motions. Mr. Elliott.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

Motion 032 – 3(2): Appointment of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly – Notice

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, November 8, 2010, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member from Nattilik, that Paul Okalik, Member of Iqaluit West, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

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

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Notices of Motions. Mr. Curley.

Motion 033 – 3(2): Appointment to the Executive Council – Notice

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, November 8, 2010, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Amittuq, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of Nunavut that James Arreak, Member for Uqqummiut, be appointed to the Executive Council of Nunavut.

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

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Elliott.

Item 15: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

Bill 51 – An Act to Amend the Nunavut Elections Act – Notice

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, November 8, 2010, I will move that Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Nunavut Elections Act*, be read for the first time.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time, I will seek consent to waive Rule 62(1) so that Bill 51 can be read for the first time today. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Mr. Elliott.

Item 16: Motions

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

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Please proceed.

Motion 032 – 3(2): Appointment of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS the Office of the Speaker is vacant;

AND WHEREAS the Deputy Speaker has been exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Speaker;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to appoint a new Speaker;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Nattilik, that Paul Okalik, Member for Iqaluit West, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you. The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour. Opposed.

>> *Laughter*

The motion is carried. Thank you.

Motions. Pardon me. The motion is carried. I ask the mover and the seconder of the motion to escort the Speaker, please.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (Hon. Paul Okalik)(interpretation): Thank you, my colleagues. It is pretty scary. First of all, I would like to thank the person who nominated me, Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott. Thank you for nominating me so that I could be the Speaker of the House. I would also like to thank my colleagues for having confidence in me as the Speaker. Thank you.

Following our orders of the day, the first item is Motions. Minister Curley.

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

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

Motion 033 – 3(2): Appointment to the Executive Council

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS section 60 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that there shall be an Executive Council of Nunavut composed of persons appointed by the Commissioner of Nunavut on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the House is prepared to recommend an appointment;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Amittuq, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of Nunavut that James Arreak, Member for Uqqummiut, be appointed to the Executive Council of Nunavut.

(interpretation) Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Curley. The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

>>Applause

(interpretation ends) Item 17. Mr. Elliott.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek the consent of this House to waive

Rule 62(1) so that Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Nunavut Elections Act*, can be read for the first time today. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. We are on (interpretation ends) Item 17. First Reading of Bills. The member is seeking consent to waive Rule 62(1) so that Bill 51 can be read today for the first time. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: Mr. Elliott, you may proceed.

Bill 51 – An Act to Amend the Nunavut Elections Act – First Reading

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit Centre, that Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Nunavut Elections Act*, be read for the first time. Thank you.

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

Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Mr. Elliott.

Item 18: Second Reading of Bills

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek the consent of this House to waive Rule 62(1) so that Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Nunavut Elections Act*, can be read for the second time today. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. The member is seeking consent to waive

Rule 62(1) so that Bill 51 can be read for the second time. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: Mr. Elliott, you may proceed.

**Bill 51 – An Act to Amend the
Nunavut Elections Act – Second
Reading**

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit Centre, that Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Nunavut Elections Act*, be read for the second time. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Sorry, Mr. Speaker. This bill amends the *Nunavut Elections Act* to provide a boundaries commission with the authority to determine the time and means of publication of public notices of its public hearings. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. I think we are all learning some rules today. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

I would now like to recognize Mr. Elliott once again.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent of the House to waive Rule 67(2) and have Bill 51 moved into the Committee of the Whole. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. The member is seeking unanimous consent. Are there any nays? There are none. Bill 51 is immediately referred to Committee of the Whole.

Item 19. Committee of the Whole. Bill 51, Tabled Documents 207 – 3(2), 209 – 3(2), 210 – 3(2), and 212 – 3(2) with Mr. Schell as Chair.

I ask that all members remain in their seats so that we can proceed immediately to Committee of the Whole.

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms, if you could prepare for the witnesses.

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

Chairman (Mr. Schell): I would like to call the committee meeting to order. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We would like to commence with the review of Bill 51 and then report progress. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Bill 51 – An Act to Amend the
Nunavut Elections Act –
Consideration in Committee**

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. I would like to ask the committee if they agree to bring the Speaker to the witness table.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Sergeant-at-Arms, could you please escort the Speaker to the witness table.

Does the Speaker have any witnesses he would like to bring to the table?

Speaker (interpretation): Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Does the committee agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witness in.

For the record, could you please introduce your witness.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The official who will be accompanying me is well known and that is our Clerk, Mr. John Quirke. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You can go ahead with your opening comments.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to have the opportunity to appear today before the Committee of the Whole on the occasion of its consideration of Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Nunavut Elections Act*.

As members are aware, the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission was established by the Legislative Assembly on October 25 of this year. I am pleased to report that the boundaries commission has already begun its work. All of our communities' mayors have now received correspondence from the commission concerning its public hearings.

In order for the commission to undertake this work in most effective manner possible, we wish to provide the commission with appropriate flexibility to determine the time and means of public notices of its public hearings.

These amendments accomplished this goal.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments. I look forward to responding to any questions that my colleagues may have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Are there any general comments? If not, we will move on to Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Nunavut Elections Act*. Clause 1. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 2. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Is the committee agreed to Bill 51 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Pursuant to Rule 62(2), is the committee agreed that Bill 51 can immediately be placed on the orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Any closing comments, Mr. Speaker?

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. I am very pleased to see that everybody is saying yes to my requests. I am very pleased that this bill is concluded. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses out.

Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to make a motion to report progress. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. We have a motion on the floor to report progress and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. I will now rise to report progress.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. Going to our orders of the day. Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. You can now make your report. Mr. Schell.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 51 and would like to report that Bill 51 is immediately ready for third reading. And, Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder? Mr. Kusugak. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried. Thank you, Mr. Schell.

Going to Item 21 in the *Orders of the Day*. Third Reading of Bills. Mr. Elliott.

Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

Bill 51 – An Act to Amend the Nunavut Elections Act – Third Reading

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit Centre, that Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Nunavut Elections Act*, be read for the third time. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

Mr. Clerk, will you please ascertain if the Commissioner of Nunavut is prepared to enter the Chambers and give assent to Bill 51.

Before our commissioner comes in, I want it noted by my colleagues that we are not following our usual procedures since we are holding a special sitting today. The next sitting of the House will reconvene on February 22, 2011 according to what was presented yesterday by the Clerk.

We will have to wait for the Commissioner of Nunavut at this time. Thank you. My colleagues, our commissioner is not readily available. We will take a brief break and you will be summoned by the bells once the commissioner is in.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 15:24 and resumed at 15:32*

Speaker (interpretation): My colleagues, we are ascertaining the presence of our commissioner and the Clerk has been sent to inform her.

Prior to commencing this process, I wish to take this opportunity to first of all thank our interpreters. They provide

essential services and allow members to speak in either Inuktitut or English. We thank you for that service.

>>*Applause*

Once we have concluded our proceedings, members will be travelling home to their home communities. I wish everyone a safe flight home as you return to your families. Since it is quite obvious that we will not be having another session prior to Christmas, I want to take this opportunity to wish the members whom I will not be seeing again until our next session a very Merry Christmas.

Assent to Bills

Bill 51 – An Act to Amend the Nunavut Elections Act – Assent

Commissioner Edna Elias

(interpretation): Members, I did not expect to see you again so soon. I forgot that the Leadership Forum had already been completed, so I thought that this would take longer and I had not expected such a short meeting. However, I am pleased today to be present before you in the House. Sometimes it is quite compelling listening to the proceedings and one sometimes wants to visit the Chambers.

As the Commissioner of Nunavut, I am pleased and honoured to give assent to the following bill: (interpretation ends)

- Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Nunavut Elections Act*.

Thank you.

Speaker: Item 22. *Orders of the Day*.

Members, as today was a special sitting, the *Orders of the Day* for February 22, 2011 that were read by the Clerk on November 1 still stand and do not need to be read again.

This House stands adjourned until that day. (interpretation) Have a wonderful day.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 15:36*

