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**Iqaluit, Nunavut
Friday, October 28, 2011**

Members Present:

Honourable Eva Aariak, Honourable James Arreak, Mr. Moses Aupaluktuq, Honourable Tagak Curley, Ms. Monica Ell, Mr. Ron Elliott, Mr. Joe Enook, Honourable Lorne Kusugak, Mr. Johnny Ningeongan, Mr. Hezakiah Oshutapik, Honourable Keith Peterson, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Honourable Fred Schell, Honourable Daniel Shewchuk, Mr. Louis Tapardjuk, Honourable Peter Taptuna, Honourable Hunter Tootoo, Ms. Jeannie Ugyuk.

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. Hunter Tootoo): *Qujannamiik*, Sergeant-at-Arms. Before we get started, I would like to ask Mr. Elliott to lead us off with a prayer, please.

>>Prayer

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Good morning, everybody. Moving on in the *Orders of the Day*, Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Environment, Minister Shewchuk.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

**Minister's Statement 095 – 3(3):
Nunavut Wildlife Management
Board Decision on the Total
Allowable Harvest for the Western
Hudson Bay Polar Bear
Population**

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In August of this year, I requested that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board consider revising the

total allowable harvest for the western Hudson Bay polar bear subpopulation.

I am pleased to advise my colleagues that the NWMB made a decision to increase the harvest from 8 to 21 for this year and that I have accepted their decision. Mr. Speaker, the department is now working with the regional wildlife organization so that they can allocate the harvest among the affected communities.

The Department of Environment will continue to work to ensure that we maintain healthy and sustainable polar bear populations through the integration of Inuit knowledge and western science. This winter, the department is planning to conduct community consultation on the results of the most recent survey of this population.

Mr. Speaker, I remain committed to continuing to work closely with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and commend the board in reaching effective management solutions for this year's harvest. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Minister's Statement 096 – 3(3):
Nunavut Tobacco Reduction
Framework for Action**

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to say that I keep the people of Rankin Inlet in mind. I rise today to talk about the Nunavut Tobacco Reduction Framework for Action.

Mr. Speaker, over half of the population in Nunavut is smoking. The average cost of a pack of cigarettes in Nunavut is \$17.50. That's for one pack of cigarettes. Nunavutmiut who smoke a pack a day spend well over \$6,000 a year on cigarettes. I am sure that these individuals are not the only ones who are inhaling the smoke. The costs to treat smoke-related illnesses and health problems are a continuous and tremendous burden on Nunavut's health care system. Mr. Speaker, there is a clear message here: tobacco use is taxing the health and wealth of Nunavutmiut.

To address the negative effects of tobacco use, the Government of Nunavut has developed a detailed framework. The Nunavut Tobacco Reduction Framework for Action is a five-year plan to help Nunavutmiut stop tobacco use in their community, their home, and their life. The plan outlines six action areas to reduce and prevent smoking. One of the actions is to help people learn more about the impacts of tobacco use through an education and awareness campaign called "Tobacco Has No Place Here." Please make sure that you say that in your home.

The territory-wide campaign launch is planned for January 2012 during National Non-Smoking Week. It will feature personal stories of Nunavutmiut whose lives have been affected by smoking as well as those who have made the choice to quit. Youth are involved in this campaign I just referred to and some of them are behind me and they will introduce themselves. They participated in the campaign through interactive video and art projects and social media. The campaign focuses on priority groups of concern, such as pregnant women

who smoke, to help them learn more about the health effects of smoking and community-based support available.

People often tell their friends, family members, and neighbours who are trying to stop smoking to never "quit quitting." It is sound advice for individuals as well as governments, community groups and agencies that will never quit helping Nunavutmiut make the choice to be smoke-free. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Education, Minister Aariak.

**Minister's Statement 097 – 3(3):
Career Development Services –
Professional Training**

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, people of Iqaluit East. I will be speaking in English and I'm sure that the interpreters will translate it into Inuktitut.

(interpretation ends) *Uqaqtittijii*, I would like to take this opportunity to inform my colleagues about a very successful professional development training project underway.

The Department of Education, working with Nunavut Arctic College and the Canadian Career Development Foundation, has developed the Career Development Practitioner Certificate Program. *Uqaqtittijii*, this program has provided professional development training for numerous education staff, such as career development officers and supervisors, in an important service area.

Currently there are several career development officers preparing for the final course in the first delivery of this program. This course dealing with community capacity development will take place in Cambridge Bay at the end of the month.

The Career Development Practitioner Certificate Program has enhanced partnerships and collaboration. This week in Iqaluit, four representatives of the Kativik Regional Government have joined GN staff in a “Managers as Learning Coaches” module to support staff taking this program.

Uqaqtittijii, courses from this program have also been taken by staff from other organizations, such as Kakivak Association, Kivalliq Partners in Development, and Kitikmeot Economic Development Corporation.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, it is important to continue to strengthen our partnerships in the area of career development services and I would like to thank the Department of Human Resources and Nunavut Arctic College for their supportive partnerships in this program.

Mr. Speaker, providing professional development opportunities to all staff who work in the career development field will enhance their skills so they can provide the guidance Nunavummiut need to access education, learning and career development opportunities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Aariak. Item 2. Ministers’ Statements. Minister

responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

**Minister’s Statement 098 – 3(3):
Access to Information and
Protection of Privacy Act**

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I am pleased to give my colleagues an update on amendments to the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

My department has completed a review of the Act and has begun the process to amend the Act by the end of 2012. Mr. Speaker, there are a few administrative changes to be considered. However, the major change to be considered is to make privacy oversight mandatory.

Personal privacy concerns all information collected by the Government of Nunavut about an individual. This information is protected and there are clear guidelines on how it can be collected, used, and disclosed.

Mr. Speaker, the proposed amendments will bring the Government of Nunavut’s *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* up to national standards for the protection of personal privacy.

Mr. Speaker, the proposed amendments will allow individuals the ability to complain to the Information and Privacy Commissioner if they feel that the Government of Nunavut has inappropriately collected, used, or disclosed their personal information. It will also make it mandatory for departments to report privacy breaches

within their departments to the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Uqaqtittijii, it is important to protect the personal privacy of our citizens and, in the spirit of the *Tamapta* Action Plan, ensure accountability and transparency. I look forward to bringing the amended *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to cabinet for approval in 2012. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Curley.

Minister's Statement 099 – 3(3): New Board of Directors Appointed for NHC

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to announce that a seven-member board of directors has been created for the Nunavut Housing Corporation. This brings to a close a major initiative NHC set out to accomplish this year.

Following the approval in May or June, I believe, of Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Nunavut Housing Corporation Act*, the Nunavut Housing Corporation took immediate action to coordinate a public campaign to solicit interest for board appointments to the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, public response to the Nunavut Housing Corporation's board recruitment campaign this past summer was overwhelming. Having reviewed all of the applications with NHC's

Corporate Executive Committee, I can say with confidence that the candidates selected for appointment faced some tough competition.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to thank all of the individuals who showed interest in the Nunavut Housing Corporation Board of Directors and took the time to apply. Their interest is another sign of the importance of housing for Nunavutmiut.

The goal, Mr. Speaker, was to find a mixture of individuals with varying backgrounds and perspectives that, as a group, could provide, as far as possible, a balance of skills, gender and geographic representation.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I introduce to you and my fellow members the Nunavut Housing Corporation's first board of directors.

Mr. Eugene Lysy, Chairman of the Board, brings more than 20 years of experience working in senior positions in both the private and public sectors in all three territories.

Mr. Jack Anawak, Vice-Chairman, hardly needs an introduction, Mr. Speaker. A former MP and Interim Commissioner, Mr. Anawak brings to the board strong national, international, and northern experience.

Madam Kathleen Gomes from Iqaluit brings a solid banking and financial background.

Madam Vicki Aitaok from Cambridge Bay brings a substantial background in education and community organizations.

Mr. Bob Leonard of Arviat has been a Nunavut construction contractor for more than 30 years.

Mr. Gordon McPherson has over 35 years of experience delivering the Government of Nova Scotia's social housing programs.

Mr. Ross Mrazek brings to the board a strong understanding of Nunavut's infrastructure challenges.

Mr. Speaker, getting a board was a step in the right direction for the Nunavut Housing Corporation; however, this is only the beginning. As I mentioned in the past, Mr. Speaker, the creation of the board of directors represents a fundamental change to the governance structure of the Nunavut Housing Corporation. In addition to strengthening its governance structure, a board of directors will ensure the Nunavut Housing Corporation can adequately concentrate on establishing the best way to access more badly needed investments to address Nunavut's housing needs.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with the new housing corporation board as this government and the Nunavut Housing Corporation continue to tackle Nunavut's staggering but conquerable housing challenges ahead. I also want to indicate that it is the beginning of an arm's-length corporation that is so badly needed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 139 – 3(3): Appreciation for Successful Rescue Mission in Igloolik

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning to the people of Igloolik, Hall Beach, and my grandchildren Ivaluarjuk and Tularialik, my uncle, my aunt, and Lucy.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about last Wednesday's search and rescue for an individual stranded out in his boat in the middle of nowhere close to land. There was a search for this individual, Celestino Uyarak, who is the assistant SAO and works extremely hard to help with the search and rescue party.

At around eleven o'clock, a helicopter was able to go and rescue the individual, but before that, a Hercules came in from CFB Trenton and dropped a boat. The search and rescue party from Igloolik worked extremely hard, as well as the people stationed here in Iqaluit at EMO. We would like to thank the individuals for their hard work.

As my colleague from CGS kept emphasizing, if people are going out on the land, they should bring SPOT devices. The people who were stranded out in the water had a SPOT device and were able to be located. They were brought home last night.

At this time, I would like to thank the people who thought of these individuals and kept them in their thoughts and prayers. The individuals from the Government of Nunavut's Emergency Measures Organization and Igloolik's search and rescue party worked very

hard as life is precious. So I would like to thank everyone on behalf of my colleagues and to be grateful to the people who helped with the search and rescue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Member's Statement 140 – 3(3): Grief Counselling in Nunavut

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to address an issue that I have realized rarely gets mentioned in this House: grief counselling.

Mr. Speaker, grief is an unavoidable part of human life. We all lose loved ones at some point, and we all experience and express grief in our own way, shaped by the culture in which we were raised. Understandably, some people require assistance with the grieving process.

I recently read a thoughtful observation: "Grief counselling becomes necessary when a person is so disabled by their grief, overwhelmed by loss to the extent that their normal coping processes are disabled or shut down. Grief counselling facilitates expression of emotion and thought about the loss, including sadness, anxiety, anger, loneliness, guilt, relief, isolation, confusion, or numbness."

Mr. Speaker, there is an exceptionally high level of unresolved grief and trauma in Nunavut. Part of this is due to the small size and isolation of our communities. It is also due in part to close connections in and between our

communities; everyone cares about everyone else and everyone feels the loss when a community member passes away.

There is also the impact of trauma. The social disruption caused by Inuit being coerced into settled communities, deaths due to tuberculosis, the impact of the sudden transportation of family members to the south for TB treatment, some never to return, the residential school experience, high rates of suicide, homicide, and accidental death: the result can be complex trauma requiring professional intervention using a variety of skills and techniques; serious counselling for serious problems.

If the impacts are not dealt with, they can be passed on to the next generation, a process called intergenerational transmission of historical trauma.

Mr. Speaker, I recently had the opportunity to read a publication titled "Hope and Resilience," the report of the first ever circumpolar seminar on best practice in suicide prevention in the Arctic.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I would like to request unanimous consent to continue with my Member's Statement today. Thank you.

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

It was hosted by the Greenlandic Government in November 2009 under the auspices of the Arctic Council. The seminar recognized that unresolved grief plays a role in many deaths by suicide in Inuit communities. The seminar also recognized that providing skilled grief counselling is a challenge right across the Arctic in all regions.

Mr. Speaker, when reading our action plan for the implementation of the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy, I was pleased to see action item 2.6, which is to “provide culturally and age appropriate grief counselling.” The Government of Nunavut’s Department of Health and Social Services is identified as the lead on this action item, in partnership with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, the Embrace Life Council, Inuit and community organizations. The timeline for completion of this action item is April 2012, so it will be one of the first deliverables for the action plan.

Mr. Speaker, I want the Minister of Health and Social Services to know that he will have my support, and I’m sure the support of all members, as he demonstrates leadership on this difficult yet critical issue in the coming months. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Item 3. Members’ Statements. Member for Natilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

Member’s Statement 141 – 3(3): Third Day of Search for Missing Hunters

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to wish a good morning to the residents of Taloyoak and

Gjoa Haven. Mr. Speaker, in Gjoa Haven, the search and rescue team is conducting a search. I would like Nunavummiut to pray for a successful search.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my gratitude to the search and rescue committee members in the community for volunteering their time and their dedication to providing assistance in search and rescue missions. Sometimes it can be very difficult to find individuals on the land and it is not always successful.

It is now the third day since the search was commenced and this is due to the bad weather we are experiencing in our community. That is why I would like our fellow Nunavummiut to pray for the searchers. I am also grateful that the search conducted in Igloodik was successful and they found the individual they were looking for.

As well, in Taloyoak, the search and rescue society is always looking for additional funds for gasoline, grub, and equipment. They are always fundraising for future searches, and I am grateful that they are very dedicated as they commence searches whenever needed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Item 3. Members’ Statements. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

**Member's Statement 142 – 3(3):
Restructuring Support for Sports
in Nunavut**

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to encourage our government to rethink how sports programs are supported and funded across our territory.

Mr. Speaker, there can be no doubt that participation in sports is very beneficial to the physical and mental development of our youth. There can be no doubt that healthy lifestyle choices, positive self-esteem, learning teamwork and cooperation are all potential outcomes of taking part in sporting activities. These benefits help set a positive course for the future. Mr. Speaker, given the benefits of sports programs to our youth and the future of our society, I strongly encourage the government to be more creative in providing more opportunities for our young athletes to continue participating and building on their successes.

Mr. Speaker, I will use an example that recently happened where a soccer team was very successful in a tournament which recently occurred here in Iqaluit. Even though a team, whose members have all worked hard together to succeed in beating every other team from across Nunavut, wins the gold medal, that team will not go on to the next level. Instead, athletes who have excelled individually but who may have never played together will be selected to form a team to represent Nunavut. I would note that similar policies apply to other sports.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that in the past, both approaches have been used to select teams to represent Nunavut at events

such as the Arctic Winter Games. Neither approach is perfect. It is my view that we need to encourage both individual excellence and the success and hard work of a team as a whole. Mr. Speaker, I would like to suggest that our government considers options to recognize both team success and individual success. For example, I would like to suggest that winning teams be allowed to continue their momentum and represent Nunavut but also that individual athletic excellence be recognized with the creation of something like an all-star Nunavut team.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for unanimous consent to conclude my Member's Statement.

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

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Members.

I recognize that funds are limited and ways are already set. However, if we wish to encourage participation in sports and support our future, we should be willing to make investments and risk change. At the appropriate time, Mr. Speaker, I will have questions on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, Mr. Kusugak.

Member's Statement 143 – 3(3): A Successful Trade Show in Whale Cove

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning to the people of Rankin Inlet and Whale Cove. My condolences go to the people of Rankin Inlet who are going through hard times.

Mr. Speaker, in the House, we usually talk and hear often about how smaller communities should benefit from economic development. Communities, whether they're small or large, go through hardships. I represent one of the smallest communities and the other one being one of the largest communities in Nunavut.

This summer, I was very proud when the community of Whale Cove didn't just sit back when it came to planning for the future. The hamlet council, through their SAO and their economic development officer, put together an "Economic Development Day" and looked at how they can improve economic development opportunities in their community. A large number of businesspeople came into town to take a look at what potential opportunities exist in the community.

I would like to thank the people who participated that day, the economic development office, which was a tremendous help and support, the federal economic development department, Canadian North didn't have a representative there and was greatly missed, but representatives from First Air, Calm Air, and Kivalliq Air were present. It was a big booster and the people were able to see what kind of career opportunities there are in the

airline industry. The Nunavut Development Corporation was also at that fair, as well as Nunavut Arctic College representatives, whom we were very pleased to see.

The community hall is not small but it was packed with a lot of people who came to see the events. We also saw some arts and crafts that were made by the local people. I thank everyone who participated at the events and I hope to see them again next year, perhaps in greater numbers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Kusugak. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

Member's Statement 144 – 3(3): Acknowledging a Loss in Rankin Inlet

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to extend my greetings to the people of Rankin Inlet. We think of you and we feel for you because we had just lost a loved one in Rankin Inlet. I would just like to send my condolences, but I'm not going to mention any names. I would like to send my sympathy to them as they mourn their loss. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Item 3. Members' Statements. Moving on in the *Orders of the Day*, Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Minister of Education, Minister Aariak.

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions

Return to Oral Question 176 – 3(3): Graduating Students and Academic Qualifications

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a return to an oral question about graduating students and academic qualifications.

Question:

How many schools have guidance counsellors? The reason why I'm asking this question is that in the smaller communities, there are fewer guidance counsellors and the students have fewer options. That's why I'm asking this question. How many guidance counsellors are there in Nunavut schools?

Response:

Teacher numbers are assigned to each DEA by formula, which considers the number of students in their schools. The allocation of teaching assignments within the school is done by the principal. Therefore, it is a school decision, in consultation with the district education authority, whether to have a guidance counsellor position.

Most schools do not have specific guidance counsellors because the preference is to use their teachers in classrooms to provide as many course options as possible. At this time, we have 5.5 guidance counsellors. Additionally, across Nunavut, teachers provide guidance counselling to students, including through the career program planning process and Aulajaaqtut courses. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Aariak. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Curley.

Return to Oral Question 179 – 3(3): Active Cases of TB in Nunavut

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question was asked to me by one of our members at the House here. The question was: "Can the minister provide an update on how many cases of active TB we currently have in Nunavut and which communities are the most affected?"

The response, Mr. Speaker, is: I wish to inform the House that as of October 25, 2011, there were 62 cases of tuberculosis diagnosed in Nunavut since January 1, 2011 and that 98 percent of cases diagnosed this year have been in the Baffin region. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Return to Oral Question 181 – 3(3): Update on Funding Community Freezer Initiative

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question was asked by the Member of Quttiktuq, No. 181 – 3(3), on October 21. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to add more detail to my initial response to the questions directed to me in the House last Friday by the hon. member from Quttiktuq.

These questions concern the Country Food Distribution Program, which

includes support for community organizations that wish to improve their community freezer facility or to build a new community freezer. I was asked how many communities have accessed the funds to date and “the dollar values as to how much has been provided to communities at this point...”

Mr. Speaker, to date, no communities have accessed funds from this program and as a result, no funds from the \$1,145,000 program have been spent at this time. It is important to recognize, Mr. Speaker, that the spending of the funds for this program that were voted by the House last spring will be undertaken not by the government but by community organizations. It will take these organizations some time to learn what they can do with the funds, to assess their needs, and to prepare proposals. If a community freezer is proposed, the proposal must identify who will own and operate the facility and how the ongoing operating and maintenance costs will be paid for.

Mr. Speaker, to support community organizations in the development of their plans, departmental staff in each region have held meetings with economic development officers, hunters and trappers organizations, regional wildlife organizations, and in many cases, with hamlet councils. When a community expresses interest in using the program, our staff meets face to face with the proponent and provides direct assistance in the preparation of the proposal.

At the same time, as I said in my initial response to the member from Quttiktuq, we are working with Natural Resources Canada to identify the most efficient freezer technologies available so that the

cost of building and operating community freezers will be reduced significantly.

Interest in the new program has been strong. In this region, expressions of interest have been received from community organizations in Grise Fiord, Resolute Bay, Pond Inlet, Pangnirtung, Iqaluit, and Cape Dorset. In the Kivalliq region, we have heard from community organizations in Repulse Bay, Rankin Inlet, Coral Harbour, and Whale Cove. In the Kitikmeot region, we have heard from Kugluktuk, Kugaaruk, and Cambridge Bay.

Mr. Speaker, I agree with the member that this is a much needed program, but it may take some time for community organizations to recognize the opportunity that the Country Food Distribution Program provides. Mr. Speaker, in the meantime, we will continue to promote the program to community organizations and to work with organizations that initiate a proposal. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Minister of Environment, Minister Shewchuk.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very honoured to rise today and recognize some of my constituents from Arviat who work with the Department of Education and they are elders Rhoda Karetak and Louis

Angalik, Becky Mike, Elissa Curley, Ida Suluk, Mary Thompson, and Pat Netser. Thank you very much for being here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Shewchuk. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, want to recognize some people, but before that, I wanted to rise and inform my colleagues that I have quite a few relatives present here, including our eldest sister, my sister's son and my nephew, including my niece. (interpretation ends) So I feel safe this morning.

>> *Laughter*

(interpretation) I welcome one of my constituents, Johnny Itinnuar, to the Gallery. He is a member of the disabilities council. He is very dedicated to that cause. So that is my constituent, Johnny Itinnuar.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to recognize people sitting behind me who are part of winners of the anti-smoking campaign for the artwork depicting the dangers of smoking in our schools. The winning drawings have been chosen that will be distributed to all schools in Nunavut. These anti-smoking drawings will be displayed in the foyer for our viewing.

Here are the artists who submitted their winning artwork: Tuukaasi Nuqingaq, stand up, please; Emilia Nevin; and the final person is Levi Enuaraq-Strauss.

Oh, he's not present? I am not sure if this is the correct name, so can I ask you to please stand. These are the students who won the art competition in the anti-smoking campaign. I want my colleagues to express their appreciation and to acknowledge them. (interpretation ends) Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased that the Gallery is full. I welcome each and every one of you. First of all, I would like to acknowledge the representatives of the Coalition of Nunavut District Education Authorities who are holding their annual general meeting in Iqaluit. I'll mention their names.

The first one is Willie Nakoolak, Chair, from Coral Harbour; Johnny Itinnuar, Vice-chair, who works with the disabled people in Rankin Inlet; Maliktoo Lyta, Secretary, who is not here; Jackie Ameralik, Secretary, from Gjoa Haven; Liza Ningiuk from Grise Fiord; Joyce Ayaruak from Rankin Inlet; Alethea Baril, whom I don't think is here right now, from Apex; Alan Weeks from Iqaluit, whom I don't think is here yet; Lori Idlout is not present in the House yet; and last but not least, Nikki Egeesiak, Executive Director. Please stand. I would also like to recognize Jacob Jaypoody from Clyde River and Sata Kidlapik from Repulse Bay. Please welcome these people to the Gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take pride in introducing my lovely wife and better half, Elizabeth Ningeongan. (interpretation) Please welcome her to the Gallery.

>>Applause

Although this individual from Coral Harbour was mentioned, I would like to recognize Willie Nakoolak, who is always helping me. He is the chairman of the coalition. Please welcome him also. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to welcome each and every one of the people here. There are quite a few people in the Gallery right now that I would like to recognize. Starting from the youngest, Apeah Arreak-Kullualik, welcome. I also would like to welcome Liza Ningiuk from the High Arctic. Behind me, when it was the Northwest Territories, she used be an MLA, Rebecca Mike. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of

Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Natilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. He has already been recognized, but I would like to recognize him again. He is from Gjoa Haven, Jackie Ameralik. I would like to welcome him to the Gallery. He is here attending the meeting for the DEAs. He was also in Resolute Bay at the time of the plane crash, so I would like to thank him for that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, Mr. Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I want to recognize my mother-in-law, although she was already recognized. (interpretation ends) I feel much safer than Tagak.

>>Laughter

It partially explains why he was especially nice to me this morning.

>>Laughter

(interpretation) I also want to acknowledge Meagan Zawadski from Rankin Inlet. Welcome to the Gallery. Johnny Ittinuar, he was already recognized previously, but I would like to welcome him. I also recognize John Hamak. I am very happy that you were able to make it here. Furthermore, another Rankin Inlet resident is Joyce Ayaruak. She is also a non-stop worker.

I would like to welcome her especially to the Gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Kusugak. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Tununiq, Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning to the residents of Pond Inlet as well as my fellow residents of Nunavut.

I also want to recognize a fellow resident of our community. This person has been a dedicated worker and has worked for a very long time. So I would like to recognize April Kyak from my community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Uqqummiut, Mr. Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am glad that I am also able to recognize a fellow resident of Clyde River. He has been a member of the local DEA for a long time. He was previously recognized, Jacob Jaypoody, but he apparently left. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Arreak. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Iqaluit West, Ms. Ell.

Ms. Ell (interpretation): Good morning and thank you. There are quite a few

Iqaluit residents that I would like to recognize from my constituency and they are Janet Brewster, Paul Irgaut, Ineak Korgak, and Darlene Nuqingak. I would also like to recognize these individuals although they're not residents, Annie Ningiuk and Rhoda Karetak, whom I have known for many years. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ell. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: I better be quick.

>> *Laughter*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize Liza Ningiuk. It's always nice to see members from my constituency, either in Iqaluit on the streets or in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Although she has already been recognized, I would like to take the opportunity again to recognize a friend of mine in the House, Janet Brewster. She's got strong ties to the Kitikmeot region, Cambridge Bay, Taloyoak, and I also understand that she's doing a lot of great work for my colleague, the Minister of Health, as manager of health protection for Nunavut. So I would like

to welcome her to the Gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Welcome to the Gallery. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 206 – 3(3): Spill Reporting in Nunavut

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning to everybody in Baker Lake. Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my questions to the Hon. Minister of Environment, Minister Dan Shewchuk.

The Government of Nunavut works with the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada to maintain a 24-hour spill report line. This line is to be used when hazardous materials, such as oil, gasoline, or chemicals, are spilled.

Last year, CBC News reported that a diesel fuel spill occurred near Agnico-Eagle's Meadowbank mine near my community of Baker Lake following an incident where a fuel truck rolled over. Can the minister advise me if his department was made aware of this incident and can he indicate how many other spills have been reported over the past year in or around the community of Baker Lake? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Aupaluktuq. Minister of Environment, Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Yes, I am aware of the spill that you are referring to and we were notified. The proper authorities were notified, the spill line was called, and action was immediately taken. That spill, the jurisdiction near the mine and on the mine road, is the jurisdiction of INAC and the federal government, and inspectors did attend along with our conservation officer.

As far as the number of spills in the Baker Lake area in the past year or so, I do know and I have information on five spills that occurred in the last while. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Your first supplementary, Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the response by the minister. It's nice to have people be informed about environmental concerns and to have people who are taking action.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that when a spill occurs, responsibility for ensuring that clean-up and remediation takes place depends on the location of the spill. In cases where a spill occurs on Crown land, that would be the federal government through the Department of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs. Mr. Speaker, I want to ask: can the minister clarify how his department works with other levels of government to ensure that the GN is made aware of the status of any spill that occurs in Nunavut and any subsequent clean-up activities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Minister of Environment, Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We work very closely with the federal government in regard to environment protection, and we work very closely with communities and hamlets on any types of spills that may occur. The immediate response is with Environment Canada or INAC and with us and communities, and also with the proponent who is responsible for the fuel that is either being spilled or where it is. Immediate clean-up takes place. The responsibility lies with the proponent. There's no question about that. However, we will ensure and work in cooperation to ensure immediate action is taken on all spills. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Your second supplementary, Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the pace of mining development in Nunavut increases so do the environmental risks associated with such projects. Can the minister clarify what role his department plays in working with companies and other levels of government to ensure that these projects have adequate contingency plans in place to deal with spills and other incidents that have the potential to damage the environment? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Minister of Environment, Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A very important question. We absolutely do work with proponents and companies to make sure they're aware of their obligations when it comes to the environment. These guidelines, directions, and legislation are all outlined in the whole process under the land claims agreement. That is a process through NERB, a very comprehensive process when it comes to environmental protection, and everybody is made aware of their responsibilities under that process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Your final supplementary, Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Environment's website includes information on this subject, including a document titled "Contingency Planning and Spill Reporting in Nunavut." After reviewing this document, I would note that it still refers to the old "Department of Sustainable Development," so I would suggest that it should be updated.

My question for the minister is this: would he commit to having his department produce and table an annual report in the Legislative Assembly that describes his department's activities under our territorial *Environmental Protection Act*? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Minister of Environment, Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for that information. I will ensure that that happens, that we update our website.

As far as tabling information, we do provide numbers of spills and numbers of occurrences to take place, and that type of information, Mr. Speaker, I can say, will be tabled. If there's any further information, I would like more detail on exactly what the member is referring to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Oral Questions. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Question 207 – 3(3): Coming into Force “Official Languages Act”

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Premier in her capacity as the Chairperson of the Executive Council.

As the Premier is aware, Nunavut's new *Official Languages Act*, which was passed by the Legislative Assembly in 2008, is not yet in force. Section 49 of the *Official Languages Act* provides that, and I quote, “This Act or any portion of this Act comes into force on a day or days to be fixed by order of the Commissioner.” This means that the cabinet has the authority to decide when the Act will come into force.

Can the Premier tell me today when the cabinet will bring the new *Official Languages Act* into force? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The language laws and the need to enact them are very

important. They represent the meaning of Nunavut's creation itself, to ensure the Inuit language and culture. This is very important and has to be properly planned. There is no doubt that when it would come into force is also very important to the Department of CLEY. We are preparing solid plans together on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Your first supplementary, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If this is indeed a high priority, why have we not seen it in the *Nunavut Gazette*? The cabinet has yet to initiate the legislation, specifically the *Official Languages Act*. Some parts of the *Inuit Language Protection Act* have started to be implemented and they are clearly identified.

Mr. Speaker, I'm asking the Premier again. You keep stating that it's important and a priority. When is cabinet going to initiate the enactment of the *Official Languages Act*? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It has to be carefully planned out because it is indeed a priority. We need to have our staff who will be responsible for Inuktitut translations and bilingual staff have to be available.

At this current time, the departments that have a role are also trying to plan how

they will implement this legislation. Up to date, the planning has not been completed, so I cannot give you a date as to when it will be in force at this time. However, it's quite obvious that my fellow minister, the Minister of CLEY, as well as the government as a whole will keep the public informed as to where we're at.

Staff who are capable in Inuktitut as well as those capable in French and Inuinnaqtun will be increased in number to speed up this process. This is extremely important. We sometimes have to wait for the translation into Inuktitut or Inuinnaqtun. I can reiterate that this is being worked on.

The departments are working on plans that they have to submit to the Department of CLEY. At this current time, I don't know the individual status of the departments' plans, so I can't make a statement on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Your second supplementary, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Section 49 of Nunavut's *Official Languages Act* states that the Act will be enacted by order of the Commissioner. The Commissioner cannot make that order until cabinet decides on the date for the enactment of the *Official Languages Act*

The enactment of the *Inuit Language Protection Act* is already set. The *Education Act* also has dates, but the *Official Languages Act* is still in limbo. Section 49 of the *Official Languages Act* states that the Commissioner shall enact

the legislation once the cabinet has provided direction. I'm trying to ask the Premier when the cabinet will deal with the *Official Languages Act*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for asking these questions because they're very important to the people of Nunavut. I will be happier once the plans are completed by the departments. We will ensure, as we have always done from the beginning, this work is done. Once the plans are completed by the departments, as per their deadlines, and are submitted to us, we can then announce when they would come into force. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit West, Madam Ell.

Question 208 – 3(3): Conditions at Iqaluit Public Health Centre

Ms. Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was informed by some of my constituents about a concern they had with the public health centre. My question is directed to the Minister of Health and Social Services and it's regarding what they have heard about the overcrowding at the public health centre. They have quite a large number of employees. At present, they're holding a flu vaccination clinic. Could the minister tell us what he has heard on

that to this point? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ell. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question, I believe, is directed to the public health centre here in Iqaluit and the fact that there was an attempt to set it on fire. I heard about it, but I don't have all the details. My officials are supposed to inform me once they know about the details. It's not government property; we are leasing it. I did hear that an attempt was made to set fire to the building. Once I get more information, I will be able to speak to it, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. Your first supplementary, Ms. Ell.

Ms. Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister provide information as to whether the public health centre's operation is continuing uninterrupted? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ell. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I don't have any details whether this has slowed any services provided by the public health centre and if there were any issues related to that, I would have been informed.

With respect to the attempted arson, which was on the outside, around the porch area, once I have all the details, I will be able to say whether it impacted

the operations of the public health centre. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. Your second supplementary, Ms. Ell.

Ms. Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The building is quite old and we sometimes hear that it drips. There are concerns amongst the workers. Can the minister speak to the age or condition of this building? I believe it's one of the oldest buildings in Nunavut. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ell. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I agree with the member's comments about that building. What I can state is that we will have to look at the condition rating, but we don't deal with that directly. I will have to discuss that with the Department of Community and Government Services.

Buildings that are leased by the government are generally leased for a number of years and in that lease, it states who is responsible for the maintenance and any other issues related to maintenance. If there are any other issues that are unacceptable, I will first find out. I'm assuming that I will have to work with CGS to see how we can resolve these issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. Your final supplementary, Ms. Ell.

Ms. Ell (interpretation): We haven't heard much about the attempted arson. I don't think there's a security camera in

the building, although most government buildings have that. Will they do that now for the public health centre? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ell. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated just now, once I have received the details, I will be able to speak to it. If there are any recommendations to the security issues, I will have to discuss that with my colleague, the Minister of CGS, as to how to resolve that. Once we have received the report of the investigation, I will be able to report back to the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. Oral Questions. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Oshutapik.

Question 209 – 3(3): Funding for Elders

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of CLEY.

Up to today, our elders in nearly every community form our foundation. We rely on them whenever we want to find out about any issue and whenever there is anything we are not aware of. It's sometimes observable that when elders have to go somewhere or when they have to undertake an activity, even within the community, we are forcing them to do this without any funds.

On one hand, we say the elders are our foundation, but on the other hand, we're keeping them impoverished. I'm

wondering if there have been any plans so that this is no longer the case. We hear so much about plans and I wonder if that has been done as well so that there is adequate funding for elders in the future. Elders are our foundation and without them, none of us would be here.

It is a growing concern that elders are forced to use their own limited funds and fundraise for their initiatives. That's not very good to look at when we have the Department of CLEY that's supposed to look after those issues. Can the minister consider this aspect of funding for elders? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for being very protective of our elders. What he just stated is very true. We do have proposals available for elders and youth towards their activities. If they have a committee for their operations and a building and operating funds for it, we do accept proposals.

With respect to grants only for elders, we don't have any funds in CLEY for what he is specifically asking about. Of course, that is a very good thing to consider. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Your first supplementary, Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Are the communities made aware of the program that you mentioned? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Wherever we can, we provide that information through written materials, through the radio stations, and we try to provide information at the beginning of the year, at mid-year, and at the end of the fiscal year. We do have these proposals open all year long and we can provide more information. We try to use all the media available to us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Your second supplementary, Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You just stated that you have some funds available for operations and buildings. Not all communities have a building. In our community, the elders have a sod hut that they use and they have to heat it if they're going to use it in the winter. I feel that they're not being treated adequately.

You stated that there was funding available, so I will keep note of that. What are the limits of funding available to each community? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Oshutapik for his question. With respect to operations, they can apply to what they assume will be enough for the year.

We know that a lot of the elders don't have a building. If there is a building that has been made available for them, they can request funding for renovations. They can apply for operational funding and they can apply for as much as they feel is enough for their operations. I believe that proposals would be reviewed but not all of them would be funded. I believe it starts from \$1,000 to over \$20,000 or \$30,000. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Your final supplementary, Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for providing good replies. I will make this my last question. Now, elders don't have a lot of resources available, they don't operate like offices do, and most of them haven't gone through the school system. This causes difficulties for them. What about funding for a part-time worker? If we were to apply for that, would you make that funding available to us? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are no restrictions on hiring a worker. This could be included in their application for funding. Furthermore, the GN has started hiring government liaison officers in every community, so that could be a resource for our elders. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Oral Questions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Question 210 – 3(3): Update on Liquor Task Force

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Finance.

Well over a year ago, the liquor task force was established and had travelled across the territory trying to elicit suggestions to our *Liquor Act*. I'm just wondering if the minister could provide an update to that today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Elliott for the question. First of all, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the members of the task force for their time in undertaking this very important task for all of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I made a commitment that all communities in Nunavut would be visited. Unfortunately the task force has been delayed by weather and other reasons, and at this time, has not been able to get into all communities. They told me that they hope to get into all the communities this fall and I hope to have a report some time in the winter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for that response. I know the

minister himself has participated in some of those activities and I'm sure he has had reports back from the task force as to how it has been going in terms of the meetings. I'm just wondering: are there any emerging themes that seem to be coming up or suggestions that you feel will be put into this? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Elliott again for the question. Mr. Speaker, I have deliberately left the task force to be at arm's length from myself as the Minister of Finance, although I have attended three community meetings in Cambridge Bay, Grise Fiord, and Resolute Bay. There are quite a diverse number of opinions about liquor in Nunavut. Some people say, "Get rid of the liquor altogether," and others are saying, "Let's have more liquor stores." Some people say that we should have more rules to control alcohol.

It's going to be very difficult when the task force actually sits down and writes a report. When you have 25 communities, you can get 40 to 100 people in every community coming out to town hall meetings and you're talking to different groups throughout the community. There's quite a, as I said, diverse thought on what we should do about alcohol in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that's part of the reason why I was asking the questions in terms of it's your department that will be rolling up

everyone's opinions and putting them into a report that will hopefully be included and reflected in the legislation. Out of curiosity, just to sort of help establish a timeline: has a legislative proposal been completed for what's happening with this Act? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I thank Mr. Elliott for the question. Mr. Speaker, as I said, the Minister's Task Force on the Review of the *Liquor Act* is independent and at arm's length from myself and my officials, although we do provide some logistical support to the group. There is an organization that has been hired to work with them, to undertake all the travels, and to help them write the report. My staff and I won't be sitting down to help them write the report because, obviously, I would be accused of trying to water the report down or something.

There has been no legislative proposal developed yet. Initially I had hoped that the task force would get into all the communities within a year. It has proven to be quite a challenge. As everybody knows, when you're travelling in Nunavut, three regions and 25 communities, you've got weather problems, you've got airplane problems, and then you've got summers that people like to take off and go camping and fishing.

So we're hoping that we will get a report later this year or early in the New Year, and then we will go from there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With almost two years left in our term, when do you intend to introduce this bill in the House? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. Elliott again for the question. I know he's quite keen on seeing a new bill in the House. I do recognize the timelines. I can't say with any certainty when we would introduce a legislative proposal and start working on the legislation, if any. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Oral Questions. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

Question 211 – 3(3): Rethinking Support for Sports

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the minister responsible for sports and recreation programs, the Minister of CLEY.

In my earlier statement, I called upon the government to explore different options to support and fund sports across Nunavut.

Can the minister clearly describe how policies for selecting teams to represent Nunavut at the Arctic Winter Games are established? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank Mr. Ningeongan for keeping the youth in mind, which we all have to do. When it comes to the Arctic Winter Games, there is a process to select athletes and coaches. They are selected generally by territorial sports organizations. These selections are made by organizations, such as Hockey Nunavut, the Nunavut Soccer Association, and the Nunavut Badminton Association. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Your first supplementary, Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In my Member's Statement, I described the two different approaches that have been used to select teams to represent Nunavut at events, such as the Arctic Winter Games. One approach is to select the winning team from the territorial championships. The other approach is to select individual athletes to form a new Nunavut team. Can the minister clarify for this House the rationale for choosing one approach over the other? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I spoke to previously, the sports organizations make those decisions on the players and the coaches. That is still the process.

Furthermore, to date, we still use the same process, specifically in the regional trials, where they compete and assess each team. In the non-team individual sports, some individuals chosen are still picked from these tournaments. That has continued to be the practice to date. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Your second supplementary, Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In my view, the government could be more creative in expanding the opportunities for youth to participate in sports across Nunavut and to create more opportunities for teams and individuals to advance in their respective sports. Can the minister describe what consideration, if any, has been given to increasing the amount of support and funding for sport teams across Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Because he is a fellow Inuk, he can ask these questions in our language.

That is the way it is set up currently. When they're looking at representatives for the Arctic Winter Games, which will be in Whitehorse this upcoming spring, there are several trials coming up in February. Luckily the funds for operations of the Arctic Winter Games have been sufficient to date. They haven't requested any further funds since their operational funds are sufficient. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Your final supplementary, Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me speak in Inuktitut.

Will the minister commit to raising the issue of having two teams represent Nunavut? Based on my earlier comments with respect to the winning teams, they work together for many months and they practise really hard to prepare for the tournament. They put all their hard work and dedication into this.

The teams work really hard to fundraise to attend a tournament. Sometimes it seems all their efforts are for naught because less competitive players are taken out and they have to get new team members. So the winning team that had expected to represent the territory has their dreams crushed because some of members are replaced.

Can the minister consider, along with the bodies that he alluded to, the issue of having two teams represent Nunavut, one being the territorial champion team and one being a Nunavut all-star team? So maybe if they had a two-pronged approach, there would be many more young people participating in these winter games. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my esteemed colleague, Mr. Ningeongan. That is a very good suggestion to consider. However, to date, we still use

the practice that we have inherited with the regional sports bodies. I have faith in the regional sports organizations and in the teams that compete to win the regional trials. When the athletes come together to represent Nunavut, they're not representing a community but the territory in those winter games.

I can agree that this is something that we could consider. I cannot tell him for sure that this will be implemented for the upcoming winter games but perhaps in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Oral Questions. Member for Nattilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

Question 212 – 3(3): Support for Women's Shelters

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Usually we have a little fun on Fridays but not today. With Halloween just around the corner, it is becoming a time to get scared.

>>*Laughter*

I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health.

Yesterday we approved the capital budget towards the strategy. We also know that there is the *Family Abuse Intervention Act*. How are they going to support one another? If he can explain how that works. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your question. I wasn't able to respond to the question that was posed yesterday.

The funding is within Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs to start considering that. That responsibility was transferred to our department this spring. When that crime prevention program was transferred, it included the funding for that program. It was transferred from EIA to the Department of Health and Social Services. We will try to complete the comprehensive review of the crime prevention and healthy family initiatives by the end of this winter. This budget of \$177,000 was geared towards that.

The Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth had responded to some of your questions in regard to providing better support for elders. The departments have to work together, so I have to talk with the department's minister in regard to the alcohol abuse strategy. I know that we have been told that these are often late, but we need to have an action plan. Without such a plan, we cannot expend funds.

Why are we late, Mr. Speaker? The previous government was the cause for the delay. When we took this on, the mental health position was in Cambridge Bay. We weren't able to hire the director for four years since we work in a decentralized model. Mental health and addictions workers take care of family violence programs. That is why it is taking so long.

For those of us sitting over here, we are working on the action plan. I know that some people are impatient, but as the Auditor General had stated, we need an

action plan and a strategy in order to expend our funding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. Your first supplementary, Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Minister of Health and Social Services for the answers. Another question: how many facilities do you have in regard to women's shelters? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will try to give a bit more detail. Based on the information I have, I believe you had raised that question last year about the numbers and those numbers haven't changed much since then.

In the Kitikmeot, some of the facilities that used to be operated have been closed recently. I believe there used to be three in that region. The one in Taloyoak, I believe, has been closed. I will have to check into this later on. In the Kivalliq, there was one facility that operated out of Rankin Inlet. In the Baffin region, there were two facilities, with one here in Iqaluit and the other in Cape Dorset that received assistance to provide this service. In Cape Dorset, the hamlet had responsibility for social services and it was not a GN responsibility.

What I can state is that things are changing and I will be able to provide more details on the number of facilities

at a later date. At the end of September, the Hamlet of Cape Dorset transferred their social services responsibilities back to the Department of Health and Social Services as they were unable to keep up with all the demands. I will have to check into this and once I have those details, I can get back to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. Your second supplementary, Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I look forward to the answers. I'm just wondering how many shelters are open in Nunavut. Another question: what amount of funding is used to operate the shelters in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let us be aware that the shelters are operating in Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, and Cambridge Bay. I believe the one in Cambridge Bay has room for four. If you include all of them and if you look at Iqaluit, to the end of 2010, operating funds totalled \$1 million. In the Rankin Inlet shelter, they used \$250,000 based on their budget. In Cambridge Bay, they used \$85,000. In Taloyoak, they had expended \$110,000 for the 2010 fiscal year. At this time, I don't have the details for the current year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. Your final supplementary, Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for replying

fully. While the funding is also for implementing the family violence programs, will there be consideration to open more facilities in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated previously, the plans for healthy families, I believe, will be introduced near the end of December. We have made a lot of progress as a government. This working document is progressing and it includes plans on the budget.

My expectations are that we will use shelters less. We want to see healthy families and healthy lifestyles. We have to keep talking about crime and violence in every community in all of Nunavut. If we could keep the number of shelters down, it would be much better. Once we have introduced the report, we will be able to show what we are trying to accomplish in terms of crime prevention and preventing violence at home. We should not just be run by reacting to crime. I think we have to keep encouraging healthy families and try to focus on the priorities of being in a healthy relationship.

The government cannot deal with this issue alone. We have to include church bodies. Perhaps if we were to turn to ourselves and to our communities to try to fix our lifestyles, it would be much easier because every person has a choice as to how they live their lives. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

Question 213 – 3(3): “Solution Box” on Government Website

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Mr. Speaker, recently I was on the Government of Nunavut’s website and I have noticed something that I haven’t seen there before. There was a new icon called the “Solution Box.” Can the minister explain when this solution box was added and its purpose? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I haven’t seen that icon. (interpretation ends) I’ll take that as notice (interpretation) so that I can take a look at it. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. The question has been taken as notice. Moving on. Oral Questions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Question 214 – 3(3): Electronic Health Records

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Health and Social Services, the Hon. Tagak Curley. They’re in regard to Return to Oral Question 158 – 3(3), Emergency Preparedness at Nunavut

Health Centres. The question that I had asked was based around the electronic health records and what was in place in case of a territory-wide communications failure like there was this past month. I was happy to note that there is redundancy in the system to be able to allow health care workers to access our records.

In part of the answer, it talked about multiple site disaster recovery for health care data storage in the electronic health record. I’m just wondering: for the information that is stored in terms of privacy and the information about individuals within the territory, where is that information stored? By the sounds of it, it sounds like they’re stored in different locations. Is that information stored in one specific location or in different locations? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A very important question and I think the member deserves a proper response. I will contact my officials to see whether or not we can update my response to the member that I stated before. Once I have that information, I’ll make further announcements before too long. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. Your first supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister did not take my question as notice, so I’ll continue along with the same line of questioning. Specifically, is the information stored within Nunavut or

is it stored outside of the territory as well? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Without infringing on the privacy of an individual and whatnot of where the person's particular medical record may be stored, I will consider the question and provide that information when I do so when it's available. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I think everyone across the territory has the right to know where our personal information is stored, whether it's on a server, in a GN facility here within the territory, or whether it's in a GN facility in Ottawa or Toronto or any location across Canada. That information and researching different companies of where information is stored, it's amazing sometimes where our personal information ends up, sometimes in Japan and sometimes in China. So out of curiosity, I was just curious and would like to know.

My next question is: in terms of the security for our private and personal information, what types of security protocols does Health and Social Services have in place to guarantee that our information is kept safe? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the member knows quite well that we are guided by federal and territorial privacy laws, and so on. I think these are quite well respected. I'm not 100 percent clear whether he is referring to electronic records or local data information about that. Maybe if he clarifies the question, it will form part of my response to him when I do make a statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. Could you clarify your question, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. I was specifically speaking about electronic records. Otherwise, I figured I would be called out of order because I would have been changing the way I was asking questions. I was specifically talking about electronic health records. I specifically wanted to know because I'm well aware of the privacy policy information within the health centres and how people are not allowed to access our private information in terms of communication individually.

I'm talking about the specific handling of electronic files across the territory and what protocols are put in place. Again, this would be pretty technical in terms of what types of firewalls, what types of security passwords, and who has access to those passwords because, again, we're talking about our private information, probably at multiple sites, whether it's in the home community, in Iqaluit, in Ottawa or Winnipeg or Edmonton, where health care is taken care of for individuals in our territory. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott.
Minister of Health and Social Services,
Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A very important question. I can assure the member that the government does take all security questions seriously. We work with CGS on these very complex technology issues and they have particular sort of very well established protocols in place. When I do make a statement, we will probably indicate exactly how the whole electronic health information system operates. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley.
Your final supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My final question in regard to that handing of information, the minister sort of alluded to that. If I could find out: when we're talking about computer systems, electronic records, and the handing of that information, is it just Health and Social Services, that specific department that is responsible and is required to handle our private confidential electronic health information, or is other government departments involved in that process, whether it would be CGS or any other department within the government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott.
Minister of Health and Social Services,
Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to provide the information to the member properly, but I think he should know that the whole government coordinates if there are any

interdepartmental questions that are involved, including the Department of Justice or whatnot. Our officials always make sure that they contact various levels of government to ensure that all protocols are followed. It's not just one client department like health with respect to information technology that we're contacted. Precautions are taken. I can assure the member that proper protocols are followed, including coordination with all the other departments, if they are affected. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. Members will note that the time for question period has expired. We will move on in 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. Responses to Petitions. Item 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 119 – 3(3): Annual Report on the Administration of the Government of Nunavut's Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the Period April 11, 2009 to March 21, 2010

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I am pleased to table the Annual Report on the Administration of the Government of Nunavut's *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy*

Act for the Period April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Tabling of Documents. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

**Tabled Document 120 – 3(3):
Correspondence from the Hamlet
of Coral Harbour Re: Electoral
Boundaries Commission**

**Tabled Document 121 – 3(3):
Correspondence from the Hamlet
of Chesterfield Inlet Re: Proposed
Changes to the Chesterfield Inlet
Constituency**

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table two letters today. The first letter is from the Hamlet Council of Coral Harbour. The second letter is from the Hamlet Council of Chesterfield Inlet regarding the Electoral Boundaries Commission's recommendations. Both letters indicate support for the status quo on our current electoral boundaries. I plan on reading the letters at the Committee of the Whole today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Tabling of Documents. Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

**Tabled Document 122 – 3(3):
Transportation of Dangerous
Goods Annual Report 2009-2010**

**Tabled Document 123 – 3(3):
Transportation of Dangerous
Goods Annual Report 2010-2011**

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two documents that I want to table. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table the Transportation and Dangerous Goods Annual Report for 2009-2010 and also the other report of 2010-11. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

**Tabled Document 124 – 3(3): F/P/T
Ministerial Report on the
Aboriginal Affairs Working
Group in Ottawa, Ontario April
18 to 19, 2011**

**Tabled Document 125 – 3(3): 2009-
2010 Annual Report on the State
of Inuit Culture and Society**

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I am pleased to table the F/P/T Ministerial Report on the Aboriginal Affairs Working Group in Ottawa, Ontario April 18 to 19, 2011.

I would also like to table the 2009-2010 Annual Report on the State of Inuit Culture and Society. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

**Tabled Document 126 – 3(3): GN
Grants and Contributions 2010-
2011**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the GN Grants and Contributions 2010-2011. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Curley.

**Tabled Document 127 – 3(3): Chief
Medical Officer of Health’s 2010
Tobacco Control Act Annual
Report**

**Tabled Document 128 – 3(3): Nunavut
Tobacco Reduction Framework
for Action Titled “Tobacco Has No
Place Here” for 2011-2016**

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I am pleased to table the Chief Medical of Health’s 2010 *Tobacco Control Act* Annual Report.

The second document, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table today is the Nunavut Tobacco Reduction Framework for Action titled “Tobacco Has No Place Here” for 2011-2016. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. 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.

Bills 14 and 22 with Mr. Ningeongan in the Chair.

Before we proceed, we will take a short 10-minute break.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 11:03 and
Committee resumed at 11:23*

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

Chairman (Mr. Ningeongan) (interpretation): Good late morning. We now have quorum and we can proceed with the meeting. I would like to call the committee meeting to order. In Committee of the Whole, we have the following items to deal with: Bills 14 and 22. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We would like to complete the review of Bill 14 and we will proceed to review Bill 22. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Are we in agreement that we first deal with Bill 14?

Some Members: Agreed

**Bill 14 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Capital) Act, No.
2, 2011-2012 – Consideration in
Committee**

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. As that is the case, Minister Peterson, I would like to ask if you would like to

have officials with you at the witness table.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to have officials with me. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Are we in agreement to bring in the witnesses?

Some Members: Agreed

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses in.

Thank you. Minister Peterson, for the record please introduce your witness.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My witness is Mr. Chris D'Arcy, Deputy Minister of the Department of Finance. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. I welcome your witness. Yesterday we didn't conclude Bill 14 and we were in the supplementary appropriation on page 4. Department of Finance. (interpretation ends) Not Previously Authorized. Centrally Administered Funds. Total Centrally Administered Funds. \$850,000. (interpretation) Are there any further questions?

I have to apologize to the Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College. While I was asking questions yesterday, I had said stimulator when I was supposed to say simulator and I apologize to the minister. (interpretation ends) I can attempt to stimulate the minister to give me a better answer, maybe.

>> *Laughter*

(interpretation) Thank you. I don't think there are any questions as I have no names on my list. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Page 4. (interpretation ends) Total Department. \$850,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We can now go to page 5. (interpretation ends) Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Not Previously Authorized. Total Culture and Heritage. \$6,480,000. (interpretation) Are there any questions on that line item? Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wish to welcome Minister Peterson and Mr. D'Arcy. The \$6,480,000 is going to be removed from the Nunavut Heritage Centre line item. I would like to ask: in the short-term future, will this fund be reallocated back to this line item? We really need the Nunavut Heritage Centre in Iqaluit to house our resources. Will we have to start from scratch within the Department of CLEY? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. I apologize. I didn't realize that the wording was stated as being returned. Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk, for identifying that. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Tapardjuk for the question. Mr. Chairman, the government

would have to start over again. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you. With that excluded, this will mean that there are no funds set aside for the Nunavut Heritage Centre, although this government has already spent a large sum at the planning stage.

Will Iqaluit still be the location as per the previous decision or will the government now have to conduct another study on which community would be best suited for a heritage centre? Will this require another study? As he stated, we would have to start over again. So with the past decision to choose Iqaluit as the location and with the deletion of this funding, does this mean that Iqaluit is no longer the choice? I would like the minister to clarify that first, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Tapardjuk for the question. Mr. Chairman, it's our understanding and belief that the land that was identified as part of what's called a capital district would likely still be available. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): It was previously identified that Iqaluit would be the location and the government approved it. There has been a report announced in the Legislative Assembly

that Iqaluit would indeed be the place. My question is: the fact that Iqaluit was identified as the location, has that been removed as well? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I again thank Mr. Tapardjuk for the question. Mr. Chairman, to my knowledge, there has been no discussions to change the future location from Iqaluit. We haven't had those discussions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. Are there any further questions? I will read it again. (interpretation ends) Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Not Previously Authorized. Total Culture and Heritage. -\$6,480,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Total Department. -\$6,480,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Go to page 6. (interpretation ends) Community and Government Services. Not Previously Authorized. (interpretation) There are three items for Capital Planning. -\$1,781,000. (interpretation ends) Petroleum Products Division. Total Petroleum Products Division. (interpretation) -\$25,000. Down at the bottom, (interpretation ends) Total Department. (interpretation) -\$1,806,000. Not Previously Authorized.

Are there any questions? I don't see any show of hands. I'll go through it one last time. (interpretation ends) Community and Government Services. Not Previously Authorized. Capital Planning. Total Capital Planning. (interpretation) - \$1,781,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Just underneath that, (interpretation ends) Petroleum Products Division. Total Petroleum Products Division. (interpretation) -\$25,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Down at the bottom, (interpretation ends) Total Department. (interpretation) -\$1,806,000. Do you agree? You didn't seem very enthusiastic about that one.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Go to page 7. Economic Development and Transportation. Capital. Transportation. Not Previously Authorized. (interpretation ends) Total Transportation. \$4 million. (interpretation) Are there any questions? I see no show of hands. I'll go through it again. Economic Development and Transportation. Not Previously Authorized. Total Transportation. \$4 million. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Down at the bottom, (interpretation ends) Total Department. \$4 million. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. It's nice to hear enthusiastic responses. Go back to page 2. (interpretation ends) Schedule 1. Capital. Capital Appropriation. -\$3,436,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): I don't believe there were any questions. Go to Bill 14 in your white binders. We need to go through it clause by clause. I think Bill 14 is in front of you. (interpretation ends) Bill 14, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2011-2012*. Clause 1. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed

Chairman: Clause 2. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed

Chairman: Clause 3 (interpretation) and the Schedule on page 2. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed

Chairman: Clause 4. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed

Chairman: Clause 5. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed

Chairman: Clause 6. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed

Chairman: Clause 7. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Are we agreed to Bill 14 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed

Chairman (interpretation): Pursuant to Rule 62(2), are we agreed that Bill 14 can be placed on the orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson, do you have any closing remarks?

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank yourself and the members of the Committee of the Whole for your excellent questions the last couple days. I would like to thank my cabinet colleagues for being in attendance both days to answer any detailed questions at the Committee of the Whole, as I asked.

I would also like to thank my staff at the Department of Finance for working hard on preparing these documents. Finally, I would like to thank my Deputy Minister of Finance for appearing as a witness yesterday and today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson and your deputy minister. Thank you for concluding to this point. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses out.

Chairman (Mr. Enook)(interpretation): We can now proceed. At this time, we will deal with Bill 22. I would like to ask the Speaker of the House to make an appearance and please escort him to the witness table, Sergeant-at-Arms.

(interpretation ends) Thank you. Mr. Speaker, do you wish to bring witnesses to the witness table?

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Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do.

Chairman (interpretation): Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses in.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, please introduce your witnesses.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It gives me great pleasure today to introduce the officials that are here with me from Elections Nunavut. To my right is Ms. Sandy Kusugak, the Chief Electoral Officer for Elections Nunavut, and to my left is Mr. Patrick Orr, who is the Legal Counsel for Elections Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Welcome to the both of you. Mr. Speaker, do you have opening remarks and, if you do, please proceed. Thank you.

Speaker: 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 22, *An Act*

Respecting the Constituencies of Nunavut.

As members will recall, the Legislative Assembly passed a motion at its sitting of October 25, 2010 to establish an independent electoral boundaries commission, pursuant to the *Nunavut Elections Act*. The members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission were the Hon. Justice Ted Richard, Mr. Kirt Ejesiak, and Mr. Gordon Main.

Given the unique circumstances of our jurisdiction, the challenge of ensuring fair and effective representation for our residents in their legislature is not an easy one. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for their hard work, comprehensive report, and thoughtful recommendations.

The report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission was publicly released in June of this year and formally tabled in this House on September 28, 2011, along with the commission's addendum of August 8, 2011.

As required by section 28 of the *Nunavut Elections Act*, the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer has prepared a bill to implement the recommendations of the Electoral Boundaries Commission concerning the number, names, and boundaries of our constituencies. The bill that is before members today establishes 22 constituencies in Nunavut, the names and boundaries of which reflect the recommendations in the commission's report. These constituencies will take effect at the next general election.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer for her innovative approach to modernizing the authoritative legal descriptions of our constituencies through the provision of digital maps.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind members that the process for reviewing the boundaries of constituencies was amended earlier this year through the Legislative Assembly's passage of Bill 12. As members will recall, the *Nunavut Elections Act* was amended to start the regular 10-year adjustment in 2022. Lots of two's. This change will enhance the predictability of the redistribution cycle. The timing of the establishment of the next boundaries commission will enable it to utilize the results of the 2021 national census.

As members are aware, the size of our legislature has remained unchanged since the creation of the territory in 1999. I believe that it is important to note that if the Legislative Assembly approves the passage of the bill that is before us today, the related adjustments that we have approved to the redistribution cycle are such that by the time that the next electoral boundaries commission is established, our legislature's size will have experienced only one change in approximately a quarter of a century.

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

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before we proceed with the

clause-by-clause review of Bill 22, I would like to remind members that we have proposed motions to this bill and they are in front of you in the blue binders. These motions will be brought up at the appropriate time. At this time, before we proceed with Bill 22, are there any questions or general comments from members? Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank you for being provided this opportunity. I recently spoke on these two issues during our meeting and I had tabled correspondence. I will be reading the correspondence and it would be preferable if copies were handed out. These are copies of the letters I received from the hamlet councils of Chesterfield Inlet and Coral Harbour.

Mr. Chairman, for clarity, I would like to tell you that this is not only coming from me personally. This bill was scrutinized and after reporting on this issue, I requested feedback from Chesterfield Inlet and Coral Harbour residents on their thoughts on the findings and that would be the foundation on which I would make my official position. Now that they have communicated their positions, I will be reading them word for word. I believe you are just getting copies now.

This is from the Hamlet Council of Coral Harbour. In English, it reads:

(interpretation ends) "Re: Electoral boundary commission.

Dear Johnny,

On behalf of the Hamlet Council of Coral Harbour and the community, this

letter is to inform you that we are not in support of the proposed electoral boundary which purpose is to add three more members to the legislative assembly.

We know that Nunavut Government is not doing well financially to be able to accommodate three more members. Our question to the Government, how confident do they feel it will better benefit communities? Does the Government feel that the current boundary is not benefiting communities as well as it should by proposing to add three more members?

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Kind Regards,

Dorothy Ningeocheak
Mayor of Coral Harbour"

(interpretation) That's the first correspondence and the second one is from the hamlet council. It's addressed to me and it's in regard to the (interpretation ends) proposed changes to the Chesterfield Inlet constituency.

"Hi Johnny,

The Hamlet Council discussed the proposed changes to the riding of Chesterfield Inlet and we would like to express that we are not in favour of this proposal. Residents and Council would like the Chesterfield Inlet/Coral Harbour Nanulik Riding to remain as it is.

Also adding new constituency offices in Nunavut will mean more dollars spent, we are not in favour of this also. The additional offices proposed will add to a

lot to the current budget that the Government has to work with. The current riding has worked for us, and we believe it will continue to work for us. Please consider the concerns this community has and we hope to hear a positive response.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Harry Aggark
Mayor
Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet"

Mr. Chairman, I just want to state for the record that I was extremely pleased to be given directions from my constituents to represent them today. Had I not received these letters, I would probably be debating within myself, but given that I have been given the grounds to pursue the way of hamlet councils' of Coral Harbour and Chesterfield Inlet letters. Therefore, I will stand to vote against the recommended electoral boundary that was done by the commission.

(interpretation) I hope I was clear on my position on the matter. (interpretation ends) *Qujannamiik*, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Mr. Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know that this is a very important topic and one that needs to be debated. However, I just want to say that we put the electoral boundaries into place and tasked them with a very important job that they went out and did. I respect them very much for consulting with all Nunavutmiut and coming back with the recommendations that they did.

As MLA for Arviat, I have heard from my constituents. I have also heard recommendations that were made at the Electoral Boundaries Commission meeting that was held there. I have also met with the hamlet and council of Arviat. They're all in support of this Bill 22 and having another MLA in Arviat. Arviat is the fastest growing community in Nunavut. The present population is nearing 3,000 people. It's felt by all of the community that we need to have fair representation in the Legislative Assembly.

So by voicing these thoughts and the concerns of the people of Arviat, and again, respecting the boundaries commission, and in lieu of Nunavut growing as a whole, and the timelines that we have faced in front of us about visiting this again into the future, which would be a long time, I will be supporting the bill in its original state, as it is right now. I am very proud to do so and I thank the commission for their hard work. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One of the things I would like to make abundantly clear is I agree 100 percent with what the Member from Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove had said yesterday when he spoke to the principle of the bill in terms of the quality of the report and the good work that the commission has done, and echoed by many other ministers. I am not disputing the quality of the report. The lines which have been set up for boundaries, I am not disputing any of that.

I'm not making extra work or adding anything to the bill other than the actual date that it comes into force. My suggestion, which will come through my motion, is to postpone this until a later date when the territory, as the member from Nanulik's communities have pointed out, is more financially able to handle three new MLAs and the costs incurred with that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Although I do have comments on this bill, before I do that, I would like to say that pursuant to our Rule 45(2)(a), I move that we remain in Committee of the Whole until we are finished with Bill 22 here today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. The motion is in order. It is not debatable. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Did you want to make a comment? Mr. Rumbolt, please.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess before I start, I should state for the record that I put this motion into the House to put Bill 22 into Committee of the Whole because I'm a member of the MSB board, but I still have the right to vote either way on this bill.

Mr. Chairman, being from the only riding that was not affected by this commission, it puts me in kind of a little bit of an awkward situation. I was thinking that because of that reason, maybe I should not have to vote on this,

but as I thought it through, this is something that affects the whole of Nunavut, so I feel that my vote on this will count. Having said that the riding of Hudson Bay wouldn't be affected, the commission did take it upon itself to move the boundaries of Hudson Bay further out into Hudson Bay to give Arviat more space to go on the waters.

Mr. Chairman, I respect all the fine and hard work done by the commission on this task. I think they did a lot of good work. A lot of hard work went into this. It was no easy task. I also respect all the input from affected communities to help the commission come to their conclusions. I also respect all my colleagues here today who are voicing their reasons why or why not the boundaries commission's findings should or should not be accepted here today. I also realize that Nunavut has a growing population and a need for more MLAs to represent our growing population may be a reality, but I'm just not sure if that reality is now or in the future.

Mr. Chairman, there is also the cost factor of increasing the number of MLAs. I hear that the O&M cost for new MLA positions will cost the government over \$1 million a year plus the added cost of renovations to this building to accommodate new MLAs because of the lack of space. With the costs associated with this bill, a couple questions come to mind. Given the financial situation of this government, do we need to add extra costs to our government? Could this \$1 million a year be better spent to serve the people of Nunavut better?

I guess in closing, the question remains how I will vote here today. In the short

term, I thought about the financial situations of Nunavut and hopefully those financial situations can be overcome in the near future. I think, for the better of Nunavut in the long term, I will vote in favour of this motion today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a very important day here that is going to affect and change the structure and face of Nunavut. It is very difficult to take this in, not because I don't have the ability, but in a sense, the work has been done. There have been mechanisms in place in order to ensure that the people of Nunavut were able to voice their concerns. The Electoral Boundaries Commission advertised through all kinds of media to get people to provide their input.

If this bill goes through, my community won't be able to have effective representation for a number of years, for a long time. Baker Lake is growing. We're expanding just as much as any other community. During this time, Baker Lake won't be able to have fair and equal representation because of the large number of population growth too with the economic use of natural resources.

I understand that the people of Baker Lake had an opportunity to be informed by way of media, television, radio, posters, and advertisements. Just like anybody in Nunavut, the community had an opportunity to voice their issues and concerns. Though I do appreciate the growth of Nunavut, I have spoken to several people back in Baker Lake, quite

a number actually, and I think the realization is that with the proposed boundaries, there's a question I have to ask.

It's no slight or disrespect to my colleagues in the Kivalliq, but in the electoral boundaries' proposal, the map shown for L19 for Rankin Inlet North, the boundary crosses way into Baker Lake lands. In fact, even more so than our own community, we have the Kazan River and those traditional hunting area grounds which will greatly affect our community in terms of land title, use, and partnerships. This is going to drastically change the face of Nunavut and Baker Lake will be impacted in such a way that it appears we're losing a lot of our boundary.

I don't know how the Electoral Boundaries Commission decided that Rankin Inlet North/Chesterfield Inlet's proposed area exceeds its boundaries way into Baker Lake. With this, I know for a fact that my community has had a chance to voice its concerns, but this decision is up in the air for me. I support Nunavut in expanding, but as well, with the fiscal restraints, people are questioning how we can continue to spend when we have financial troubles in Nunavut, which is why I kind of said earlier on in my statement, Mr. Chairman, that it's a very difficult choice for me.

Baker Lake will need another MLA very soon and, if this passes through, we're going to have to wait for a long time. At the same time, the gist of what I'm saying, Mr. Chairman, is the people of Baker Lake have difficulty with having to have the boundary changed for our riding. So at this point, I'm not prepared

to make a statement as to whether I'll be for or against.

So with this, Mr. Chairman, I just want to state that there are residents of Baker Lake rather very confused as to how our boundaries can be lost to the south of Baker Lake. It's a very vast riding that Rankin Inlet North would be taking up from our own boundaries.

So with this, I can't state that I will be for or against at this time. I think it's very important that the people of Baker Lake understand that this changes the whole landscape and boundary. I do have a problem with the extended boundary for my colleagues in the east from the coastal area. We, as mainlanders, will be losing a lot of our riding. This land is very traditional to us. We have the Harvaqtuuq/Kazan people and that area has traditionally and always has been Baker Lake, but we do share the land with our fellow Kivallirmiut. I find it very troubling that we have lost a lot of that boundary to the south of Baker Lake.

With this, it's just very difficult to determine my present vote at this time. I just wanted to make a statement for the people of Baker Lake on behalf of Baker Lake for the record that there is an opportunity for their voices to be heard. At this point, I'm not fully prepared to vote for or against. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Mr. Speaker, did you want to make a comment? Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to clarify a couple of questions that the Member for Baker Lake had, I think

he indicated that he thought if this goes ahead, they would have to wait a long time before the next electoral boundaries commission was formed. Regardless of whether this goes or not, the next electoral boundaries commission is not until 2022. So our decision today on this bill doesn't affect when the next electoral boundaries commission will be struck.

As far as his concern regarding the rationale for changing the boundaries for the constituencies, the Electoral Boundaries Commission is an independent body with a mandate to provide recommendations for the Legislative Assembly's consideration. I believe that the report that has been in the public domain since June basically speaks for itself. As far as his concerns, I think the other important thing to remember is that I would assume that these boundaries are for election purposes only. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: *Qujannamiik*, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to make a brief comment. First of all, I would like to thank the commission. The hamlet was asked if they would like to see the Electoral Boundaries Commission come to their community. Although the Igloolik Hamlet Council and the Hall Beach Hamlet Council were late, it was good to have the commission listen to the residents of Igloolik and Hall Beach. I thank the commission for coming to my communities of Igloolik and Hall Beach.

If we look at Igloolik and Hall Beach, the population is 2,421 and they have one MLA. If you look at the population of all the other electoral boundaries, it was thought that Igloolik and Hall Beach will require another MLA. I thank the commission for doing their work and putting the request made by the two communities. I'll be supporting the bill.

In Aggu, which used to be an outpost camp but few people are living there now, I'm sure the outpost camp would be populated again in the future. If that didn't change, the MLA from Kugaaruk would have represented the outpost camp from Igloolik. That has been rectified. If there was an outpost camp in the Aggu area, they will now be part of Igloolik. I would like to thank the commission again and I am satisfied with the boundary lines. I just wanted to make that comment.

My constituents have directed me to vote in favour of this for good reason, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Ms. Ell.

Ms. Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we started discussing the electoral boundaries, I had to make a decision. First of all, why, when we have three ridings in Iqaluit, do we need to have four ridings? I thought about this for a long time.

During the consultation of the electoral boundaries, the commission was very receptive and visited nine communities. I'm sorry that there was a low turnout in Iqaluit back on January 11, 2011. The meeting was open to the public. I would like to thank Justice J.E. Richard, Kirt

Ejesiak, and Gordon Main for a job well done. They gave us documents, informational items, and we were able to provide feedback on their boundary commission questions.

Based on the estimated population growth numbers for 2010, our population estimate was 7,054 residents and it is obvious that the population has grown since. Back in 1999, although I'm not reading off any documentation to back it up, I believe our population was a little over 3,000. Our population has doubled since that time.

If we are to wait another 10 years, with the population growth being the greatest here in Iqaluit, it is apparent that at this current rate, the ratio of residents to MLAs will not work with only three representatives if we don't approve this electoral boundaries recommendation. Even if we extrapolate the current rate, if we look at 2022, there is no way to know. The population is close to 10,000 residents and perhaps it will reach 20,000.

I'll switch to English to read a passage in the report. (interpretation ends) The main issues confronting the commission could be summarized as follows: the present configuration of 19 constituencies does not appear to comply with every citizen's charter guarantee of effective representation in the legislature, in particular, relative parity of voting power.

(interpretation) With that in mind, the ratio by which the people need to be represented, I will draw your attention to such issues as the lack of housing. During the consultation, nobody said

that they're going to start working on the shortage of housing.

People in Iqaluit are aware that nobody approached me to oppose this. However, I received a correspondence from the City of Iqaluit, which wants me to support this bill, and they wanted the ridings' names changed. I had to consider a lot of information. For that reason, I will be in support of this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ell. To remind members, I am just the Chairman. Are there any other general comments? Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you. With respect to this report submitted by the commission, I want to start by expressing my appreciation for its hard work.

Under page 18 of the report, it states that where an MLA represents more than one community, the perception is that the community that the MLA is from gets better represented than the other community. In the future, MLAs will be asked to represent all of their communities equally. If they live in the other community, they have to ensure that they treat the other equally. This is what is written in this report and I appreciate the comments written for our benefit by the commission. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Does anyone else have comments? I have no more names on my list. (interpretation ends) Mr. Shewchuk, did you want to make a comment?

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Mr. Chairman, I'm not quite sure if this is the appropriate time to do this, but when we do vote on this, I would like to call for a recorded vote.

Chairman: Mr. Shewchuk, thank you and we will take that request. We're just trying to figure out exactly when will be best to do it.

Any other comments/questions?
(interpretation) I have no more names on my list. We will now proceed with the clause-by-clause review of the bill. I believe that you have a copy of Bill 22 in front of you.

(interpretation ends) There seems to be some members with the bill in front of them and others without. I am request that we take a 5- to 10-minute break to make sure that all of us have a copy of the bill. So we will be back in 10 minutes. Thank you.

>>Committee recessed at 12:18 and resumed at 12:27

Chairman (Mr. Ningeongan): Welcome back, committee members. Mr. Enook and I had agreed to switch chairs for a few more minutes. Mr. Enook wanted to be given a chance to comment on Bill 22 before we actually get into the vote and the clause by clause. So I will allow Mr. Enook to proceed. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am the member representing Tununiq, which is the community of Pond Inlet. I am honoured and proud to represent Pond Inlet here in this House.

Ever since I was elected, I have tried to ensure that I voice Pond Inlet's wishes, concerns, and beliefs. I have consulted with my constituents about this matter. They have provided me with a clear direction, Mr. Chairman, that they want me to present their comments and concerns about this work.

I concur with all the comments made by my colleagues as we totally respect the Electoral Boundaries Commission for carrying out a very difficult mandate. They worked hard to the best of their abilities. We are proud of them and we don't want to waste their hard work on this very important issue for our future.

Sometimes, for example, when we are voting on an issue, even though we know what kind of an outcome it will have, we want to speak to the principles of what we believe in. I will talk about my beliefs as well as those of the community of Pond Inlet. Although I have a bit of an expectation of what the outcome will be, for the record, I'm sure that if I needed to be reminded in the future, they can do so with respect to the kind of comments I made.

The Electoral Boundaries Commission did their work very wisely. We were elected in our communities because they look up to us. When we don't agree with that, does that make us unwise? I don't think so. I don't think that anybody should be called foolish because they didn't agree with an issue, as some members stated yesterday. I know that Nunavummiut want to have good representatives and we want to represent them very well.

I and the residents of Pond Inlet still don't believe how we can use \$1 million

annually. We will have to find that money. Where is it going to come from? The communities have needs and requests and they have been denied due to the lack of resources or funding time and again. Many people in society live in great poverty, but then we say that we can find \$1 million right away for three new MLAs.

Chairman (interpretation): Hold on, Mr. Enook. There is a point of order on the floor. I would like Mr. Curley to elaborate on his point of order. Mr. Curley.

Point of Order

Hon. Tagak Curley: Mr. Chairman, I would urge that my point of order is that it's imputed or one of the speakers may have inferred that either someone is not wise. In Inuktitut, it is quite clear. (interpretation) The comment was that someone was coined as being unwise. (interpretation ends) I think that is offensive to the House and I would ask the member to withdraw that statement. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Curley. Mr. Enook, if you understood the point of order and you disagree with it, I would like you to elaborate. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, I don't agree with that. Could you deal with that issue?

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. I'm sorry, my colleagues. As the Chair, Mr. Enook didn't mention a name in his comments, so we have to respect his expression of wisdom. So therefore, at this time, I find that there's

no point of order. Mr. Enook, please conclude your statement.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for clarifying that.

As I stated earlier, Nunavut communities and the residents are always in shortage of their needs that are very important. The majority of the time, we cannot approve their requests because of lack of funds. We always say that there's no funding. The money is not going to appear out of nowhere. I hope I can be respectful if I say that if we can come up with \$1 million for three additional MLAs, we would be congratulated. We want to represent our communities fully and I agree with that wholeheartedly.

At this time, I cannot support this bill. I agree with the intent, but the Minister of Finance keeps telling us to be prudent and that there's limited funding available. So how can we come up with \$1 million in a short period of time? So I won't be able to believe myself because the people in our communities work very hard due to lack of resources, but we can come up with \$1 million right away.

We can all represent people, we are very capable representatives, and we can work harder to represent our people if we want to. Mr. Chairman, for that reason, I will be voting against this bill. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. As the Chair, one doesn't want to be in favour of one side or another, so Mr. Enook and I will exchange seats.

When you come to the Chamber, please put your cell phones on silent mode. We're now going to exchange seats. Thank you.

Chairman (Mr. Enook)(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan, for giving me the opportunity to make general comments. I have no further names on my list for general comments. We will proceed with the clause-by-clause review of Bill 22. I'm sure everyone has a copy of Bill 22. Clause 1. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 2. Do you agree? Mr. Tapardjuk. (interpretation ends) Sorry.

Committee Motions

Committee Motion 005 – 3(3): Amendment to Schedule of Bill 22

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to move a motion to Bill 22. I move that the schedule to the bill be amended by:

- (a) striking out "Igloolik North" in part 1, Names of Constituencies, and replacing it with "Aggu"; and
- (b) striking out "Igloolik North" in part 2, Maps for Convenience of Reference, and replacing it with "Aggu."

That's my motion. I'll do that one first and then do the other motion afterwards.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. The motion is in order.

To the motion. All those in favour.
Opposed. The motion is carried. Thank you. Mr. Tapardjuk.

**Committee Motion 006 – 3(3):
Amendment to Schedule of Bill 22**

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to make a motion while we are in this committee. I move that the schedule of the bill be amended by:

- (a) striking out “Igloolik South” in part 1, Names of Constituencies, and replacing it with “Amittuq”;
- (b) striking out “Igloolik South” in part 2, Maps for Convenience of Reference, and replacing it with “Amittuq”

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour, raise your hand. Opposed. The motion is carried. Thank you.

At this time, I would like to recognize Mr. Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. While we are on this topic, I would like to raise a question to the Elections Nunavut officials.

Based on the names in the riding, it has an identifier, but it just states Rankin Inlet North. I believe that Chesterfield Inlet should be included, but I’m not sure if that was just a clerical error. Perhaps it will be better if I ask the question in English. (interpretation ends)

Is this a typo? Is it supposed to say “Rankin Inlet North and Chesterfield Inlet” and it was forgotten to be included as such? If I could get clarification on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kusugak. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission says “Rankin Inlet North.” That was the way that they presented it and that’s the way that the schedule was drafted based on the report. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: *Qujannamiik*, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to ask the officials. In my prior comments as to how the boundaries were established, specifically I’m referring to Baker Lake as well as the Rankin Inlet North boundaries, how was it determined as to the extent of each riding boundary? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We can’t answer that. It’s the Electoral Boundaries Commission that came up with those boundaries and the task that Elections Nunavut had was to draft up a bill based on the report that was provided to them by the Electoral Boundaries Commission. So we can’t answer that question on behalf of the commission. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: *Qujannamiik*, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) We will continue with the clause-by-clause review of Bill 22. Clause 2, as amended. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Clause 3. (interpretation ends) Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I had my hand up quite a while back and no one saw me. I was going to ask if we needed to correct the way the names are spelled. When can we have that opportunity to make changes? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Chairman: *Qujannamiik*, Madam Premier. Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As with any legislation, there is also always an opportunity to bring forward amendments at any time in the future once it has been passed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: *Qujannamiik*, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) We will continue. Clause 3. Do you agree? Mr. Elliott.

**Committee Motion 007 – 3(3):
Amendment to Clause 3 of Bill 22**

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Everyone should have a copy of the motion that I'm about to present.

Mr. Chairman, the motion is that clause 3 of the bill be amended by striking out "Third Legislative Assembly dissolves, but no earlier than six months after the day this Act receives assent" and

replacing it with "Fourth Legislative Assembly dissolves."

Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask for a recorded vote. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. (interpretation) To the motion. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to take the opportunity to speak towards my motion again. I have mentioned some of my comments in terms of why I'm putting forward the motion. Again I would like to state that for clause 1 and clause 2 of the bill, I'm in favour of what's being proposed and I'm in favour of the increase in terms of the good work that the Electoral Boundaries Commission has done through the Hon. Justice Ted Richard, Mr. Kirt Ejesiak, and Mr. Gordon Main.

In respect for Mr. Ningark, who is not here, as I represent three communities, I recognize how hard it is for him in being able to travel between two regions of Kugaaruk and Repulse Bay.

With that being said, in Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay, I am being told constantly and also during the review of the electoral boundaries, it was made clear to me that those two communities would love to have representation with a separate MLA because of the unique situation, much like what's in Sanikiluaq. The good people in Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay, I think, constantly are aware that the population does not warrant an MLA.

In terms of putting forward the motion that I'm putting forward and kind of pushing those aside and looking at it

from a different angle, I had spent most of the summer trying to think of a way of handling the situation.

When we were presented with the Electoral Boundaries Commission, like I had said, it's great. I'm sure if we go to every community and say, "Would you like to have another MLA?" Everyone would say, "Sure, I would love to have someone represent us," but at what price? In terms of three new MLAs representing, \$1.4 million in our O&M budget, this bill will see us go from 19 MLAs to 22.

What I would like to do in terms of making my intentions clear is the fact that we hear all the time and we had the Budget Address talking about tightening our belts, and we are really strapped for funding. This morning, we shifted money from a much needed heritage centre to help fund other projects. Again, a lot of times, we bounce back and forth between the needs that we have.

Over the summer, I watched globally and sort of watched to see what was happening in the United States. We seem to be following the same trend that they are in the sense that one of the things that they have done for years and years is increase their debt cap. We're talking about and contemplating the idea of increasing our debt cap. One of the other issues that they had was that their public service continues to grow and grow. Every year, when we are presented with new O&M main estimates, the public service does continue to grow.

We have been told, "We have a report. Let's not throw this one away." To that, I'm saying two things. With what I'm proposing with my motion, I'm not

saying, "Throw that work away." I'm not saying, "Redo the work." I'm just saying, "Postpone it until the next Assembly, when we're in a better financial situation to handle that."

The other part to that is we have many reports lying around. We have the Nunavut housing survey, which says we need close to 3,800 houses and we can't seem to find the money to build those houses right away, yet we get a report from the commission saying that we need to increase the number of MLAs and we are able to make the decision to find that money.

The other thing we're doing is we're telling our employees to work harder. We negotiate collective agreements and we're telling them that we don't have the money to increase wages and in reality, we don't. We don't have the money to continue to increase wages. As I mentioned before, we postponed the heritage centre by reallocating \$6 million to other projects.

When we approve this Act, what we're actually saying is that the Legislative Assembly budget will be increased by \$1.4 million annually in the coming Assembly. At the same time, it doesn't include the capital expenses to change our Legislative Assembly to accommodate 22 members. If you look around this building, you can see that we're kind of cramped both for space for MLAs and space for guests when they come to watch.

In terms of where this money will come from, we all know that it will come from other programs. It will come from other departments to help cover what we are about to decide today. Again, I'm not

saying, "Throw away the good work of the commission." I'm not saying, "Don't add new MLAs where legislated." I'm just saying, "Let's postpone it for the next Assembly."

We've had our Premier talk about devolution and the potentials that are there for devolution once it comes online. We have O&M and PYs for seven people working towards devolution.

We've had our Minister of ED&T talk about the potential of jobs and revenue with mines and the revenue coming to the territory through that.

We've had the Minister of Environment talk about the proper management of our wildlife harvesting, coupled with opening new markets for the sale of these products as well as the fishing industry and the growth potential there.

We've had the Minister of Health and Social Services come before us and talk about streamlining services following the Auditor General of Canada's report and streamlining finances there, which will translate into incredible savings for us.

We've had the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation come before us and say that with their new financial practices and the new board, there will be cost savings there.

We've had the Minister of Community and Government Services come before us and talk about the better planning of capital projects and the cost savings there.

What does this mean to us? We're on the verge of a huge potential for saving money and increased income.

With my motion, all I'm saying is we're not there yet. We have everything in place for a brighter future. I'm saying I feel that we are in a very good position to move forward, but there are going to be a few tight years. As the Minister of Finance has said, "We need to tighten our belts and be prudent with the funding that we have." I think our budgets will be stretched very thin for the next couple of years and I think we need to think ahead. I want money allocated to programs for my constituents, not for new MLAs.

Again I want to explain what I'm proposing. I'm proposing that we agree with what the commission report is saying. I'm saying that we say the good work done by everyone in the commission has not been done in vain. I'm saying, "Let's accept this bill with the motion to put it forward." I'm saying that 22 members are warranted, but we don't have the financial resources at this time to handle it. With everything that's in place and working towards a vibrant future and working towards the *Tamapta* Action Plan in the next Assembly, we will be ready to handle this. That's what I'm saying, Mr. Chairman.

What I'm proposing is to defer the start date of this, to move it to the Fifth Legislative Assembly at a cost savings, at that time, of about \$6 million, and do this when our territory is more financially sound. To me, this is fiscal responsibility. It is the logical course of action. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. To the motion. Mr. Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Indeed, I think we all understand that here on this earth, life is not perfect and we cannot wait for everything to be laid out before we start on it.

Here in Nunavut, our people have a fairly hard life and I think we are all aware of that. Our ancestors depended on animals and they had to survive in one of the harshest climates. They could not wait for the weather to become nice and warm. They didn't procrastinate by waiting for better weather as they had to survive. There were times where circumstances did lead to easier times, but we don't have that kind of choice in living here.

One of my analogies is that one can have fun putting together a jigsaw puzzle since you don't have to make any pieces. All you do is find the right part and put it together. However, some of us also make jigsaw puzzles with no intent to play the game. By that, I mean that the Second Assembly's electoral boundaries commission was given a mandate. Their original report was deferred since some of the recommendations were not conducive to implementation and their recommendations were not in line with their mandate.

Another reason for this deferral was due to the wording of the motion put forward by the previous Speaker, that it should be deferred or to not approve the report of the commission by way of this motion to strike out the Third Legislative Assembly and to replace it with the fourth. We should have thought of that

during our debate and maybe we should not have even established a commission and waited until the Fourth Assembly for a boundaries commission. With that, I would like to say that we have already deferred it.

Some Nunavutmiut know that we have to strengthen this Assembly and we need further support by increasing the number of members. One of the reasons is that there are people out there who are in dire straits. It is said that the government has too much power with respect to contracts or that hamlets are delegated more responsibility because businesses are disappearing. We need more legislators who can bring new ideas to the table for the future of Nunavut.

Many people disagree with only government employees getting to do all the work. That is why, and I can say this myself, we need further support. We have no roads going into the communities and very few people make comments or voice their concerns. If we increase the number of representatives here, I think it would make it a lot easier. Possibly some of them will become ministers.

When anything to do with the government is blamed... For example, as the minister, I said that if there was a board set up, funding would be much better. I think that I have to clarify that point. There were financial experts in the communities outside the Nunavut Housing Corporation, but some of them couldn't be assigned to fill vacant positions and that became one of the reasons why we faltered. There was not enough financial information within the previous housing corporation.

We're in a better position now, even though we didn't increase the number of positions but filled the vacant positions. I don't know if having a board is going to increase revenue, but I know that scrutiny of the housing corporation is going to increase, as it should have been done in the past. There has to be oversight on this matter.

We can build houses, but the question is: are these houses affordable? That's one of the problem areas. It's easy to build houses for rent, but this has been given by the federal government to CMHC and it stated that these houses should be affordable to the people who are going to rent them. I can get into details on the issue of affordability. Some of the construction costs, the operations and maintenance funding, come from CMHC. So that's the kind of difficulty we run into when the federal government fails to provide funding.

I can speak to it better in English, but at this time, I'm speaking in Inuktitut and there might be a slight difference because what comes out will be written very clear in Inuktitut. What I'm saying is that when the federal government gives us money for housing...

Chairman: Excuse me, Mr. Curley. This is just a reminder to please try and speak to the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you. (interpretation) What I'm saying is that a lot of comments were made about finance, health, and housing. With that, I know that we have to deal with it and no one needs to preach to me about it.

Mr. Chairman, we have the opportunity now to support this motion because we

had deferred it already and there are people out there who are willing to support it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. (interpretation ends) To the motion. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regard to this motion, I am definitely opposed to the idea to defer this issue. My reason, Mr. Chairman, is that his reasoning is fiscal restraint, following the comments he made earlier.

I would like my constituents and the people of Nunavut to understand that this would not be put into force until 2013 or 2014. We're not talking about 2011 or 2012. We are looking at the next general election, where the \$1 million would be expended.

This present government and the ministers worked very hard to have ongoing negotiations with the federal government to supplement the monies. I look forward and I believe that in 2013 or possibly 2014, the fiscal position of the government will improve. We can see that our financial situation is improving and that we're reducing our deficit. I look forward to 2013 or 2014, when the concerns we heard will not be there.

I would like to tell my constituents that we will improve and there will be two representatives for Igloolik and Hall Beach. The mover of the motion is saying that it's not going to be the case. If we support this motion, it will not be effective until 2018-19. I look forward to having two representatives in my riding at the next election. I'm more concerned

about my constituents who elected me to sit here. Their needs within the Nunavut government are very important to me and it's up to me to voice them in the House.

We have a motion and I know that at the next general election, we will have two representatives. The concerns that were voiced or the reasoning behind it are of no concern to me because I believe in this present government. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. To the motion. Madam Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The last speaker was very articulate on the question I wanted to raise, but I will proceed and ask the mover of the motion. He wants a deferral because of financial restraints. I want to ask: if there was no change to the motion, when would the funding come into force? Thank you.

Chairman: *Qujannamiik*, Madam Premier. (interpretation) I would like to remind you that when there's a motion on the floor, you seem to be asking a question. When there's a motion on the floor, you can make comments to the motion with no questions. Thank you. I apologize. Question has been called. (interpretation ends) Mr. Elliott, your reply. Go ahead, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As the mover of the motion, I believe I have the last chance to say a few words about the motion that I'm putting forward, so I'll take my opportunity to speak to the motion, speak to my

constituents, and also speak to what I'm trying to accomplish with this motion.

It was sort of alluded to that I don't believe in our government and I criticize the government. I think there's a fine distinction between the idea of criticizing and asking questions to try and elicit answers to figure out what's going on within the government to hold the government accountable.

With that said, that's a discussion for another day, but I would like to say what I was making with my comments in terms of financial management and proper financial management, properly setting up a board and all that. If anything was misunderstood in the way I was explaining my comments, what I was saying was we're on the right track and everything is in motion.

By 2017, when we have different minds coming online, when we're finding the benefits to these royalties coming in when devolution is on track, when we've had the realizations of these things happening, I think, if anything, I'm giving the Government of Nunavut a vote of confidence in terms of I believe what you're saying. I believe that we have better management of capital projects, we have better project officers managing those capital projects in our communities, and those savings will actually be of benefit and add to the extra revenues that we will have. I just don't think we're there yet.

I know it has been said many times that things don't happen overnight. Again, we only have to look to what the Hon. Member for Amittuq has been trying to point out for the last two days about how the Government of Nunavut doesn't

always enforce Acts that are passed. An Act that was passed in the previous Assembly, an Act that's as important as the Language Act, isn't actually enforced yet. So to me, I'm correctly talking about... .

Chairman: Mr. Elliott, excuse me. This is just a friendly reminder to try and speak to the motion as much as possible, if not all of it. Thank you.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So again, I'm speaking to fiscal responsibility and the idea that in the future, we will be in a better position.

So with that said, I know they were also alluding to the fact that... . Mr. Chairman, in my teachings that I received from hunters and elders, hunters do take risks, but they take calculated risks. They get up in the morning, they look at the weather, they analyze whether the weather is stormy or calm. If the weather is stormy, they postpone the hunt until the next day, when things are calmer. With that said, Mr. Chairman, thank you.

>>*Applause*

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. That was quite eloquent. A recorded vote has been requested. All those in favour, please stand and sit down when I call your name. All those in favour of the motion, please stand and sit down when I call your name.

Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Ningeongan.

All those opposed, please stand and sit down when I call your name.

Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Tapardjuk.

Ms. Ugyuk.

Mr. Oshutapik.

Ms. Ell.

Mr. Schell.

Mr. Shewchuk.

Mr. Curley.

Mr. Taptuna.

Madam Eva Aariak.

Mr. Arreak.

Mr. Kusugak.

Mr. Peterson.

The motion is carried. Thank you.

Speaker: No, it's defeated.

>>*Laughter*

Chairman: I rely on these guys and I apologize, but the motion is defeated. I'm sorry. My apologies to the House.

Okay, we go on, life continues, and we still have work to do. (interpretation) My colleagues, we will now go clause by clause. Clause 3. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. My colleagues, if you can go to the Schedule. The members agreed to part 2 of the Schedule, as amended. Do members agree to the place names in parts 1 and 2 as amended?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time, I would like to call for a recorded vote on Bill 22. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Do members agree to Bill 22 as amended?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: A recorded vote has been requested. All those in favour, please stand and sit down when I call your name.

Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Tapardjuk.

Ms. Ugyuk.

Mr. Oshutapik.

Ms. Ell.

Mr. Schell.

Mr. Shewchuk.

Mr. Curley.

Mr. Taptuna.

Madam Aariak.

Mr. Arreak.

Mr. Kusugak.

Mr. Peterson.

(interpretation) Thank you.
(interpretation ends) All those opposed, please stand and sit down when I call your name.

Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Ningeongan.

(interpretation) Thank you.
(interpretation ends) The motion is carried. (interpretation) Thank you.

>>Applause

(interpretation ends) Pursuant to Rule 62(2), does the committee agree that Bill 22, as amended, can be immediately placed on the orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to make a motion to report progress at this time. Thank you.

Chairman: There's a motion on the floor to report progress and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried. (interpretation) Thank you.

(interpretation ends) I want to, at this time, give my thanks to Mr. Speaker and your officials. If you would like to do your closing remarks. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll be quick. I think I recognize and respect all the debate that went on here today, and we appreciate everyone being able to put forward their views and in a respectful manner.

I would like to thank my officials who are here with me today, Ms. Kusugak and Mr. Orr, for drafting the legislation based on the report that they got from the Electoral Boundaries Commission. Again I formally thank the commission for the work that they did. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses. I will now rise to report progress.

Speaker: *Qujannamiik*, Sergeant-at-Arms. Just for the record, I had a little brief revisit over at that side of the room. It looks a lot better from this side of the room.

>> *Laughter*

Continuing on with the orders of the day. Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Enook.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Enook: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bills 14 and 22 and would like to report progress in that Bill 14 is immediately ready for

third reading and that Bill 22 is also immediately ready for third reading as amended. Mr. Speaker, in amending Bill 22, two committee motions were adopted. And, Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. There's a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder? Mr. Kusugak.

>> *Laughter*

The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

Bill 14 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2011-2012 – Third Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, that Bill 14, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2011-2012*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried and Bill 14 is ready for assent.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

**Bill 22 – An Act Respecting the
Constituencies of Nunavut – Third
Reading**

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, that Bill 22, *An Act Respecting the Constituencies of Nunavut*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried and Bill 22 is ready for assent.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. 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 Standing Committee on Legislation in the Nanuq Room and the time changed; it will now occur at two o'clock.

Orders of the Day for October 31:

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
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12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters
13. Tabling of Documents
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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: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Monday, October 31, at 1:30 p.m. Have a good weekend.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 13:30*

