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Iqaluit, Nunavut
Tuesday, November 19, 2013
Members Present:

Mr. Tony Akoak, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Ms. Monica Ell, Mr. Joe Enook, Mr. George Hickes, Mr. David Joanasie, Mr. George Kuksuk, Mr. Steve Mapsalak, Mr. Johnny Mike, Mr. Simeon Mikkungwak, Mr. Samuel Nuqingaq, Mr. Paul Okalik, Mr. Keith Peterson, Mr. Paul Quassa, Mr. George Qulaut, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Mr. Tom Sammurtok, Mr. Joe Savikataaq, Mr. Isaac Shooyook, Mr. Peter Taptuna, Ms. Jeannie Ugyuk.

>>*House commenced at 13:30*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Good afternoon. Before we proceed, I will call on Looee Mike to lead us in a prayer. Reverend Looee Mike, please.

>>*Prayer*

Clerk: Thank you. It is my duty to inform the members that the Commissioner of Nunavut will not enter the Chamber until members have appointed the Speaker. Is there a motion to appoint the Speaker? Member for Netsilik.

Item 2: Election of Speaker

Motion: Appointment of Speaker

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Clerk. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, that George Qulaut, Member for Amittuq, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Clerk: The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried. May I ask the mover and the seconder of the motion to escort the Speaker to the Chair.

Speaker (Mr. George Qulaut) (interpretation): Thank you. That was too much. Thank you. I call upon the Sergeant-at-Arms to raise the mace.

Thank you. As Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, I am very pleased to welcome our elders, distinguished guests and visitors to the House for the first sitting of the Fourth Legislative Assembly.

(interpretation ends) I would like to express my appreciation to all members for the trust and confidence that you have placed in me by selecting me to serve as your Speaker.

I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank my constituents in Igloolik and Hall Beach for their support during the recent election.

As Speaker, I am committed to upholding the rights and privileges of this institution and its members.

All members can be assured that I will approach my responsibilities in a manner that is consistent with the office's obligation to demonstrate fairness and impartiality.

Earlier today, all Members of this House took their oaths of allegiance and office.

I look forward to working with all of my colleagues during our term of office on behalf of our territory and residents.

(interpretation) I also wish to express my appreciation and love for my wife, Patricia, our sons, John Paul Aapak Evaluarjuk and Silas Qulaut, and our children and grandchildren who are not in the Chamber. Their support is my strength.

(interpretation ends) Finally, I am very pleased to take this opportunity to say a few words about our Chamber's new qamutiik that has been generously donated to the Legislative Assembly by the Tukisigiavik Community Wellness Centre in Iqaluit.

This example of a traditional qamutiik was made by Lucassie Kootoo, Nash Sagiatook, Jimi Davidee, Mosesee Atagoyuk, and Noah Alookie.

I would note that the sliders on the bottom of the qamutiik are made from baleen harvested from the bowhead whale that was taken by Iqaluit hunters in August 2011. On behalf of all members, I express our appreciation for this beautiful piece.

We will now proceed with the orders of the day.

At this time, I will ask the Clerk to determine if Her Honour the Commissioner of Nunavut is prepared to enter the Chamber to deliver the Opening Address.

Opening Address of the Commissioner of Nunavut

Commissioner Edna Elias

(interpretation): Please be seated. We're back here again. Everybody is here, even though we have very bad weather out there.

Mr. Speaker, elders, Premier, ministers, members, and Nunavummiut in the visitors' gallery and at home, welcome to the First Session of the Fourth Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

First, please allow me to congratulate Speaker Qulaut on your election as Speaker. As Speaker you are the guardian of the centre of democratic government in Nunavut. This Assembly is where 22 Nunavummiut, chosen by their fellow citizens, come together to make law, approve budgets, and hold the government accountable to the benefit of all Nunavut.

Congratulations to all of the members. You have earned the trust and confidence of your constituents. They now rely on you to act wisely and prudently on their behalf.

Congratulations to Premier Taptuna and the members of the new cabinet. You are the Fourth Executive Council of Nunavut. Nunavut relies on your foresight and leadership to increase opportunities for this generation and build a strong foundation for the future generations.

I trust that this Assembly will always be guided by Inuit societal values. In particular, please keep *Aajiiqatigiinniq* – decision-making through discussion and consensus – foremost in your minds. Through discussion and consensus, Inuit have exercised governance over themselves for centuries. Let it be your guide through the following years.

The development and approval of the fourth mandate will require much discussion and consensus. I encourage you to think of the future when doing so;

a future of self-reliance, a future of Inuit retaining control over their lands and themselves. It is very appropriate that in our 15th year as a territory, we begin taking strong steps forward to that future. It is clear from the October Throne Speech that the Government of Canada is ready to begin negotiating devolution with the Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. We all look forward to the outcome.

For the following years, you have the task to keep building Nunavut. In the next sessions, the government will bring forward the capital and operating budgets. Please use our resources prudently. The government will also begin to bring forward new legislation and amendments to existing legislation. Please make wise law.

As Members of the Assembly, each of you bears the responsibility of representing your constituents and ensuring that the government serves the best interests of all Nunavummiut. I am confident that you will serve the people of Nunavut to the best of your abilities and that you will contribute to building a stronger Nunavut. I extend my best wishes to all of you.

I now declare open the First Session of the Fourth Legislative Assembly of Nunavut. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) We will return to the orders of the day. Item 3. Ministers' Statements. As we have not yet sworn in our ministers, there will be no Ministers' Statements today. (interpretation) Thank

you. (interpretation ends) Item 4. Members' Statements. The Hon. Member for Tununiq, Joe Enook.

Item 4: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 001 – 4(1): Reflections on Being Re-elected to Represent Tununiq

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to express my deep gratitude to the people of Pond Inlet for the trust and confidence that they have again placed in me to represent them in their Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, as you will appreciate, it is essential at times like this that we pay tribute to our families and loved ones.

I have been blessed with the unwavering support of my wife, Mary Kilabuk, and our children and my family, and I thank them from the bottom of my heart.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to take this opportunity to formally congratulate you on your selection as our Speaker. I very much look forward to working closely with you during our term of office together.

Mr. Speaker, a little over two years ago, I had the opportunity to make my first Member's Statement in this House. Since that time, I have listened closely to the concerns and issues raised with me by the residents of Pond Inlet.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to note that voter turnout in Tununiq increased significantly at the recent general election. Over 500 residents of the community exercised

their right to choose their elected representative.

Mr. Speaker, this high level of participation clearly demonstrates that Nunavummiut are engaged and committed to ensuring that their institutions of governance are responsive and accountable.

Mr. Speaker, although it also shows that our constituents have confidence in the ability of public institutions and representatives to achieve change and progress, we must be mindful of our responsibility to live up to this confidence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for unanimous consent to conclude my statement today. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. You may proceed.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, when I first took my seat in the Legislative Assembly, I made a solemn promise to serve as a forceful and vocal advocate for the needs and goals of the constituency. Mr. Speaker, I renew that promise today.

Mr. Speaker, during the recent election campaign, I heard a number of very clear messages from my constituents as to what they expect the new government to achieve.

The need for modern marine infrastructure in Pond Inlet continues to be critical. As my colleagues who sat

with me in the previous Legislative Assembly will recall, this has been an issue that I have raised in the House at every possible opportunity. Mr. Speaker, I can assure whoever will be serving as our new Minister of Economic Development that he or she can look forward to answering some questions from me on this issue at our first full sitting.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, these are exciting times for the residents of Pond Inlet and its neighbouring communities.

Two years ago, my first Member's Statement in this House addressed the issues of economic growth and self-sufficiency.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the recent signing of the Mary River Project Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement between the Qikiqtani Inuit Association and Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation is another major step forward towards achieving these goals.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to continuing the important work of ensuring that our territorial government takes complementary and decisive actions in this area.

The formal designation of Pond Inlet as the hub airport for the High Arctic is one such action, as is the negotiation and signing of a formal development partnership agreement between the GN and Baffinland.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, although there are many other issues that need to be addressed during our term of office, I will conclude my Member's Statement

today by reflecting on the importance of achieving change and progress.

Mr. Speaker, this does not mean that we will always agree with each another on every single issue that comes before the House. Indeed, a level of vigorous and respectful debate should be welcomed as a healthy and important component of a transparent and accountable legislature.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with both returning and newly elected Members of this House for the good of our territory and its wonderful people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for Baker Lake, Simeon Mikkungwak.

**Member's Statement 002 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Elected to
Represent Baker Lake**

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I send my thoughts to the people who are doing search and rescue in Baker Lake at this time.

Mr. Speaker, I will begin by offering praise to our Lord and Saviour.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the people of Baker Lake for allowing me the privilege of serving them in the Legislative Assembly.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, there are a number of people whom I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge.
(interpretation ends) First and foremost

is my family, whose support and strength I rely on every day.

I am blessed that my wife, my mother, and other close relatives have been able to join us for this special occasion.

Mr. Speaker, the recent election campaign was an excellent experience. I want to congratulate my fellow candidate, Karen, for also putting her name forward.

Mr. Speaker, I could not have been successful in the election without the hard work of my campaign team. I want to pay special tribute to my campaign manager, Richard Aksawnee, and my financial agent, Robert Seeteenak.

Mr. Speaker, over 600 residents of Baker Lake voted in the recent general election. I want to thank each and every one of them.

Mr. Speaker, I am committed to working closely with all Members of the Legislative Assembly during our term.

(interpretation) As you know, Baker Lake has been experiencing unprecedented economic growth in recent years as a result of the booming mining sector in our region.

As we move forward, I will be consulting closely with municipal leaders and ordinary residents on the issues that affect our families.

Mr. Speaker, (interpretation ends) such issues as improving health care, fostering economic diversification, and strengthening education require our attention, our energy, and our commitment.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate our new Premier and cabinet for their success, and I look forward to the work lies ahead of all of us. (interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for Gjoa Haven, Tony Akoak.

**Member's Statement 003 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Elected to
Represent Gjoa Haven**

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to thank the people and community of Gjoa Haven for their support.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, the recent changes to Nunavut's electoral boundaries have resulted in the community of Gjoa Haven now being a standalone constituency.

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to my friend and colleague from Netsilik, Ms. Ugyuk, for having represented Gjoa Haven in the previous Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of people to acknowledge and thank today. I would like to first thank my wife, Annie, and our two children for their support.

Although I am not looking forward to the time that I will have to spend away from home, I am looking forward to doing my best to make Nunavut an even better place for my children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, there were a number of people who volunteered long hours on

my behalf during the recent election. I would like to pay special tribute to my financial agent, Helen Tungilik.

Mr. Speaker, as one of this Legislative Assembly's members from the Kitikmeot, I am very pleased to extend my congratulations to our new Premier as well as our new ministers.

Mr. Speaker, there will be a lot of work ahead of all of us. The issues of housing and education are key to moving forward.

As a newly elected member, I look forward to maintaining open lines of communication with all of my constituents, and representing their interests and goals to the very best of my ability. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for Aivilik, Steve Mapsalak.

**Member's Statement 004 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Elected to
Represent Aivilik**

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to thank my wife because I wouldn't be here if she wasn't here, but she couldn't make it to the Assembly.

I would also like to thank the people who assisted me from Repulse Bay and Louie Bruce from Coral Harbour. I appreciate and thank all the people of Repulse Bay and Coral Harbour.

Mr. Speaker, we promised to represent our constituents and our responsibility and what I'm going to do for my people

won't be coming from me, but from my constituents, any questions that I may pose.

I am very pleased that I am able to come back to the Legislative Assembly. I was a previous MLA in 2008. I also appreciated that.

Last year, on November 5, my wife and I fell in water. We got into a bad accident. If there was no search and rescue, we wouldn't be here today. I appreciate that very much. At that time, the search and rescue personnel who were involved were John Tinashlu, his son Josie Tinashlu, his other son John Tinashlu, his in-law, Johnny Tagornak, Stephan Siusangnark, and Darrel Siusangnark. Mr. Speaker, I thank these people very much. If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be standing here with you.

I know that we have some responsibilities and some work to do.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for unanimous consent to conclude my statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays?
(interpretation) There are no nays. You may proceed.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to thank those people who saved us.

Also, I will work just as hard as my colleague from Pond Inlet and ask

questions. I know that we won't agree with the government all the time. We have a big responsibility and work ahead of us. People in the communities need and want different things. As MLA for four years, I will try to work and represent the people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for Arviat, Joe Savikataaq.

**Member's Statement 005 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Elected to
Represent Arviat South**

Mr. Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to thank the residents of Arviat South who have placed their trust and confidence in me to represent them in the Legislative Assembly.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to formally join with my colleagues in congratulating you for having been elected to serve as our Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I could not have been elected to this House if it were not for the tireless efforts of my campaign managers and team. I would like to make special mention of my campaign manager, Joe Manik, and my financial agent, John Tugak.

Mr. Speaker, none of us would be able to sit in this House without the support of our families. I want to pay special tribute to my wife, Susan, our three children Joe Jr., Jamie, and Wendy for their support, and my father, Glen Halloran, and brother, Darrel Halloran, who came a

long way to be here from Quebec and New Brunswick.

Mostly, I would like to thank my granddaughter, Jill Naujaaq Panaainaaq, who campaigned with me. She was with me every day of the campaign and if wasn't for her, I probably would not be here.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, the community of Arviat is now represented by two Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Having had the privilege of serving on Arviat's municipal council for close to 20 years, I know that the community's local leadership is excited about the strengthened representation that we now have in this House since we now have two MLAs.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to the 21 candidates who are running for positions on our municipal council and the 8 candidates who are running for the position of mayor. The significant interest clearly shows that our community is active and engaged in the democratic process.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to say that my door will always be open to any resident of the community of Arviat, and I am very much looking forward to working closely with my friend and colleague from Arviat North during the life of this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, it was an honour to participate in last Friday's leadership forum, and I congratulate our new Premier and all of his cabinet colleagues

on their selection. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for Hudson Bay, Allan Rumbolt.

**Member's Statement 006 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Re-elected to
Represent Hudson Bay**

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I begin my Member's Statement, I would like to thank my daughter for the sealskin bowtie that I'm wearing today, which was made by her friend, Emma Kruger.

>> *Applause*

Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the people of Sanikiluaq for again entrusting me with the responsibility of serving them in the new Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I would not be here today with you and all of my colleagues if it were not for the strong support that I have received from my family over the past five years. Mr. Speaker, I want to again pay tribute to my family for their support, their love, and, most importantly, their patience over the past five years.

Mr. Speaker, five years ago, I rose in this House for the first time to express my appreciation to the community for their confidence in me, and to promise that I would represent the constituency to the best of my ability. Mr. Speaker, I make the same commitment today.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue to voice the concerns of the community regarding such issues as the high cost of living, the need for new infrastructure and housing, the need for effective programs and services, the need to support our hunters, the need to protect the unique environment of Hudson Bay, and the need for economic development.

At the same time, I also look forward to working with members on both sides of the House on issues that affect all of Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, although some of the issues facing Sanikiluaq are unique to our location, others are very similar to those faced by my colleagues' constituents and communities.

Mr. Speaker, those members who have served with me in this House over the past number of years know that although I prefer cooperation to confrontation, I won't hesitate to stand up against unfairness or prejudice.

I strongly believe that if we approach the issues that come before us in this House with a spirit of cooperation, fairness, and practicality, we will make real progress in the years ahead. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, George Hickes.

**Member's Statement 007 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Elected to
Represent Iqaluit-Tasiluk**

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to thank the residents of Iqaluit-Tasiluk who have given me the

opportunity and the privilege to serve them in this House and to thank the members of my campaign team who helped put me in this seat.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin by offering my congratulations to you for being chosen to take the Chair and preside over our deliberations.

Mr. Speaker, it's no secret that there have been a number of Speakers in my own family.

I very much appreciate and recognize the importance of the position that you hold and the confidence that the Members of this House have shown in your sense of fairness and duty.

Mr. Speaker, it's also no secret that our families are what give us our strength. My wife, Signi, and our daughters Lily and Sara are the three most important people in my life. I would not be here today without their love and support.

Mr. Speaker, I learned from my father, the Hon. George Hickes Sr., that seeking public office is an honourable calling. In recent weeks, I have been reminded of that lesson every day.

Mr. Speaker, hearing directly from the residents of Iqaluit-Tasiluk about their concerns was an extraordinary experience.

I am particularly pleased to note that voter turnout in Iqaluit-Tasiluk was over 70 percent; the highest in the city of Iqaluit.

I pay tribute to all of the residents who exercised their right to vote, and I pay

tribute to the commitment of my fellow candidates in standing for office.

Mr. Speaker, the amazing growth that our territory's capital city has experienced over the past 15 years has made it more important than ever that Iqaluit have a strong voice in the Legislative Assembly.

I am very much looking forward to working closely with my fellow Iqaluit MLAs on both sides of this House to ensure that the territorial government makes the necessary investments and resources available for our capital to continue to grow in a sustainable manner.

Mr. Speaker, my constituents in Iqaluit-Tasiluk identified many important priorities during the recent election campaign, some of which I had the opportunity to raise in this Chamber during our leadership forum, including the need to improve health and palliative care for our constituents, especially our elders.

Mr. Speaker, that we need to continue building a rigorous education system that truly challenges our students is an issue that clearly unites the Members of this House.

Mr. Speaker, Iqaluit is a focal point of economic growth and that growth benefits all of our territory. However, we need to get serious... .

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

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his

statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. You may proceed.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and all members.

As I was saying, Mr. Speaker, Iqaluit is a focal point of economic growth and that growth benefits all of our territory. However, we need to get serious about reducing our dependency on fossil fuels and investing in such initiatives as hydroelectric development. We also need to get serious about taking advantage of our unique location and work towards a real deep sea port, which will greatly enhance the entire shipping system for our region.

Mr. Speaker, as a father and homeowner, I know that it can be tough for families to make ends meet. Although the state of Nunavut's housing crisis is such that it cannot be solved overnight, we have the opportunity during our term of office to make measurable progress towards expanding the range of affordable housing options for Nunavummiut and reducing the harm that is caused by overcrowding.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to finish today by noting that it's also no secret that hockey plays a big role in my family's life. Although I am not going to risk provoking this Assembly's first point of order by saying which team we support, I do want to say that my years of coaching youth hockey have reinforced my belief that we're only going to succeed if we play as a team. Mr. Speaker, I'm very much honoured to be a part of this team. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member Pat Angnakak, Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu.

**Member's Statement 008 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Elected to
Represent Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu**

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to start off by saying “thank you” to everyone who took the time to come and celebrate with us here today, even with the bad weather.

I am both humbled and honoured to rise today to express my gratitude to the people of Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu Riding for giving me the opportunity to represent them in the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of people who I would like to acknowledge today, but first, I want to acknowledge God, who led me on my journey through to victory.

Mr. Speaker, I could not have been successful in the recent election without the support of my own family.

I want to express my deep gratitude and thankfulness towards my partner in life, my husband, Archie. He was always there for me and encouraged me throughout the whole campaign.

Thank you to my daughter Sharon and her partner Nick, my son Matthew and his wife, Tara, and Michael, my youngest son, who took the day off work to help out on Election Day. Thank you for your support and for your belief in me.

Thank you to my grandchildren who inspired me to run for all the right reasons, Maria, Ava, Isaiah, and Liam. Thank you.

I would also like to give thanks to my parents, Mike and Margaret Gardener.

Mr. Speaker, this Chamber has a very special place in my heart. Two years ago, right in this very room, my father received the Order of Nunavut. On that occasion, my father, the Reverend Michael Gardener, was recognized for his lifetime of commitment to this land and its people, and so I have a tough act to follow.

The inspiration of my parents is part of the reason why I have also committed myself towards helping Nunavut become an easier place to live in, where we care about what happens to each other, and where we, as a government, strive to work hard to meet the basic needs of all.

Mr. Speaker, I have other family here in Iqaluit, and I want to acknowledge my sister Susan, who gave me so many hours in going door to door with me and who is, I might add, not afraid of dogs like I am. Thank you for your help and for being brave.

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

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement. Are there any nays? (interpretation) There are no nays. You may proceed.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues.

Thank you for your help, Sue, and for being brave in facing those barking dogs because I couldn't have done it without you.

And my sister Anne, who took the time to come down from Grise Fiord in order to be here for this special occasion, thank you for your support and encouragement.

I would also like to acknowledge the great election volunteer team I had.

Mr. Speaker, my campaign manager told me that she didn't want to be named, but I'm going to be naughty and I'm going to name her anyways. Most of you who live in Iqaluit already know that Lynn Cousins was my campaign manager. She was effective, well organized, and she whipped us into a great team that led to this victory. You are an amazing and wonderful person, Lynn. Thank you for your help.

Mr. Speaker, I couldn't have claimed victory if I was campaigning alone, and so to my many volunteers who most wished to remain anonymous, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help. I hope that I will live up to your expectations. I will work hard and do the best I can.

Today, I would also like to pay tribute to those who have previously sat in this House on behalf of the people of Iqaluit.

The Hon. Eva Aariak, the Hon. Ed. Picco, and the Hon. Hunter Tootoo all served with honour and distinction. I want to wish you all well and thank you for your service over the years.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to acknowledge my fellow candidates who stood in the recent election. Anne Crawford, Duncan Cunningham, Jack Anawak, Methusalah Kunuk, and Sytukie Joamie, I admire your courage to run. I know how hard it is in trying to get elected and I know that you are all dedicated to the well-being of this community. I look forward to seeing you all continue to make important contributions to our community in the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, as I look around the House, I look forward to the future. I am optimistic. My fellow members from Iqaluit bring both wisdom of experience and the energy of new ideas for new beginnings for this government.

I am confident that we will be able to effectively work together to ensure that Nunavut's capital city becomes an even more vibrant and special place in which families can raise their children.

Mr. Speaker, during my campaign, I pledged to communicate and consult in an open and respectful manner with my constituents.

I heard very clearly from the people of Iqaluit-Niaqunnguut that one of our first assignments as Members of the House is to work together to make improvements to our education system and to work towards having a government that will invest in the well-being of our children and grandchildren.

For example, the need to have better and affordable daycare, this message was echoed throughout our territory of Nunavut during the campaign period, and so I look forward to working with members on both sides of this House to

make this a priority and achieve this goal.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude by saying that although there will be challenging and difficult days ahead of us, by working together, by better connecting with those whom we represent as a government, and by all of us working towards the same goals, we can meet these challenges and endure the hardships necessary to make Nunavut a successful and healthy territory for all to enjoy.

May God bless all of us here today, may we have unity and the commitment to work together on common goals for the benefit of all Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for Quttiktuq, Member Isaac Shooyook.

**Member's Statement 009 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Elected to
Represent Quttiktuq**

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to thank my son-in-law and my guests for being in the House. I have had support from my wife for a very long time, especially the people of Quttiktuq who voted for me. I thank them all.

Mr. Speaker, when I was campaigning, I told the people that *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit*, or Inuit traditional knowledge, is not yet recognized by the government and that is going to be one of my first priorities during my term.

That's the only thing I brought up during my campaign.

I again thank the people who voted for me at that time. Also, there were people who approached me and said, "Shooyook, you're going to be elected to the Legislative Assembly." I thank the people of Quttiktuq for having the trust and confidence in me.

Mr. Speaker, for the Minister of Culture and Heritage, just to give you a heads up, I will be working on Inuit traditional knowledge right to the end of my term. Also to the Minister of Justice, again I would like to indicate to the minister that I will be bringing up the issue of incorporating Inuit traditional knowledge into the justice system. I look forward to working with you and supporting each other on those issues.

Mr. Speaker, I will be giving support to my colleagues when needed. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for (interpretation ends) South Baffin, David Joanasie.

**Member's Statement 010 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Elected to
Represent South Baffin**

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, congratulations to you, Mr. Speaker, on being appointed to this important role.

Congratulations to our new Premier, Mr. Taptuna, our cabinet members, and all of my fellow colleagues. I am looking forward to working with you as well as my constituency in the Fourth Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank all of my family and friends, namely, my wife, Emily, and our three children, soon to be four, my sister-in-law, Aluki, along with the rest of my in-laws, my good friend P.J. and his family, my siblings, and my wonderful mother, Wendy, who was also my campaign and financial manager during the election period.

I would also like to remember and honour my late father. The *Annuraaq* which I am wearing belonged to my late father, whose memory I am honouring today.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of my fellow candidates, namely, Tommy Akavak, for having run great races.

I would like to ask for unanimous consent to conclude my statement today.

Speaker (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. You may proceed.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members.

Thank you to the people of Kinngait and Kimmirut who elected me to represent the South Baffin Riding in the Nunavut legislature.

I would like to acknowledge some of my predecessors, such as Joe and Goo Arlooktoo, Kenoayoak Pudlat, Olayuk Akesuk, and Fred Schell.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to say that the voter turnout in South Baffin this past election increased significantly to over 80 percent, and I wish Nunavummiut,

young and old, continue to participate in our democratic society. I am very proud of this achievement because I know there were many people who would not have otherwise bothered to vote. Mr. Speaker, the significantly increased turnout in my constituency is a very positive sign.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I stand here today hoping that there is a shift happening in Nunavut, a shift that is giving a large portion of our population, especially the younger generation, an opportunity to succeed and overcome many of our personal or collective challenges. Being here today, I am hoping that my young son as well as many other young Nunavummiut are inspired to be engaged and involved with leadership opportunities.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, during my campaign, I kept bringing up the topics of culture and language, families, our children, integrity, and education. I am looking forward to working on these and other issues with you and all of my colleagues over the next four years as we serve Nunavummiut together.

In closing, during my campaign, I stated that (interpretation ends) if I don't succeed, you won't succeed, and I apply this, I think, to the same token with this government that this House must succeed also for the government to succeed. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for Uqqummiut, Samuel Nuqingaq.

**Member's Statement 011 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Elected to
Represent Uqummiut**

Mr. Nuqingaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I congratulate you and I also congratulate the Premier.

Mr. Speaker, this past week, I sent my apologies to the people of Clyde River and Qikiqtarjuaq, my colleagues, and the people of Nunavut. If it wasn't for the support of my wife, I wouldn't be standing here. It has been a learning experience to apologize to both communities of Qikiqtarjuaq and Clyde River.

I will want to have a very close working relationship with all the members here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Monica Ell.

**Member's Statement 012 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Elected to
Represent Iqaluit-Manirajak**

Ms. Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also congratulate you for appointed to the position of Speaker. I am very proud of my colleagues and I welcome them to Iqaluit. I would also like to congratulate Peter Taptuna, who was appointed to the position of Premier.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say "thank you" to the people of Iqaluit-Manirajak for voting for me. It was evident that they had trusted me to represent them in the House and to start developing here in Nunavut.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would also like to especially thank my family and friends for the support that they provided me throughout the campaign.

I would also like to congratulate all of my colleagues on their success and I look forward to working closely with them on the many issues that we will be facing.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Premier and the former cabinet colleagues of the Third Assembly for helping me out in the early days as being former minister.

Also, thank you to the previous executive secretaries that I had the pleasure to work with. A special thank you to the Executive Assistant, Leena Ellsworth, and my former EA, who a lot of you know, Susan Scullion. I am sure she is looking down on us with that usual big smile on her face.

As I indicated in my election materials, I am just getting warmed up. I made commitments to work on improving support for disabilities, housing issues, marine facilities, a home for performing arts, and to address a number of other concerns raised by my constituents. I intend to do just that and you have my word that I will do my best to support you and work on your behalf.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my appreciation to my colleagues for placing their faith in me when electing me to the Executive Council for the Fourth Assembly. I will work hard for my constituents and for the people of Nunavut in this important

role and I, too, look forward to the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, George Kuksuk.

**Member's Statement 013 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Elected to
Represent Arviat North-Whale
Cove**

Mr. Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to thank the people of Arviat North and Whale Cove for placing their confidence in me to serve as their elected Member of the Legislative Assembly.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, none of us would be sitting here today without the support of our families. I want to express my gratitude to my family and children for their support.

Mr. Speaker, a lot of people worked very hard in support of my campaign. I want to make special mention of my financial agent, (interpretation) who is also my daughter-in-law, Evelyn Kuksuk, and my campaign manager, Tommy Owljoot. They worked very hard and if it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be here today.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I very much look forward to working with each and every Member of this House.

I am also looking forward to consulting closely with municipal leaders in both Arviat and Whale Cove.

During my campaign, I emphasized the importance of ensuring that our territory's smallest communities are neither neglected nor ignored, and I am committed to representing all of my constituents in this House.

Mr. Speaker, please allow me to conclude by formally congratulating you and all of my colleagues. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but I am confident that we can meet the challenges and work together. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Mr. Paul Okalik.

**Member's Statement 014 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Elected to
Represent Iqaluit-Sinaa**

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Welcome. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to be back and I am very happy with the electors. I want to welcome the new members and I will want to work with them here in the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I used to sit where you are and I appreciate and I know that you will work hard during our sittings. I couldn't stay in the Chair for too long because of other responsibilities. I am very proud of you for being selected as the Speaker.

I used to sit on the opposite side, but I will be working with the ministers. I am very pleased and I'm sure that we will learn and work together.

I would like to recognize our new Premier, Mr. Taptuna. I know that he

will work hard in his position, but I will want to work very closely with him and assist him because we have to help each other in order to proceed properly for the future. I wanted to state that if I can help you or any of the staff or anyone with anything, I will be available.

I wasn't going to be elected if I didn't get the support of my family, whom I appreciate very much. I would like to recognize the other candidates, Leeseq Papatsie, Salomon Awa, and Natsiq Kango. They made me work pretty hard when I was campaigning and I appreciate their efforts.

Also, there were very young people who assisted and they were learning about their future.

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

Speaker (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. You may proceed.

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): I thank my colleagues for not nay'ing.

>> *Laughter*

I can now proceed.

The young people who assisted me with my campaign were very helpful and knowledgeable, especially Franco Buscemi, who I appreciate. I'm sure I'll see him again in the future. Along with my niece Maatalii, they really assisted me when I was campaigning.

The people I represent come from different nationalities and I am sorry I can only acknowledge some. (interpretation ends) *Merci*. Thank you. *Xie-xie. Domo Arigato. Salamat. Gracias.* (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: The Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Mr. Tom Sammurtok.

**Member's Statement 015 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Elected to
Represent Rankin Inlet North-
Chesterfield Inlet**

Mr. Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank my constituency for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet and the people who helped me when I was campaigning in Rankin Inlet and in Chesterfield Inlet. Thank you very much, especially my brother-in-law, who was my finance manager, as well as his wife. Brian Zawadski, I thank you very much for working very hard to help me. He helped me with things that I couldn't do.

(interpretation ends) I would like to congratulate you, Mr. Speaker, for being elected to there, to the Premier, and to all of my fellow MLAs and cabinet members. (interpretation) Thank you.

(interpretation ends) As for the two MLAs who dragged you to your Chair, all I can say is that I'm never picking a fight with either one of them.

>> *Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, I commit to do all I can to represent my constituents and not only my constituents. I know there are a lot of needs throughout Nunavut and the needs throughout Nunavut are similar in all regions. I commit to doing my best to make sure that those needs are identified, met, and hopefully ratified as well. These needs are horrendous and huge because we're talking about areas of health, education, economic development, and municipal infrastructure.

To my fellow MLAs and cabinet members, we have a huge task ahead of us. However, I commit to working with all of you to make sure that Nunavummiut are going to be able to at least maybe see some easing of their burden during the life of this legislature.

In closing, I just want to give my sincere appreciation.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude.

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? (interpretation) There are no nays. You may proceed.

Mr. Sammurtok: *Qujannamiik*, Mr. Speaker and (interpretation) my colleagues.

(interpretation ends) In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to my family, who supported my decision to run as a candidate for MLA. If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be here. They were supporting me, especially my granddaughter, who some of you may have seen playing soccer here, although

she is from Rankin Inlet, and her soccer team mates, who helped me with my campaign. I truly appreciate all the work that they did for me. Thank you very much.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Kugluktuk, Peter Taptuna.

>>*Applause*

**Member's Statement 016 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Elected to
Represent Kugluktuk**

Mr. Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your selection to the Speaker of the House.

Also, I want to congratulate each and every one of you who had won and campaigned in your respective ridings. It takes a lot of courage and a lot of self-commitment even just to put your name in for candidate. I congratulate you all.

At this time, I am very humbled and honoured by the faith and trust you placed upon me by electing me as Premier for Nunavut. I congratulate Mr. Okalik and Mr. Quassa for putting their names in for candidate for the premiership.

Most of all, I thank the people of Kugluktuk, who stood by my side throughout the tough times in the Third Assembly during my efforts for the last five years. I just want to name off a few. Mr. Speaker, there were a lot of folks in Kugluktuk who put in the time and energy encouraging me over the last five

years: Annie and Herbert Bolt, Millie and Simon Kuliktana, Red Pedersen, Collin and Mavis Adjun, my sister Elizabeth, Jack Himiak, Joanne Klengenber, Ryan Nivingalok and his young family, and to the elders of Kugluktuk.

A special thank you I have to put out there for my financial agent, Winter Kuliktana.

As you know, I will represent you to the best of my ability, including all Nunavummiut, the youth, the elders, and of course, all the residents who are in between the youth and the elders.

I want to say “thanks” to the previous cabinet, the previous Premier, and the Third Assembly.

There are a lot of new faces and some old veterans who have been here for a bit. I want to go back to the First Assembly in thanking Mr. Donald Havioyak, the first MLA for Kugluktuk and in the Second Assembly, Mr. Joe Allen Evyagotailak. Without their encouragement, I would not be here.

At this time, Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

Speaker (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. You may proceed.

Mr. Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, I will be doing my utmost as the Premier for Nunavut. I believe in all the MLAs being

put in their position as MLAs representing their communities, which is an honourable position, with the trust that has been put in your place to represent your communities.

Mr. Speaker, one of my key beliefs for healthy and productive communities is through meaningful employment and training for employment. As you know, employment leads to better self-esteem, self-confidence, and overall healthier, happier families in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my family, who is sitting behind me, and my wife, Joanne, of 35 years. Without that, I would not be standing here.

Mr. Speaker, it took a lot of people throughout my life who have encouraged me to move on, whether it's in employment, education, and just overall living life for the betterment of oneself and their families and communities. It took many people to get to this point where I'm standing.

I've got to thank my parents. When we were living off the land, they encouraged me hard work, the values of traditional knowledge and values, hard work, and my educators and many teachers or else I wouldn't have been standing here. It took many people to get me to this point.

But most of all, I want to thank my wife and the people of Kugluktuk and our children behind me, my granddaughter, my daughter, and my son-in-law who supported me all throughout the last five years.

Again I want to thank every member sitting here for putting their trust in me

to lead the way for the betterment of Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Netsilik, Ms. Jeannie Ugyuk.

**Member's Statement 017 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Elected to
Represent Netsilik**

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I congratulate you, Mr. Speaker. I hear that your constituency is very happy to see you selected as the Speaker of the House. I congratulate you, along with your constituents.

I would also like to congratulate our new Premier, Peter Taptuna. We have entrusted you to be Premier of Nunavut and I'm sure that Nunavummiut are very pleased to see you as the Premier. I thank you.

Also, to the people of Gjoa Haven, they now have their own Member of the Legislative Assembly. Congratulations, Mr. Tony Akoak. I do want to work closely with you and I am very pleased that you were elected.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the Netsilik Riding and also to the communities of Taloyoak and Kugaaruk. I was acclaimed and I appreciate them. I understand that by putting me here, they have entrusted me and I thank the people of the Netsilik Riding.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to our previous MLAs, Eruk Pauloosie, John Ningark, Ovidee Alakannuark, Uriash Puqiqnak, and our

Member of Parliament, Leona Aglukkaq. I now follow your footsteps.

I would also like to thank the people of my community. I thank my grandfather, Alookie, who is the eldest in our community and our elder. I love you, *Ittuq*, and I think of you quite a few times. Also, the senior citizens in Kugaaruk, Joe Salino, Angutingunirk, who is very well known by the people of Nunavut because he helps and supports the senior citizens of Kugaaruk.

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

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement. Are there any nays? (interpretation) There are no nays. You may proceed.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, my colleagues.

Also, a senior citizen in Taloyoak, Quujuq Poodlat, is related to my father. He is now the eldest in Taloyoak. I say "good afternoon" to him.

Also to my family members who are here, my mother and my husband, I am very proud that you are here. I receive very good support from them.

My children and grandchildren, I love you.

I would also like to appreciate my great-grandparents. I thank you for raising my parents. Because of your proper childrearing, our family has been brought up.

Every time there are dignitaries coming into Taloyoak, please provide support. I appreciate the people who come and visit our communities for teaching me to be compassionate.

I know that we have a hard four years ahead of us, and I want to work closely with you on behalf of the children, youth, women, and elders. I say “good afternoon.” I’m sure that we will be seeing each other. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Aggu, Mr. Paul Quassa.

**Member’s Statement 018 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Elected to
Represent Aggu**

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to congratulate you to the position of the Speaker. Also, I know that all of my colleagues are aware that we come from the same community, so I congratulate you even more.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my appreciation to the people who voted in the constituency of Aggu and to my supporters.

I would like to thank my financial agent, Elijah Evaluardjuk. I’m sure you know him because his father, Mark Evaluardjuk, was one of our first Members of the Legislative Assembly of the NWT.

I would also like to thank the previous Member for Amittuq, Louis Tapardjuk.

Although he is no longer a Member of the Legislative Assembly, his wife, Lucie, my sister, is here and I’m very proud of him serving us. I’m sure we remember that as Members of the Legislative Assembly, he worked very hard on Inuit societal values. I will also work hard to make sure that the Inuit language and culture is incorporated because it’s important.

I would also like to thank my wife, Elisapee, and my family, Akuttuugaq, and all our children, who have been very supportive in our community. Even though I travel and stay away from home for long periods, they never change their compassion for me. I’m sure it’s likewise with the rest of the members.

I would like to congratulate all Members of the Fourth Legislative Assembly. We bring in different viewpoints, so we will have to work closely together.

I’m sorry, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

Speaker (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. You may proceed.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues.

As a Member of the Legislative Assembly, along with our new Premier and also my cabinet colleagues, I will work closely with you.

Nunavut was created and Nunavutmiut have high expectations of the Legislative Assembly and we have to make sure that we live up to those expectations. Also,

the issues that were brought up by my colleagues will help in building Nunavut.

I wanted to make that statement. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the people of my community and Nunavut for electing us to be the Members of the Fourth Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Pangnirtung, Johnny Mike.

**Member's Statement 019 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Elected to
Represent Pangnirtung**

Mr. Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, elders, no matter where you are. First of all, I would like to congratulate you for being selected as the Speaker and committing yourself. You were the only person who was nominated. You tried to nominate me, but I will not think of becoming a Speaker again after watching you being dragged and carried to the Chair.

I thank each and every one of you who are here. First of all, I would like to congratulate our new Premier, his wife and family. I'm sure that you will guide us during our deliberations.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to my family, my son, my daughter, my wife, and my sister who are here with me today, especially my wife. We support each other. She is the reverend in Pangnirtung. She also goes to different communities. I give her my support fully. She takes care of the

newborns through to the funeral stage. Therefore, we need to support them.

I would like to thank my wife very much for opening the meeting with a prayer. I would also like to state that she's the first Inuk woman who was ordained as a reverend in 1994 for the Anglican Diocese.

I would also like to thank all of my children. I would like to thank the seniors of Pangnirtung for encouraging me during my campaign. I know that sometimes it gets a bit disappointing when you're campaigning. Therefore, I would like to thank the seniors of Pangnirtung, especially our elders, Inuusiq Nashalik of Pangnirtung, who is the eldest of our community, and Sila Metuq, my aunt, who is the second oldest.

When I was campaigning... .

I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. You may proceed.

Mr. Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I need to express my gratitude to my financial agent, Charlie Komoartok, and also my campaign manager, Danny Kuluguqtuq.

I would also like to thank the other candidates, Hezekiah Oshutapik, Sakiasie Sowdluapik, and Harry Dialla. I would like to thank Hezekiah and his wife. He was a Member of the

Legislative Assembly for Pangnirtung.
Thank you very much.

During the general election, the voter turnout in Pangnirtung was 80 percent. I would like to thank the people of Pangnirtung very much for placing their trust in me to represent them and to be their voice in this new government.

I would also like to thank the leaders in our community and my relatives. Late Ipeelee Kilabuk, my uncle, was a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the NWT. My sister, Rebecca Mike, was also a Member of the Legislative Assembly. My cousin Peter Kilabuk was also a Member of this House. I would like to extend my gratitude to the people and to the previous MLAs for paving the way.

I would especially like to extend my gratitude to the Auyuittuq National Park, the Qikiqtani parks, establishing the tourism information centre in Pangnirtung, and also to the people who were managing the fish plant. We have a fish plant in our community and the fishermen keep the fish plant open. Artists sell their carvings and handicrafts to Uqqurmiut and include Uqqurmiut for the handicrafts and for developing those.

For fisheries, we have a quota of 500 metric tonnes for inshore fisheries. It's a little over 1 million lbs. The fishermen of Pangnirtung have worked very hard and I acknowledge them. They paved the way. Everything is now comfortable and everything has been set.

The docking facility in our community is operating very well. It was very difficult to obtain the docking facility and hope that you will get your docking facility in

your community not as long as Pangnirtung waited. We waited for over 25 years.

Again, I would also like to thank the people who caught the bowhead whale in Pangnirtung this summer. I would like to thank all the hunters who participated in that harvest. It was a very successful hunt for the captain, Simeonie Keenainak, and his crew. My two sons participated in the bowhead whale hunt. My 12-year-old son was in the captain's boat. This is something that I'm very proud of, so I would like to acknowledge the hunters.

Today, we have a lot of challenges. With limited financial resources within the government, shortage of housing, and especially having to find additional funds to fund daycares, new housing, roads, off-roads in the hamlets, fisheries development, and to provide more financial support for our hunters and fishers. It's very obvious that we have a lot of challenges ahead of us.

With the Qikiqtani Truth Commission completed and the report being made available to the public, we have to do something about it so that we can reconcile. It's going to be a better road for all of us to start further development. My colleague, Mr. Quassa, stated that Articles 5, 23, 24, and 32 of the land claims agreement will have to be implemented because it was agreed to by the Inuit.

I look forward to our endeavours. I will work very hard with my colleagues and I will want to truly represent my constituents in the House with all my abilities. Also to the cabinet and regular members, I would like to have a very

close working relationship with you so that we can pave a better life for the people of Nunavut.

Lastly, I would like to thank George, who nominated me to the cabinet. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Keith Peterson.

**Member's Statement 020 – 4(1):
Reflections on Being Re-elected to
Represent Cambridge Bay**

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I congratulate you on your election as Speaker of this Fourth Assembly. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate all Members of this Nunavut Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all my family and friends for their continued support and encouragement as MLA for Cambridge Bay since February 2004.

I would especially like to express my deep gratitude to my dear wife, Sandra. She is sitting right over there. She has stood by me through the many rewarding times and the many challenging times as MLA. She is almost like a personal executive assistant. She gives good advice. Sometimes I take it and sometimes I don't.

Mr. Speaker, I would not be here today if it were not for the trust and confidence that my constituents in the Cambridge Bay Riding have placed in me. I thank them all for the overwhelming mandate they gave me. I was very humbled on October 28. I will continue working hard

to be your voice in the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I am very optimistic and confident that MLAs and ministers on both sides of this House, through our cooperative efforts, will improve life for all our constituents, wherever they live in Nunavut. Over the next four years, I look forward to facing the challenges together.

Mr. Speaker, I send my sincere appreciation to my campaign team and volunteers in Cambridge Bay, who walked with me in spirit on every step of my door-to-door campaign. Without them, I would not have been able to focus on visiting my constituents and hearing their issues. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I want to acknowledge my unofficial campaign manager, Wayne Papak Maksagak, who inspires all people in Cambridge Bay. He was rock solid in motivating me every day on our campaign. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Before we proceed, we will take a 20-minute break. Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 15:21 and resumed at 15:45*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. We will proceed with the orders of the day. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Tununiq, Mr. Joe Enook.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I would like to recognize two individuals. First, I would like to recognize my very best friend and supporter, Mary Kilabuk. Also from Pond Inlet is Joshua Arreak. Welcome them to the Gallery. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. for Baker Lake, Simeon Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize five individuals, but one of them is not in the House.

I would first like to recognize my mother, a single parent who raised me.

I would also like to recognize my wife of 23 years. My wife, Eva Mikkungwak, and I have six children and eight grandchildren.

I would also like to recognize Mercy Kunangnat, who is my mother-in-law.

On my left is Annie Anautalik, who is here for education. She is my cousin and she is here for the (interpretation ends) Canadian Prenatal Nutrition project (interpretation) here in Iqaluit.

The individual who is not here is my aunt Irene Tiktaalaaq, who made the wall hangings that are here in the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut. She is nationally renowned for her wall

hangings. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for Gjoa Haven, Tony Akoak.

Mr. Akoak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize an individual from Gjoa Haven, my father, Joseph Akoak, who is sitting over there. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for Arviat, Joe Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my son, Joe Jr. Savikataaq, my daughter-in-law, Lillian Savikataaq, my daughter, June Naujaat Savikataaq, and my financial agent, John Tugak. I would also like to recognize another individual, but he's not here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for Hudson Bay, Allan Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Five years ago, when I recognized this person, I forgot her name, so I wrote it down this time.

>>Laughter

Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome my wife to the Gallery...

>>Laughter

...Mina and also two residents from Sanikiluaq who are presently here, Louisa Meeko and Caroline Alariaq. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, George Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I won't forget my wife's name, but she's actually not here and unfortunately sends her regrets.

I do, however, have with me my two lovely daughters Sara Hickes and Lily Hickes, who has participated in the Embrace Life's "Stop Bullying Now!" premiere that we attended last night.

As well, if I forget any of my constituents who are here, I apologize to them, but I want to recognize Mr. Bob Long. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu, Ms. Pat Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my husband of 35 years. Where is Archie? He's not in the House. I'm not sure where he went. I want to recognize him in the House.

My oldest sister, Anne Akeeagok, her sons Russell and P.J. Akeeagok are here. I would also like to recognize my sister-in-law Looee Mike and my mother-in-law Eena Kullualik, as well as the people from my riding. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for Quttiktuq, Isaac Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize an individual from my community.

In August of 2000, I had died. Someone saw me and rescued me from the ocean when I fell off the boat. They brought me to the shore and when I was there, I had taken another breath, and then I regained consciousness in the health centre about four hours later. The individual, Titus Ejetsiak, was the one who witnessed that accident. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be here. I would like to recognize him. Thank you.

I'll make another comment. I would like to recognize my wife and I will give the reason. We have 13 children and we have many sons-in-law, many grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren. She is the one who makes them winter clothing, mitts, kamiit, and she never says, "I'm tired." However, at this time, she is unable to do so due to illness. She has raised our grandchildren and our great-grandchildren with the huge love she has for all those children. I would like to recognize my wife. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for (interpretation ends) South Baffin, David Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are many people that I would like to recognize, my

mother, Wendy Joanasie, who is here, my sister Mary Joanasie, my younger brother Sam Joanasie and his wife Wakta Pootoogook and their daughter Abigail Pootoogoo, my sister-in-law, Aluki Rojas, and her daughters Papatsi Rojas and Siku Rojas, my relatives, my son Sayri Kotierk, my daughter Cynthia Joanasie, my youngest son Qulittalik Joanasie, my wife, Emily Joanasie, and my friends who were recognized already, P.J. and Russell Akeeagok. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for Uqqummiut, Samuel Nuqingaq.

Mr. Nuqingaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize Juilie Sanguya and his wife, whose name I cannot recall. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Madam Monica Ell.

Ms. Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my friend of 27 years, my partner who has helped me with everything, Eeneasie Kanayuk.

There were several people from my constituency. There is now only one person. I know she will be recognized by our Premier, but she is in my constituency, so I'll be the first to acknowledge Joanne Taptuna. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. George Kuksuk.

Mr. Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Today, I would like to recognize some people who came in before the storm got in. We were fortunate to have them come in from Arviat and Whale Cove. I am very pleased that they were able to make it here.

I am very pleased that my daughter Alana is here. One of our elders from Arviat is well known, who is married to my mother's younger sister. I am happy that Emily and Louis Angalik are in the Gallery. Also the people beside them are my sister, her daughter, and their grandchildren, Elizabeth Voisey and her daughter Lavenia Voisey.

I am very pleased to recognize Marnie, who is now living here in Iqaluit. She is originally from Arviat and she is my biological daughter who was adopted. I am very happy with the people of Iqaluit because they welcome her very well. My daughter, who is her aunt, is also here, Cecile Gibbons. I am pleased to welcome you to the House.

These are the people I would like to recognize and I'm sure that I'll be able to recognize other people in the Gallery in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: The Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Mr. Paul Okalik.

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize the person who just came in, Jonah Aooloo, before he leaves. He is one of my constituents. I would also like to recognize Simanek Kilabuk and Michel Albert, who is our photographer. He was here, but I think he left. Welcome to our Legislative Assembly. I recognize everyone here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Mr. Tom Sammurtok.

Mr. Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my daughter Nadia Sammurtok and her classmate Louisa Meeko. They're taking the teacher education program here in Iqaluit. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Kugluktuk, Mr. Peter Taptuna.

Mr. Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have five names that I want to recognize. I have sat here for five years and this is the biggest list I have ever drafted.

>>Laughter

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize my wife, Joanne Taptuna, my daughter Geneve Nivingalok, her husband, David Nivingalok, our granddaughter Desiree Taptuna, and my cousin who is from

Kugluktuk, Rosie Kagak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Netsilik, Madam Jeannie Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I would like to recognize my husband, Nauyaq, whom I love. I would also like to recognize my mother, Mary Ittunga, who looks after me very well and shows me what to do. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Aggu, Mr. Paul Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps I'm going to be the first one to recognize Elisapee Quassa, my wife, and our son Akutuugaq, who is named after my father-in-law and also named Taannaruluk, who was my father. I am very pleased that they are able to be here.

I would also like to recognize my sister Lucie Tapardjuk. If you remember former MLA Louis Tapardjuk, his wife is my sister. My younger brother Joannie Quassa is also here, as well as the people from my community, the Speaker's wife, who is my cousin, Patricia Qulaut, and their grandchildren, John Paul Qulaut, and their son, Silas. We live in the same community in Igloolik, so I would like to recognize them. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Johnny Mike.

Mr. Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my wife, Looee Mike, my sister Eena Kullualik, and my daughter, (interpretation ends) my little girl, (interpretation) who is right behind me. I would like to recognize them.

Although my younger brother Archie Angnakak was recognized, he is not here, but I acknowledge him as well. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: The Hon. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my wife, Sandra Peterson, sitting in the Gallery. Mr. Speaker, we recently celebrated our 32nd wedding anniversary on November 7. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. I, too, would like to recognize visitors in the Gallery.

(interpretation ends) I wish to recognize first of all my father, who had passed on 46 years ago. I know he is with me today. I feel his presence and also my mother, who had passed on a year and a half ago, I feel her presence and I wish to recognize this.

(interpretation) Of the living, I would like to recognize a person whom I wouldn't be here without her support and I am very happy and I love her, my wife, Patricia Qulaut. Not too long ago, on November 3, we celebrated our 34th wedding anniversary. We're very happy to be here.

I would also like to recognize my little son, John Paul Aapak. He is also named after one of the former MLAs, Mark Evaluardjuk. I would also like to recognize my son Silas Qulaut, who is also here with us.

I would also like to recognize Louis Tapardjuk's wife. It's not appropriate for me to mention her name.

I would also like to recognize and I am very happy that I have been working with Mr. Paul Quassa. I am very happy because he is part of my strength and I recognize him.

We will proceed. (interpretation ends) Item 6. Oral Questions. As we have not yet sworn in our ministers, there will be no oral questions today.

An Hon. Member: No!

>>Laughter

Speaker: I sense deep disappointment on the part of the cabinet at this news.

>>Laughter

(interpretation) It is, indeed, disappointing. (interpretation ends) Item 7. Written Questions. As we have not yet sworn in our ministers, there will be no written questions today. Item 8. Petitions. Are there any petitions to

present? There being none. We will continue with the orders of the day. Item 9. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. As the House has not yet established its Standing Committees, there will be no reports today. Item 10. Tabling of Documents. Do any members have documents to table? Thank you.

Item 10: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 001 – 4(1): 2012-2013 Interim Financial Report of the Government of Nunavut

Tabled Document 002 – 4(1): 2012-2013 Annual Report of the Nunavut Development Corporation

Tabled Document 003 – 4(1): 2012 Annual Report under Section 8 of the Environmental Rights Act

Tabled Document 004 – 4(1): 2013 Report under Section 176 of the Wildlife Act

Tabled Document 005 – 4(1): 2013 Report of the Auditor General of Canada – Education in Nunavut

Tabled Document 006 – 4(1): 2013 Report of the Auditor General of Canada – Safety of Schools and Childcare Facilities in Nunavut

Tabled Document 007 – 4(1): Speaker's List of Outstanding Statutory Tabling Requirements

I have a number of documents to table today. The first document is the 2012-13 Interim Financial Report of the Government of Nunavut provided under

subsection 51(4) of the *Financial Administration Act*.

The next document is the 2012-13 Annual Report of the Nunavut Development Corporation.

The next document is the 2012 Annual Report made under section 8 of the *Environmental Rights Act*.

The next document is the 2013 Report made under section 176 of the *Wildlife Act*.

As the Legislative Assembly has not yet recommended appointments to the Executive Council, I have tabled these documents today on behalf of the government.

The next document is the 2013 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut concerning Education in Nunavut.

The next document is the 2013 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut concerning Safety of Schools and Childcare Facilities in Nunavut.

The final document that I wish to table today is a list of outstanding statutory tabling requirements. This list is current as of the beginning of today's sitting.

We will move on with the orders of the day. Item 11. Notices of Motions. Are there any notices of motions? The Hon. Member for Arviat South, Member Joe Savikataaq.

Item 11: Notices of Motions

Motion 001 – 4(1): Appointment of Deputy Speaker – Notice

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 21, 2013, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, that Joe Enook, Member for Tununiq, be appointed Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Arviat South, Member Joe Savikataaq.

Motion 002 – 4(1): Appointment of Deputy Chairpersons of the Committee of the Whole – Notice

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 21, 2013, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Cambridge Bay, that Tony Akoak, Member for Gjoa Haven, and Simeon Mikkungwak, Member for Baker Lake, be appointed Deputy Chairpersons of the Committee of the Whole.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Member George Hickes.

Motion 003 – 4(1): Appointment of Premier – Notice

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 21, 2013, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for South Baffin, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of Nunavut that Peter Taptuna, Member for Kugluktuk, be appointed Premier of Nunavut and member of the Executive Council.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Member George Hickes.

Motion 004 – 4(1): Appointments to the Executive Council – Notice

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 21, 2013, I will move the following motion:

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

Monica Ell, MLA for Iqaluit-Manirajak;
George Kuksuk, MLA for Arviat North-Whale Cove;

Johnny Mike, MLA for Pangnirtung;
Paul Okalik, MLA for Iqaluit-Sinaa;
Keith Peterson, MLA for Cambridge Bay;

Paul Quassa, MLA for Aggu;
Tom Sammurtok, MLA for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet; and
Jeannie Ugyuk, MLA for Netsilik.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Tununiq, Mr. Joe Enook.

Motion 005 – 4(1): Appointments to the Management and Services Board – Notice

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 21, 2013, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Aggu, that the following members be appointed to the Management and Services Board:

Pat Angnakak, Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu;
The Hon. Keith Peterson, Member for Cambridge Bay;
Allan Rumbolt, Member for Hudson Bay; and
Joe Savikataaq, Member for Arviat South.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time, I will seek unanimous consent to deal with

my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Quttiktuq, Isaac Shooyook.

Motion 006 – 4(1): Appointment of the Striking Committee – Notice

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 21, 2013, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Gjoa Haven, that the following members be appointed to the Striking Committee:

George Hickes, Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk;
David Joanasie, Member for South Baffin; and
Steve Mapsalak, Member for Aivilik.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Tasiujarjuaq, Member Allan Rumbolt.

Motion 007 – 4(1): Extended Adjournment – Notice

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 21, 2013, I will move the following motion:

I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Netsilik, that pursuant to the

provisions of Rule 3, that when the House concludes today's sitting, it shall be adjourned until March 6 of 2014.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Item 12. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. As we have not yet sworn in our ministers, there will be none today. Item 13. Motions. The Hon. Member for Arviat South, Member Joe Savikataaq, Appointment of Deputy Speaker.

Item 13: Motions

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

Speaker: Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. You may proceed.

Motion 001 – 4(1): Appointment of Deputy Speaker

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS section 42 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly shall, at its first session, elect a Deputy Speaker;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to make an appointment;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, that Joe Enook, Member for Tununiq, be appointed Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

The Hon. Member for Arviat South, Member Joe Savikataaq, Appointment of Deputy Chairpersons of the Committee of the Whole.

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

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

Motion 002 – 4(1): Appointment of Deputy Chairpersons of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS section 43 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly shall, at its first session, elect two Deputy Chairpersons of the Committee of the Whole;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to make appointments;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Cambridge Bay, that Tony Akoak, Member for Gjoa Haven, and Simeon Mikkungwak, Member for Baker Lake, be appointed Deputy Chairpersons of the Committee of the Whole.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

The Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Member George Hickes, Appointment of the Premier.

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

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

Motion 003 – 4(1): Appointment of Premier

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS section 60 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Premier of Nunavut shall be chosen from among the Members of the Legislative Assembly and appointed by the Commissioner on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to recommend an appointment;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for South Baffin, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of Nunavut that Peter Taptuna, Member for Kugluktuk, be appointed Premier of Nunavut and member of the Executive Council.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

>> *Applause*

The Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Member George Hickes, Appointments to the Executive Council.

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

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

Motion 004 – 4(1): Appointments to the Executive Council

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to recommend appointments;

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

Monica Ell, MLA for Iqaluit-Manirajak;
George Kuksuk, MLA for Arviat North-Whale Cove;
Johnny Mike, MLA for Pangnirtung;
Paul Okalik, MLA for Iqaluit-Sinaa;
Keith Peterson, MLA for Cambridge Bay;
Paul Quassa, MLA for Aggu;
Tom Sammurtok, MLA for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet; and
Jeannie Ugyuk, MLA for Netsilik.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

>> *Applause*

The Hon. Member for Tununiq, Member Joe Enook, Appointments to the Management and Services Board.

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

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

Motion 005 – 4(1): Appointments to the Management and Services Board

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS section 38 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly shall, at its first session, appoint members to the Management and Services Board;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to make appointments;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Aggu, that the following members be appointed to the Management and Services Board:

Pat Angnakak, Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu;
The Hon. Keith Peterson, Member for Cambridge Bay;
Allan Rumbolt, Member for Hudson Bay; and
Joe Savikataaq, Member for Arviat South.

AND FURTHER I MOVE that the Hon. Monica Ell, Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, be appointed an alternate ministerial member of the Management and Services Board.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

The Hon. Member for Quttiktuq, Isaac Shooyook, Appointment of the Striking Committee.

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

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

Motion 006 – 4(1): Appointment of the Striking Committee

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): WHEREAS Rule 83 of the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut* provides that the Legislative Assembly shall, at its first sitting after a general election, appoint a Striking Committee of at least three members to report and recommend, with all convenient speed, members to comprise standing committees of the Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to make appointments;

Thank you.

Speaker: The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All in favour. (interpretation) I'm sorry. Please proceed. I made a mistake.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Gjoa Haven, that the following members be appointed to the Striking Committee:

George Hickes, Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk;

David Joanasie, Member for South Baffin; and

Steve Mapsalak, Member for Aivilik.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): I'm sorry for making a mistake. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

The Hon. Member for Tasiujarjuaq,
Allan Rumbolt, Extended Adjournment.

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

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

Motion 007 – 4(1): Extended Adjournment

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Netsilik, that pursuant to the provisions of Rule 3, that when the House concludes today's sitting, it shall be adjourned until March 6 of 2014.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Item 14. First Reading of Bills. As we have not yet sworn in our ministers,

there will be none today. Item 15. Second Reading of Bills. As we have not yet sworn in our ministers, there will be none today. Item 16. *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

Item 16: Orders of the Day

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder for the newly appointed members of the Management and Services Board that there is a meeting tomorrow morning at 8:30 in the Tuktu Committee Room.

Orders of the Day for March 6, 2014:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Responses to Petitions
12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motions
15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions

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

Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (interpretation ends) I remind all members and visitors that the swearing-in ceremony for the Premier and Members of the Executive Council will take place in this Chamber at 5:00 p.m.

This House stands adjourned until March 6, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 16:32*

