

## TRANSITIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETING FEBRUARY 2006

I call upon the member from Nain, Julius Merkuratsuk to do our opening prayer, please stand.

### Opening Prayer

Let us pray, naligavut piulijivut manna tutsiatulluta tusalaummituguttok mannalu ikajuttaunimmik Kinuvigivattigit takkualu kiKatuttiginiattavut ikajulaukkitok suliatsanginnik tamainnik mingotuvviginiagatillu samaninnut ilagijaujumalluta taimaimmat kiggatugasuattavut tukisitilaummikittok Kanuk pigasuammangatta Nunatsiavut kavamanga aulatauvallianinganut taimaimmalu ullumi ukausiuniattut kiggatutilaummikit tukisiKulluta Kanuk taimak ilonnata pigunnanginata Kujagivaptigillu takkua angajukKautiujunut puigungimata tutsiaKujinimmik ilinnut taimaimmat atinnik Kujalivugut AMEN.

Madam Speaker: I would like to acknowledge our pages for today, Boas Mitsuk and Sybella Bennett, and also I would extend question period today so that members get opportunity to debate all issues. The agenda for today is appointments from the chair, announcements from the chair, appointment of electoral officer, private members bill debate, introduction of a bill to incorporate the Melville community corporation, Introduction of a bill for the process of the election of the inuit community chairperson, Presentation of the Nunatsiavut Government Financial Statements – March 31, 2006, Loan Guarantee for the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation, Question period, Continuing orders and adjournment.

Agenda Item number 1: The chair recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut Government.

President William Anderson: Thank you madam Speaker, for our land claim agreement and a number of inuit constitution, incorporation for the first general elections of Nunatsiavut Government, we are required under inuit law to appoint chief electoral officer, during our executive council discussions which was discussed by the executive council, and we have contacted an individual – Mr. Jack Shiwak from Rigolet, and I'm pleased to announce that Mr. Shiwak has accepted the challenge of becoming the Chief electoral officer, for Nunatsiavut Government, and Mr. Shiwak maybe coming on ??? as soon as ??? hopefully???? Because his responsibility will be to ensure that our voters list in every community ????? and in preparation for elections and ?? responsible for appointment of returning officers and whatever else is required from each community for not only the Nunatsiavut Government elections but also the inuit community elections as well as the inuit community corporations. And I'm very pleased that Mr. Shiwak has accepted that challenge, he's not new to handling elections and has been chief electoral officer for Torngat Mountains District for some years so, we figured that we're going to have someone ?????Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Are there any questions or comments?

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Agenda Item number 2: The chair recognizes the member from North West River – Mina Campbell-Hibbs

Mina Campbell-Hibbs: Thank you madam speaker, at the last sitting in Hopedale, I brought an private members bill to the assembly to make Inuttitut the working language of the Nunatsiavut Government, I feel this is a very important issue and feel we need to bring this forward, and also, because the Labrador Inuit Constitution states in section 1.6.3 that Inuttitut is the primary language of Nunatsiavut, also in section 1.6.5 of the Labrador Inuit Constitution under the heading Message to Advance Inuttitut, which includes section (C) and I'd like to read it from the constitution, Measures to Advance Inuttitut: Recognizing the diminished use and status of Inuttitut, the Nunatsiavut Assembly the Nunatsiavut Government, and the Inuit Community Governments and Inuit Community Corporations have an obligation, without limiting sections 1.6.1 and 1.6.2 to take practical and positive measures, and under C it says to: advance the use and elevate the status of Inuttitut which, in the case of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, may include the enactment of Inuit Laws and the provision of programs to encourage and support Labrador Inuit to learn and use Inuttitut. Because it states in the Labrador Inuit Constitution I feel that the transitional Nunatsiavut Government has an obligation to ensure that we follow the principles set out in the Labrador Inuit Constitution and make Inuttitut a living, working and vibrant language. I feel that discussions on this important issue should take place today but I would ask that a standing committee be put in place by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council to bring recommendations back to this assembly. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Are there any questions or comments?

The chair recognizes the First Minister

First Minister- Tony Andersen

Thank you madam speaker, I do have comments on this very important bill, and the importance is, I live in a community and there are a number of people who do still speak the language – Inuttitut, and I don't, but, I want to say that, I want to see I hope that there will be some commitment to this bill that will be passed, that because I almost feel that what we're doing here is some ?? and it's important to listen to what the government member from North West River is saying, very important, but how much importance, how much meaning beyond the tokenism that we're going to pass here today, we're all going to say yea, the bill is passed and we're going to work in towards making Nunatsiavut Inuttitut speaking, then we're gonna go home tomorrow, and sure that there will be no more Inuttut spoken in our head office tomorrow when we get there. ??? I think that ??? I can't leave here ??? our Government and our offices ??? unless there is some effort on all parts, ??? all come and go, ??? 2010, 2020, 2050 ??? to me there is some tokenism in this room, and it's all our future ??? and if the president ?? put in an agreement ??? the president goes to challenge, when they comes and when they say what

are you guys doing in Nunatsiavut in saving the language, saving the culture, the president now can ??? I think each of us would have to ensure that in our culture and I had to get up and say, when my mother dies and she will, guaranteed, she'll be the last member in my family who's fluent in Inuttitit. ??? my brothers and my sisters they don't speak Inuttitit, and none of their children and none of my children, none of my family members ??? and I have to say there's some tokenism ??and I want to make sure there's serious steps and determination on all parts, ??? and we don't just pat ourselves on the shoulder. We're gonna have to say we're trying, trying is much more than simply?? We've been passing bills, you know there should be some meaning too, we can feel it from our hearts, and I very much wanted to ????? Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: any further questions?

The chair recognizes the president of Nunatsiavut

President of Nunatsiavut Government – William Andersen

Madam Speaker not a question but a comment more to do with Inuttitit and trying to keep Inuttitit alive. Unlike the first minister Inuttitit is my first language, I was between 9-10 years old when I learned to speak English, and it is important as the first minister said and our Honourable member from North West River that it's important for us to make a commitment to strengthening and rebuilding our Inuttitit language, for the past number of years that there's been efforts to protect and preserve given the ??? our minister's in Nunatsiavut from Rigolet to Nain, and Madam Speaker my view is if we're going to preserve Inuttitit I think for the time being we should not be too concerned about the different dialects but be more concerned about preserving the language, language is dissolved and you know with positions changing the language will also change, but it doesn't mean we can't preserve Inuttitit. Madam Speaker about 1 ½ years ago the old LIA ?? cultural organization Torngasuk made application to the Tasiujatsuk Trust after the director of Torngasuk made a ??? language learning tool called Rosetta Stone and Tasiujatsoak Trust funded Torngasok for the touring fund \$500,000.00 to develop this Inuttitit learning tool, the first CD-ROM Madam Speaker will be available to the public sometime in mid to late August it's now been pretty much completed. And I would hope that Nunatsiavut Government will have a mandate and a responsibility to use that CD-ROM to start introducing Inuttitit into the Nunatsiavut Public Service and Government and as well the Inuit Communities and Upper Lake Melville and to anyone else who wishes to learn Inuttitit, Madam Speaker I have a friend in Ottawa who was born in Ontario and grew up in Iqaluit no Inuttitit, no Inuit background but she's growing in Inuttitit, and I think if someone like that can become fluent in Inuttitit there is no reason why we all can't be fluent, and to have her try and answer not so much a question but I think the call for us to do more than ????? and passages and roads of our lives we have to make a commitment to speak in Inuttitit. Like the first minister said I only have 1 child in my family, she has working knowledge of Inuttitit but is not fluent, the other 2 children in my family, the youngest one has knowledge of Inuttitit but is not conversational, and I think if we'd like to rebuild and make Inuttitit working language again everyone has make a commitment. I recall when

the process started to work towards what is now our government back in 1975-76 I sat at the Labrador Inuit Association board meeting not one word of English was spoken at those board meetings, and those who didn't understand Inuttitut had to have Interpreters interpret into English, and today it's completely the opposite way, now we rarely ever speak inuttitut at board meetings and our Inuit includes ?? the claim of Nain???? And as a matter of policy to me Madam Speaker probably in the future sittings to try and encourage Inuttitut, I plan to ??? those 4 other members that my working language in the house will be Inuttitut.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the Minister of Land, Resources and Status of Women.

Minister of Land, Resources and Status of Women – Zippie Nochasak

Thank you Madam Chair. I applaud honourable member from North West River to bring this private members bill, I think it's very important much more than just???? and I have 5 children and 2 youngest ones can speak Inuttitut now and I'm sorry, it's my fault that I didn't teach oldest girls and ??? and I'm married to a non-aboriginal guy from Ontario and he's fluent now and I'm very excited about Rosetta Stone, I think it's very exciting that it's coming, we've been waiting for a long time, and I think it's going to help a lot of our families ??? Rosetta Stone???? and our language is really important even though it's my first language and I'm standing here speaking English we had a meeting in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, we got a committee called Inuqatigiit OKausingit and we had to set up 3 people to go to Torngasuk ??? and when we had that meeting it was all speakers, we had about 30 and we never spoke one word of English, and I was really excited it was so beautiful just to be in that room because a lot of them were Hebron relocates and we did the whole election process in Inuttitut and not one word of English so I really encourage everyone here???? in our hands it's up to us now and I really encourage everyone to support this bill. Nakumiik

The chair recognizes the Minister of Finance

Minister of Finance – Gary Baiki

Thank you madam speaker. I just want to footnote the presidents remarks to the first minister on tokenism, I would like to say that also under the early implementation fund I don't the old LIA or this administration want to proceed with the preservation of Inuttitut as a tokenism bill, I think we all want to see Inuttitut as a spoken language and I'm happy to hear that the president will in the future try to conduct himself in using Inuttitut as a working language and I think that we all should try to do that, I myself am not fluent my mother is, and as the first minister said, my mother is also up there in age and soon will be passing on and I'm sorry to say that she did not pass the language on to on to us, but times at that time did not permit themselves to be the most favorable climate to speak Inuttitut and a lot of factors that were involved in that, now without getting into all that I would like to get into some of the commitments that the old LIA and what we are doing financially to help out with the Inuttitut and kind of prove that is not ??? the early

implementation fund saw \$500,000.00 go to Torngasuk Cultural Center and as of March 31, Torngasuk has spent \$100,000.00 of that, now the Torngasuk Cultural Center has made presentation to the Executive Counsel and gave us their plans for Inuttitut motion and programs within Nunatsiavut members, beneficiaries and the centers plannings are going very well there's some very good progress on the go, and their meeting the director is meeting with the finance department as to how the rest of the implementation fund can be spent. Sad to say that few years ago Torngasuk Cultural Center was burnt down in a fire, they had some really resource which they lost, they had some plans in place to hire some people, but because of the office that burnt down they're out of office space and unable to fulfill their commitments that they made on paper just very shortly after when the office burnt down, so I'm happy to say that we are at the department of finance and staff under my department are willing, able and ??? with the Torngasuk Cultural Center and any other organization that wants to promote and preserve Inuttitut and I too will also support the private members bill. Thank you Madam Speaker.

The chair recognizes the First Minister

First Minister – Tony Andersen

Thank you madam speaker. Why can't you get and not talk about money. I just wanted to say that when I did stand earlier, I wanted to get someone up to say something I guess ??? I thought what we were going to do was pass this bill with everybody saying that it is important ??? Finance Minister he always got to talk about money and he ??? that it is important and for the president and ministers ??? even the minister ?? talking about money. Thank you Madam Speaker ???

The chair recognizes the Minister of Health, Education, Social and Economic Development

Minister of Health, Education, Social and Economic Development – Ben Ponniuk

Thank you Madam Speaker. I applaud the member from North West River for bringing this bill forward, along with the other Ministers here I do support this bill 100% and I was at an ITK meeting awhile ago and I was quite surprised and sort of reminded me that all of their meetings were done in English, and this is at a national level, so to see our president say that he will use his first language in all of our meetings, could be setting a present for the rest of them and it's glad to see that president will do that and there's one more thing that came up while I was hear and it's our new executive secretary, coming from Kuujjuaq she was saying that I believe it was her youngest daughter was fluent when they left and Nain now where she's playing and hanging out with these other children there, she's starting to lose it because these younger children in Nain, or not only Nain, but in all of our communities are not being taught aren't being told to speak, it's being lost, I think we got to start at the younger level, bringing them to school, get some kind of programs going and I agree with ??? It's never too late and I think a good step and if anything could be realized that Mr. Andersen is saying bringing the first language

to these meetings making us listen to interpreters and not the other way around, so I'll be supporting this 100% and hopefully everybody will. Thank you.

The chair recognizes the member from Nain – Julius Merkuratsuk

Honourable Member Nain – Julius Merkuratsuk

Nakumiik uKattek, nilligalaallunga naammisiniakKunga taakua angajukKaunet uKagemmatali uvangali isumannik isumagenataganik uKaniagama. Tanna Inuttitut uKausik piulimajaugasuanninga Kujannadlatuk Nakumiik. Tamanna piguvalliatigasualugu ottulautta uKalatuinna??? Maligatsanut ilijauniatuaguni tanna malittaugiaKanialluni ajuinnanginitsauniagasugilittagali maligatsaunialluni sollu sivunganingani uKaKattagalualduta Inuttut uKausik piulimagialivut ?? Taimaak uKagatta, anikKagatta utigatta nunavuttinut Kanigeniamidluni taimaimat angajukKa taanna uKakKauninga ikajummagigajattaga tamana kajusiniatuappat asittinik kinalonet pasijatsaKangimagikKuk uvagut pasijatsaujugut Inuttut uKaalajugut nipungaluadlaKugut. Imaak, allaat Inuttut uKalaligama kangusulikKunga ullumi katimaju iluani, tusalunginama Inuttut, kisiani imaittumik atuttunga, pijutsaulungikaluaattunga Inugama, taavatuak tukisiadlungalu Kallunaatut pijaagilungitunga kisiani Inuttitut uKalaKatagama katimaju iluani. Tukisittaugunnaimaridlunga sullo. Taimaimmat ikajuttigegasuakKugatsi maligatsau iluanollugu uKagaluattut piniagatillu taimailugunnailutatok sivuppialaulito tamanna taimaa atsugudlunga uKaalavunga KitungaKagama unuttunik uvanni tukisKattalugunnaitunik taikkua Kitungait taima Inuttut tusaanginnagunik akuniungitu iligajammijuilli taimaimmat nakumek uKattek uKavvisaKattitaugalaagunnagama nilligalaannanga aullagumalunginama tanna uKausi pillugu kajusilaullitok. Nakumek.

Honourable Speaker: Are there any other questions or comments?

If not, I recommend that this private members bill present to the standing committee appointed be the executive council and that the committee report back to the assembly at the next session of the assembly.

Agenda Item Number 3: The chair recognizes the First Minister – Tony Andersen

First Minister – Tony Andersen

Thank you Madam Speaker, ?????? Introducing madam speaker, ??????????????????  
Community Corporation, ?????? second reading ?????????? third reading, I'm aware of  
????????????????? I am aware, so I, that's why I'm asking that the first reading ???? bill ????  
Thank you Madam Speaker

Madam Speaker: All in Favor?

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The chair recognizes the president of Nunatsiavut – William Andersen

President of Nunatsiavut Government – William Andersen

Madam Speaker, We have at the request of the council level and also the old Labrador Inuit Association in debating a creation to have community corporation in Upper Lake Melville, which is a requirement under the Land Claims Agreement, However the agreement also, Land Claims Agreement also states in that where there are a minimum of 199 members, however those voters in any given community, is community by petition to the Nunatsiavut Government, can be given the privilege of developing their own community corporation, in this case, 1 year ago in April 2005 the old Labrador Inuit Association board of directors received a petition from North West River with 200 and some signatures on it requesting that they ??? the opportunity in creating their own community corporation. And I believe that passing this bill is still important, however, I think it would be premature to do it at the present time since the request from North West River is still on the table, Madam Speaker as a result that in the event that North West River has had the numbers ??? by a community corporation, I would like this assembly to defer this, the passage of this bill to the next sitting to ensure that ?? pass it now and elections come around in September and October we could find that at the first sitting of the new assembly that North West River does have the numbers projected by a community corporation at any time of the month we could be forced to develop another community corporation and another election, and to me Madam Speaker it makes sense to not rush into this and ensure that you know we're doing the right thing in the passage of this bill, the other thing about the bill Madam Speaker is the ??? I don't think it's wrong, we perhaps should have it in ????? for a community corporation, in the event that there's 200 members living in St. John's or in Cartwright or in Lab West, if they put in a petition to Nunatsiavut Government to develop a community corporation we would be obligated to allow that to happen, therefore, I believe the bill is important and should be passed but it also should be a bill that applies any future community corporation. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions or comments?

The chair recognizes the member from North West River – Mina Campbell-Hibbs

Member from North West River – Mina Campbell-Hibbs. Thank you Madam Speaker, ????? the community ?? in North West River have done for some time and still are working towards an affective ?? requirements set out in our constitution to develop our own corporation, I'd like to be given the opportunity and time to get the necessary documents together and verified whether or not we do meet the requirements and bring to the next sitting of this assembly, and as I stated earlier ??? and if North West River does meet the requirements the beneficiaries in North West River could be voting into elections in Upper Lake Melville so I would not be interested in voting in favor of this bill to be passed today. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions or comments?

The chair recognizes the Minister of Health, Education, Social and Economic Development – Ben Ponniuk

Minister of Health, Education, Social and Economic Development – Ben Ponniuk

Thank you Madam Speaker, Some of the points that Mina raised there were very similar to us in Goose-Bay and Mudlake there's some things in the document that I read over that we have to do, revisit it I think, we have to, it seems like there's a bit of an overlap between this document and our constitution I believe now that we do have some things to go over and I support this idea that it will be deferred to our next meeting and I have a few questions that I'd like to see it deferred and the other question is I'd like to have brought up at the next sitting, I agree that the private members bill of the North West River be deferred ???

Madam Speaker: The chair recognized the Minister of Finance – Gary Baikie

Minister of Finance-Gary Baikie, Thank you Madam Speaker, just for clarity to this issue, I think for the members of the Government and also for the spectators in the gallery, we have to, like the honourable member said before the private members debate is to live by the Labrador Inuit Constitution and listen to the principles of the Labrador Inuit Constitution as voted on by the membership of the agreement, in that spirit, and I think we also have to realize that there was a membership review done in the North West River area and that the names on the list, the petition list not the voters list, and also the voters list they have to be clarified also too madam speaker, there are members on the voters list that need to be added to or taken off and then from that they would look at the petition, and then see if the petition is actually valid, a valid petition with benefactors on it, if there are no benefactors then the name of that petition have to come off and the member of or the Minister of Health, Social and Economic Development ??? to defer his constitution and his ??? then I personally do not have a problem with that, and I fully support the honourable member from North West River in the setup of her community corporation for the community of North West River, cause we are obligated under the Labrador Inuit Constitution on the setup of that community corporation and any other community corporation that proves to beneficiaries of the agreement that they are valid in their claim for community corporation. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the Minister of Lands, Resources and Status of Women

Minister of Lands, Resources and Status of Women – Zippi Nochasak, Thank you Madam Speaker, I just want to say I support the honourable member of North West River in regards to ???

Madam Speaker: The chair will defer the introduction of bill to incorporate the Melville Community Corporation to the next sitting of the assembly.

Agenda Item number 4, the chair recognizes the First Minister – Anthony Andersen



First Minister – Anthony Andersen, Thank you Madam Speaker, ????? Thank you very much ?? minister I'm pleased that ??? introduce the bill that members ?? in front of you, IL-2006-3, and act to provide for the elections ??? chairperson of the Inuit Community Corporation, I'm asking again that the ??? accept this second reading ??? thank you madam speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any questions or comments?

The chair recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut – William Andersen

President of Nunatsiavut Government – William Andersen

Thank you Madam Speaker, ??? the bill that provides a process by which the chair of the community corporation ??? as I am commanded from our legal advisors and deputy ministers this bill has been created to compliment ??? with the Inuit Constitution and held the Inuit Community Government, ??? are going to be elected in our Inuit Communities, the process that were created were by the chair the community corporation in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and North West River or elsewhere will be held in the same manner of elections for ??? Nunatsiavut Communities from Rigolet to Nain, ??? I ?? for this bill and I attempt to ??? First Ministers request that this bill ????. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the First Minister – Anthony Andersen

First Minister – Anthony Andersen

Thank you Madam Speaker, just to add on to what I said earlier, ??? the bill is going to be ??? Madam Speaker ??? Happy Valley-Goose Bay, ??? Stan Oliver ??? if there is work ??? forming Inuit Corporations ?? I hope that ?? pass this ?? to ensure ??? Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the Minister of Health, Education, Social and Economic Development – Ben Ponniuk

Minister of Health, Education, Social and Economic Development – Ben Ponniuk:  
Thank you Madam Speaker, I think the planned election date for this was, I know in the Constitution it's the second Tuesday in September, there was word that it was going to be the 5<sup>th</sup> of September which would be the first, I think we got to get that clarified before we can do this, and also we have to take it to the next assembly meeting because this election is early September, and ?? these 3 points would have to be addressed ?? thank you madam speaker.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes First Minister – Anthony Andersen

First Minister – Anthony Andersen, Thank you Madam Speaker, I want ?? my good friend sitting next to me that in fact everything is in order and to give assurance and ??? we recognize very much in order to have a community corporation ??? Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Upper Lake Melville but for me to use those terms ??? I want to assure the member from, the member and the minister that in fact we don't have to have an exact date for the next sitting, we don't have to have ??? we can still pass this bill today, and ensure that our obligations are met, and I expect that before the October ??? this amendment there will be a sitting on this legislature, ??? thank you madam speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions or comments?

We will now go to third reading. ???

All in Favor?

Yea

Agenda Item number 5, the chair recognizes the Minister of Finance – Gary Baikie

Minister of Finance – Gary Baikie, Thank you Madam Speaker, I graciously and humbly would like to present to you and table to the assembly financial statements as of March 31, 2006. As you go through it you will see Madam Speaker what has been presented to you is actually in compliance with the in terms supply act of March and also of effective date November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005, the transitional bills that allow us to carry on the duties of the Nunatsiavut Government and programs and services that are, we are responsible for, I'm happy to report, I'm not going to go into any great detail to all headings and that Madam Speaker, I believe that table document and if anybody do have any questions they can certainly give us a call or give my department a call, and we will be happy answer any questions. But Madam Speaker as you, as I would like to point out to the government members that each of the departments, I'm happy to report have been within their spending limits, have maintained their spending limits within their respective departments and actual fact have underspent and we have small surplus and that's reflected into the page 7, the Nunatsiavut Government summary of cash surplus March 31<sup>st</sup> and I ??? to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006, and briefly to go over that one you will see that as of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2006 cash that we do have on hand \$800,00.00 now under that 800,000,000.00 at 800,000.00 we do have money committed to be spent and for bills to be paid, and after the bills and the money that we more less owe to the different places and organizations that the total amount will bring us down to surplus of \$1,895,568.74 of that Madam Speaker we have committed \$300,000.00 to the Department of Health and Social Development \$300,000.00 so that they can carry out some restructuring which they are with the process of doing and have done from last couple of months, now I'm happy to report that the Minister responsible has been pretty on schedule in doing this, so after that, after we deduct the 300,000.00 the balance that we do maintain is 1,595,568.74 in surplus dollars up to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Madam Speaker if I draw your attention then to page 8 we have, we are happy to report from the executive council meeting that the surplus dollars are going to be committed to various projects that the executive council

would like to see through, and the projects there are outlined, so the recommendations we have made 435,000.00 for office space in the Department of Health and Social Development for Makkovik, they badly need space to carry out their programs, there's some issues around the high cost of rent and some contaminated land there so we're looking at building a building for the Department of Health and Social Development in Makkovik we have extra staff positions for each department committed \$400,000.00 for that and this will be a new positions that the respective departments will hire, they'll get together and figure out what positions they need to create within their department and that I'm happy to report will be a full-time position in each department and will be even though our surplus dollars may not be there next year, the positions will still be there because it will coming off of our HST dollars that we will receive from the government that we are still negotiating but we expect to receive, and also Madam Speaker we need a building, we need some infrastructure in Nain, we have as you know in the constitution that it states that the administrative office of Nunatsiavut Government will be in Nain, we are committed to that we are spending some money there in housing for staff positions that we need to build and in light of the work that needs to be done on the old office building complex that burnt down, we are developing some of that land in the summer months and expect to start construction on that next year, if everything is maintained schedule, when that's done, then we need to build houses in Nain right now what we can do is build either 2 unit story duplex that can house the positions in Nain as we are running out of office space, we've also asked, recommend that the 5 positions, there's 5 positions that is project funded and the project funded positions are just that they only rely only project funding the project funding sometimes is slow through the government programs we're expecting some program dollars to come through, we haven't got them yet, but we've had to give notice to the staff as the project funds don't come through, and their positions are redundant and they will be terminated but, because we are expecting some of the program dollars to come through we asked that we continue funding their positions until we get final word as to whether or not the funding for these positions, so that's the \$100,000.00 from April 1<sup>st</sup> up to the end of June, and 65,000.00 sorry about that. Also, Madam Speaker we are asking that \$100,000.00 be committed to training of we say here board training in actual fact what we're asking for is training for the government members such as myself carry out the duties of Minister of Finance, and I think yourself Madam Speaker in St. John's going down there and meeting with the speaker of the House of Assembly, so we're asking that training for the government members on how to conducted themselves in the government in an assembly, also Madam Speaker, the, we had in house legal counsel, the in house legal counsel decided that she did not want to work with the same warden ??? so now the legal fees that we had anticipated are going to rise because we won't have them inside of the house, we don't have any more legal counsel, so we got to go outside and pay lawyers at a cost that is greater than what we had established so we're asking for \$100,000.00 to be redirected to the legal fees to this fiscal year??? So that will take care of the surplus except madam speaker for \$568.74, and we're going to put that into lottery and no, madam speaker that will distributed somehow. Once we decide how to do that I will report back. So Madam Speaker that is the financial statement up to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006 Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any questions or comments?

All in Favor

Yea

Approved

10 minute recess.

Madam Speaker: call the assembly to order

Agenda Item number 6, the chair recognizes the Minister of Finance – Gary Baikie

Minister of Finance – Gary Baikie

Thank you Madam Speaker, Item 6 is the loan guarantee for Labrador Inuit Development Corporation, and before I introduce the bill, madam speaker I would ask the members to go to page 4 of the bill, and on page 4 number 10 second line where the payment of a debt or obligation of Labrador Inuit Corporation that should read where the payment of debt or obligation of the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation. Also madam speaker, number 11, second line obligation of Labrador Inuit Corporation should obligation of Labrador Inuit Development Corporation, so madam speaker I would, this is the, for those that need, no before this, the Nunatsiavut Assembly Bill number IL-2006-04, madam speaker I would like to skip second readings and go to third reading and debate on this bill ??? madam speaker, and what it is, it's a bill asking for the loan guarantee for Labrador Inuit Development Corporation to carry on with it's normal business for the year 2006 also in the loan guarantee madam speaker is the financing of the loan to buy a fishing vessel the APPAK and that only be for the year 2006, but that will be up in operation???? And that's a vessel that is adaptable for multi-species and fish pretty much any where in the North Atlantic and right now she is, the vessel is ??? turbot fishery, so madam speaker I introduce this and again humbly ask the members to and yourself to go into third reading on this private bill and pass it too. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions or comments?

The chair recognizes the member from Rigolet – Richard Rich

Honorable member Rigolet – Richard Rich, Thank you madam speaker, yesterday when we had a ??? I was shocked to hear the community of Rigolet where I represent, and workers had no work for the summer and no one had told them, I will make up my mind before I vote on this bill, but before I do that I think people should report of this road work, and looking for a loan guarantee for the development corporation there now or anything else, I feels bad, for me I go home and I got to tell these gentlemen, these gentlemen and their families there's no work for them, ??? I'm going to tell these gentlemen, I hope that shareholders, First Minister and someone else is going to come in

there, seems like you know when we're talking about the Voisey's Bay Nickel Industry ?? to try to help people get into ??? and our people on the north coast of Labrador was always ????? I will, I will also end off this by saying last year ??? assembly ??? gas station ?? our First Minister Tony Andersen ??? council, ?? coming from the last LIDC ? managers ?? the meeting in Rigolet, our town office first ones to tell you ??? protesting, and when we got our ??? oil and gas ?? workers there, and they looked up to the manager of LIDC on all effects with the jobs with regards to for next year ??? but I was shocked yesterday when I was hear, my people and not only Rigolet but I guess Nain has the same thing, but I don't know what the people would have done to me if they knows in some of the communities had their jobs removed. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the Minister of Finance – Gary Baikie

Minister of Finance – Gary Baikie, Thank you madam speaker, and I would like to thank the honorable member of Rigolet for his comments and I do realize what you as a government member are going to face in your community I also have some understanding of how you feel, we too in Nain, with the quarry workers of Iggiak had to go in and tell them that your employment at Iggiak for this year was not going to be there, and that's because Madam Speaker of the way, I guess some management decisions that the old LIDC would have made, recently we've appointed 3 new shareholders madam speaker and for the information of the government members they are my deputy minister Wyman Jacque, the Presidents deputy minister Chesley Andersen and the Minister of Health, Education, Social and Economic Development – Ben Ponniuk's deputy minister, they are the 3 new shareholders, we've, when they went into look at the management and the situation of LIDC they came to realize very quickly that LIDC was not going to be able to operate this summer, and ??? that if we did not do something about that, so what they've done madam speaker is made some decisions on what was going to be able to open up this summer and what will not be able to open this summer, this was based on various factors madam speaker and that's not to say that in the future that the project in Rigolet will not procede and hopefully in the very near future that it will procede but then again that will depend on the access of funds through the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation, and so there's going to be some decisions we've got to make some very tough decisions and shareholders have had to make some very tough decisions, and sadly we've had to inform people that they were not going to be employed this summer at the usual jobs, and we'll try to work with them in finding other employment or training options, and I will totally hope and assume that the shareholders and the board of LIDC will offer the same to the workers of the community of Rigolet. I also will make a commitment on behalf of the executive council, we met as an executive, we discussed this issue and we've directed the LIDC and at least one of the shareholders to go into the community of Rigolet and inform the workers there, that they are going to be laid off, they're lay off will be extended and they will not be employed by LIDC this summer, and that's with great regret, and ??? in saying that, but we also had to make the decision based on the over all good I guess of the LIDC, is either looking at funding some of the programs and keeping LIDC afloat for this year and offer employment to some people, or offer employment to no one, because if we did not have this bill, or if this bill do not pass we're not going to be able to see any employment

within LIDC, so madam speaker I feel for the member the honorable member of Rigolet and I also feel for people, ?? also feel for the people that we had to lay off and ?? and greatly regret that, I hope there will be a new management installed and we are going to be offering through LIDC that things will slowly look up in the future for LIDC, in saying all of that also, the Minister of Health, Social and Economic Development has informed us that he will be coming up and looking into Economic Policy ??? but this whole LIDC issue is probably only a small part of the Economic Development picture ?? I'm sure there will be economic development opportunity other than the small project that we offer, have offered to ?? and hopefully in the near future the honorable member will be able to participate and announce to his community that the economic development opportunities ??? will be developed, ??? policies, but that's something we have yet to see and as a transitional government all departments got to take their time to work with your community and work with some sort of frame ?? policy, so I hope I can give madam speaker the honorable member from Rigolet some sort of ?? in saying that he won't be faced with the task of informing his constituency of their employment offers with the LIDC this summer but it will be in fact the LIDC itself, thank you madam speaker.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the First Minister – Anthony Andersen

First Minister – Anthony Andersen, Thank you Madam Speaker, I have to say that the Minister of Finance did a very good job and, you know what else could I say I can only echo what he said, it is important I think you know the member from Rigolet we have to be open and honest and I stand in support of the vote ??? and the cut backs of LIDC ?? but at the end of the day, ?? they are very capable ?? shareholders, but I am elected person, and I don't agree that ?? simply because there are knowledgeable ??? that's not how I do my job, I do my job ?? from inside of me, and I will say at the end of the day I did agree that important decisions had to be made, cuts had to be made, and I was pleased that you know the members from Nain were asked to come in, it was explained to them and actually very happy to see the members from Nain also went to the meeting when it was explained to the poor workers, but I did agree at the end of the day madam speaker I did agree with the decisions that, and let me say they are very ?? shareholders ?? and it is hard, it's going to be hard not only for the people in Rigolet, some people in Nain, and like I said yesterday ?? we all knew, leaders, the members from Rigolet from Nain ?? if we are going to turn this thing around ?? ? and this year we had to make the cuts, they had to be made, ??? these decisions had to be made and I will go to Rigolet with those bureaucrats and they do have to go to Rigolet, they have to go to Rigolet face the workers, meet face to face, ?? and I will go support of those shareholders from that board, ?? and I also want to say we are going to be ?? myself from Nunatsiavut President William Andersen, the Economic Development Minister, and we are going to do everything that we possibly can to ensure that those 7 people have opportunities for work this summer in some other operation under LIDC, ?? Voisey's Bay or Postville, but we are going to do everything possible that those workers have the options, thank you madam speaker.

Madam Speaker: the chair recognizes the Member from Hopedale – Patty Pottle

Member from Hopedale – Patty Pottle, Thank you Madam Speaker, ??? on the bill section 5, A & B ?? any time frame where C does, it says for the year 2006 2007, my concern is that this may be an on going bill where by it authorizes the minister to guarantee loans up to the amount specified in A & B, ?? Thank you

Madam Speaker: ??

Minister of Finance – Gary Baikie, Yes Madam Speaker I will respond, Thank you madam speaker, I would like to respond to the honorable member of Hopedale by saying that in A the \$3,895,000.00 will be repayed within a 10 year period so in 10 years there will be ??? \$800,000.00 we committed to pay that back within 1 year, Thank you.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the Member from Hopedale – Patty Pottle

Member from Hopedale – Patty Pottle, Thank you Madam Speaker, The minister if you repay the \$800,000.00 this year are we giving authorization for next year for LIDC to go out or for the Ministers to guarantee another loan of another \$800,000.00 in other years?

Madam Speaker: the chair recognizes Minister of Finance – Gary Baikie

Minister of Finance – Gary Baikie, no madam speaker it does not, and this bill will testify just for the amount shown and that it's not ?? again ??? Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut Government – William Andersen

President of Nunatsiavut Government – William Andersen, Thank you Madam Speaker, ??? I will assure the assembly that any guarantee in the future, is not going to be coming from ??? money of that magnitude I can assure the assembly that we will make no move until we have the assembly's approval, and for this year only and in the future there's a requirement?? ?? Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes member from Rigolet – Richard Rich

Member from Rigolet – Richard Rich, Thank you Madam Speaker, All I'm really saying now, we know these workers gonna be laid off, all they had to do was send a letter or a phone call say boys you got your jobs gone for the summer because couple these guys worked in Voisey's Bay after they lost their jobs in Rigolet, I think through the grapevine I heard that 1 or 2 of them had a good chance to go Lab City, but he was willing to wait for he job in Rigolet but, all I'm going to say anything ever happens again in my community when you got to cut jobs, have guts enough to tell the people, lot of times I come to a meeting like this and I don't know what's going on. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions or comment? If not, we will go to third reading for load guarantee for the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation.

All in Favor?

Yea

Approved.

Madam Speaker: We will now go to question period any member will rise and I will recognize. Oh yeah, we will go to statements before that, any statements from Ministers and Government Members, The chair recognizes Minister of Finance – Gary Baikie

Minister of Finance – Gary Baikie, Thank you Madam Speaker, we had an executive council meeting the other evening to ?? May 29<sup>th</sup>, at that time Madam Speaker I tabled a letter, regretfully I got to add and what I would like to do is inform the rest of the government members of that letter that I tabled to the executive council and what I'll do is just read it out, it's very brief and it is a letter to the members of the executive council from myself, and it reads: for reasons that are personal please accept this letter of my one month notice of resignation of Minister of Finance Human Resources and Information Technology the last day of my holding office of Minister will be June 23, 2006 please note that I am giving up my portfolio as Minister but not as government member for Nain, and Madam Speaker that was tabled on May 29<sup>th</sup> and dated May 29<sup>th</sup>, so that's my table. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further statements? The chair recognizes First Minister - Anthony Andersen

First Minister – Anthony Andersen, Thank you Madam Speaker, ?? acknowledge ?? I want to ?? ?? there is a ??? the member from Nain, ?? ?? I also want to say that I guess we're going to go to some agreement ?? ?? It is very serious business ?? and I want to thank the members from the communities, ?? ?? the members have done well in their communities, ?? ??

Madam Speaker: the chair recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut – William Andersen

President of Nunatsiavut Government – William Andersen, Thank you Madam Speaker, I too would like to acknowledge and thank the Minister of Finance for his services as well as, I've been involved in the movement for this government ??? what ever you chose to do, ??? and I can only echo what the First Minister said, Thank you very much, for having ?? ?? and with that I do have a couple of statements to make, reports to the assembly, last week I attended a fisheries summit that was organized by the ??? of Newfoundland and Labrador ??? the meeting went for some 10 hours but the two issues that were raised was the ?? federal fisheries ?? Labrador Inuit, ??? I put it on record that we're demanding that quota, and any extra quota that can be available we should have ?? region to the fisheries, we should have as much opportunity as any one else, ?? the other issue I raised was ??? was an issue that the First Minister actually worked very hard on, and that's the aboriginal ?? earlier this year, the Federal government had committed a quota of 4,000 ?? for aboriginal fishers, and we assumed that 4,000 quota would be ours, but without notification to the Nunatsiavut Government, the people involved Madam



Speaker, the Minister and his staff decided to share this quota with Quebec, Labrador ?? organizations that have no aboriginal ?? and with the seal fishery one of the things that, we are ?? to research is whether or not it would be feasible to have a seal plant in Nunatsiavut, ?? but, all our arguments have to be made stronger with the federal government that you know as seal fishers we're the first ever in people in north America to ? seal products ?? before Canada became a country, and also in the statement which I will provide a copy of to our communications director before the end of this session, Really the seal products, seal skins kind of defines who the Inuit are. Before introduction of sneakers or whatever, seal skin was our primary clothing, Madam Speaker I was 7 years old when I got my first pair of sneakers, before that I was wearing seal skins, ?? So, it is my intent ?? to follow through with this as the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans has agreed to meet with us as soon as it could be arranged, and hopefully this will happen ?? Madam Speaker the other issue that I wanted to raise here is something that was started as an Executive Council, and the hearing process on Drug and Alcohol ?? the hearing process in my opening remark ?? you know we want to make laws and develop new programs and services to deal with, but my intent was to get community reaction before we determine ?? in my statements I say that you know this is an underlying problem in these communities that leads to drug and alcohol abuse, and it is my intent along with ?? to try and isolate what those problems are so that we can ?? some of the hearings have made reference to us needing to do more work and have a development of safe houses, protection for women and children, Madam Speaker my response to that is when I was a child it was safe for me to go anywhere in the community and today it's not the same, I could go to Nain, and neglected children are out on the roads all hours of the night, and I'm sure it's beginning to ?? and I think we're going to address the problem ?? we also have to work on re-developing family reunions, care of children, safe communities and feeling responsible for our community in a way that it becomes a healthy community environment, as said in our hearings that Nunatsiavut Government is having difficulty attracting people to Nunatsiavut, especially Nain and a large part of that, in my view is because people here just ?? it has to be Madam Speaker our intent to praise in our communities a healthy living style so that our people want to come back rather than go away from it, our hearings will continue here Madam Speaker on Monday and Tuesday, and in our process as a committee say the presentations can be public, private ?? and it can be done in your choice of language, and we look forward in continuing the process we have Hopedale and Nain and Goose Bay and North West River ? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Are there any further statements?

The chair recognizes the Minister of Lands and Resources, Status of Women

Minister of Lands and Resources, Status of Women – Zippie Nochasak, Thank you Madam Speaker, there is something I would like to bring up, I'd like to have a further discussion on Number 4 Introduction of a Bill for the Process of the Election of Inuit Community Chairperson, because of a matter that came to light this morning and also after I had a chance to view the possibility of not having an election for a chairperson for Upper Lake Melville and as the elected assembly members for Happy Valley – Goose

Bay, I have to answer to the beneficiaries, and I don't want to leave here wishing I should want to ??? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes First Minister - Anthony Andersen

First Minister – Anthony Andersen, Thank you Madam Speaker, I want to speak on this because it was, non other than myself that introduced that bill under Community Corporations, and I'm asking Madam Speaker for the consideration that ?? recess, to go and have some lunch, ??? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the Minister of Health, Social and Economic Development – Ben Ponniuk

Minister of Health, Social and Economic Development – Ben Ponniuk, Thank you Madam Speaker, in regards to some of the lay offs that we were talking about earlier, the member from Rigolet we've made some commitments to the TUC workers in Nain that we would help them find employment, also some training needs that would be available, ??? and we'll do the same with your community as we're doing with the Nain community, which would be effective as of ?? there will be a commitment, and I assure you ?? whether it be employment elsewhere, training for employment or whatever the case may be, we will be there for them. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any further statements?

We will go to recess and reconvene at 1:10 P.M., we will then go to question period.

We will continue on where we left off with for lunch, we'd still like to recognize the Minister of Lands, Resources and Status of Women – Zippie Nochasak

Minister of Lands, Resources and Status of Women – Zippie Nochasak, Inuttit uKalagasuagama Nakumek, Madam Speaker, taanna unikkaKaujavut ullaakut numara sitamat, Introduction of a Bill for the Process of the Election of Inuit Community Chairperson, taanna utivvigigumakKaujaga unikkaKaugatta ullakut silametilluta takkua ilangit mani itsivajut ?? taanna Constitution malitsiataungimmat taanna Constitutionni maligiaKajavut taima uKalagumatuinnaKauvugna Kaujititaugumagama ?Kanuilijausimagama? Happy Valley-Goose Baymit apigittaugama kiugumajakka tanna Tony Andersen uKalaniattuk pijageguma. Nakumek Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes First Minister – Anthony Andersen

First Minister – Anthony Andersen, Thank you Madam Speaker, I just want to introduce the bill ??? and I'm asking Madam Speaker for the assembly to reconsider deferring this bill, I'm asking now that the bill not be deferred, as I requested earlier that we ?? so that we pass it today, the member from Upper Lake Melville ??? in fact there is some possibility that we could be in violation of our own constitution ?? and I realize that there are some concerns from the community of North West River, but I told her I do believe

that we follow what's in the constitution that the concerns be met, we had a chance to talk, me and the member from North West River, I believe that it can be addressed there are some assurances that I can't do, and I believe that the person will ?? the member from North West River ?? that the Community Corporation for North West River be in place by the fall, and I believe it can be done and that the establishment ?? to establish the community corporation for Upper Lake Melville will in no way slow the process in the fact that we're establishing a community corporation ?? all those ?concerned? can be addressed to the satisfaction of the member for North West River before we ask ??? pass this bill ?? Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? The chair recognizes the Minister of Lands and Resources, Status of Women – Zippie Nochasak

Minister of Lands and Resources, Status of Women – Zippie Nochasak, Nakumek  
Madam Speaker, amma takugi allagumavunga takkua Upper Lake Melville taijaujuk  
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takugi allagumavunga North West River Upper Lake Melville memmat Mina atinga  
takugumajaga tamaani.

Madam Speaker: Any further comments? The chair recognizes the Member from North West River – Mina Campbell-Hibbs.

Member from North West River – Mina Campbell-Hibbs, Thank you Madam Speaker, after or during the recess over lunch hour we had some discussions to get the people involved in getting the Corporation and the bill being passed today, and it was never my intention to hold anything up, in the Upper Lake Melville Corporation or anything else, all my intention was, was that the corporation for North West River ?? approve before the elections coming up this fall, and as the First Minister stated in his comments ?back in 2005? ? the members of North West River through our President ensuring me that there will be an assembly meeting in time before the elections for me to get the documents ready in North West River petition and the constitution, and I would have no problem passing this private bill today and I thank the Minister ?? Lands? Minister for asking that it be approved in the incorporators of the Upper Lake Melville Corporation until a corporation for North West River is formed. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions or comments?

The chair recognizes the Minister of Health, Social and Economic Development – Ben Ponniuk

Minister of Health, Social and Economic Development – Ben Ponniuk, Thank you  
Madam Speaker, before moving on with this bill, there's a couple changes that would have to be made, because I guess ?? the constitution, the first change would be in this corporations act, I don't know if you people got it there, the first one would be on page 11 number 56 in there it reads "The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by general assembly" that would be changed to read "Members of the Executive

Committee with the exception of the chairperson” and this being because the chairperson would be a member of the Nunatsiavut assembly same as any other office of assembly members, and that’s on page 11 number 56, the second one would be on page 12 number 58, this is just really simple it’s just we’re changing, where it says “The chairperson , Vice-chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected” that should, you should delete chairperson for the same reason and also number 59 delete chairperson for the same reason, there’s one more here on page 15 it states the same thing again, number 79 on page 15 would read the same but, with the exception of the chairperson, these are my suggested amendments and provided we have a meeting with the assembly and I think the President will probably announce a date for that, I am willing to support the bill with these changes with these amendments. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions or comments?

The chair would like to ask for approval to go third reading.

All in favor.

The chair recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut – William Andersen

President of Nunatsiavut Government – William Andersen, Thank you Madam chair, now that this bill has passed, the First Minister and I sat down with the member from North West River lunch hour, and I gave an assurance that provided North West River presents the community a petition calling on us to create a Community Corporation, I’m prepared to call the assembly back in order in July in order that ?? our constitution a community corporation can be created in North West River and that’s provided that the numbers that their by-laws ?? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: We will now go to question period. ??

The chair recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut

President of Nunatsiavut Government – William Andersen, Thank you Madam Speaker, I’m not sure if this is annoying, but I was supposed to I spoke earlier of the Drug and Alcohol Abuse hearings, and when we were in Postville we got 2 public opinion questionnaires or surveys from the community one of them from the youth, and 1 for the community overall, and we’re having them analyzed by our staff ?? the ? organizing the hearings, but I would like table these ?? Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any questions?

The chair recognizes the member from Rigolet – Richard Rich

Member from Rigolet – Richard Rich, Thank you Madam Speaker, I have 2 questions for the Minister of Fisheries, coming from concerned fishermen in Rigolet area, the first one, this is the first year I know there was no fisheries conference in the north coast, every

year there is fisheries conference and there was none this year, my second question to the Minister of Fisheries I think we got a good thing started in Rigolet in seal fishery, but some from our seal fishery is wanting to get a building built for to work at the seal skins, ? the council and wherever else to get the money, and another thing you know I just mentioned that there's no seal ??, about 5 weeks ago myself and I guess everyone along the north coast got a questionnaire paper and we got to do this test, and if this test is not done by next April, I don't know what's going to happen I did try to call a couple of people from DFO before I come, but there's things like this you know we could of knowed from other people, as you know we listen to the fishermen's broadcast and every where else on the south coast of Newfoundland, Quebec had to have this done too, so there's a lot things in the fishery that I really think we should have had a fisheries conference on different things. I will stop there now.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the member from Nain – the chair recognizes the Minister of Lands and Resources, Status of Women – Zippie Nochasak

Minster of Lands and Resources, Status of Women – Zippie Nochasak, thank you Madam Speaker, Thank you government member from Rigolet, you asked why there wasn't fishery conference this year in Rigolet, there was a conference at Makkovik for crab, scallops and char fishermen, and we intend to have workshops ?? in Rigolet to promote specific species like seal, also this year 2 people from Rigolet attended harvesters auction, in which seal skins were sold, and earlier this winter we did go to Rigolet Department of Lands and Resources, that was myself and Stanley Oliver to discuss seal industry, and you were there, and the was the first meeting we ever had, and I think it went pretty well, and we're expecting to do more, the other question you had for money for a building, we're presently working with Torngat Fisheries and the people from Rigolet, in ?developing? in seal fishery, we intend to continue to work with Torngat and Rigolet in developing a proposal to require equipment and probably a building to support the seal fishery. Nakumek Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the member from Nain – Isabella Pain

Member from Nain – Isabella Pain, Thank you Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance, I will address based on one of the things he ?? before us this morning, which was a document on the distribution of surplus funds he had, I noticed in there that he was going to be spending money on doing some infrastructure ? cleaning up land in Nain and also maintenance of housing, what I don't see on here is, maybe you have it some where else, but I'd like to know where and when we expect to start building the Administrative Center in Nain, and the Administrative Center in Hopedale, I don't see that in this budget I don't know if it is in the budget ?? .

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the Minister of Finance – Gary Baikie

Minister of Finance – Gary Baike, Thank you Madam Speaker and thank you to the honorable member from Nain for that question. It is a very good question and one that is dear to my heart as the executive council will know, every chance I get, I get to push to

get the ?? constitution in the agreement to have the infrastructure necessary to run the Nunatsiavut Government in place, I have to report that the money is committed for the building in Nain and the Legislative building for Hopedale, in saying that, I am sad to say that there are ?? building, the legislative building in Hopedale I think there are some problems around land and contamination of land and the availability of land in Hopedale so I won't be able to answer that part, I can't go to great detail on that I do have a general knowledge, but the Minister in charge of infrastructure would be able to answer these questions and I'll pass it on to him, also for the building in Nain the money and again for this community the money coming out the **?DIPPIE?** ? that's not there's nothing ?? as far as budgetary concerns, there are however again in Nain some issues around the land and clean up of the land and contamination of lands ?? ?????????clean up of the land this summer along with the soil testing and ?? but again, I stress that I am forever and will forever ??building for the property in Nain, and the legislative building in Hopedale as they are requirements of the agreement and constitution. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the First Minister – Anthony Andersen

First Minister – Anthony Andersen, Thank you Madam Speaker, ?? let me say that in addition to the generous enough and as for the minister ?? we have a lot of budget issues prior to that, ?? in excess of \$400,000.00 as well, that will be used, some of it will be used to start a project in Nain, and I'll just add on to what the Minister, in Hopedale, we know that we know now that the community has come back to us and said the Legislature will be built on that property, ?? they told us where we have to build and it is on that property that is known as the school property, and there is some contamination there, there needs to be a clean up and my department ?? in the process now ?? in Nain we have invited I believe 3 engineering firms to begin the process to what the minister said study what needs to be done there, what type of clean up, I believe there's some soil testing and to give some idea what kind of building we can put on that property, the property manager done some work already in determining how many offices we do need in Nain board rooms, so the process, I guess what I'm saying is well under way, we expect that my the end of this year we will have in place something that we can present to the government members, some preliminary design in what the administrative center might look like so that over the winter we can process and place the tender and the construction could begin as early as a year from now or before the next construction season, for the legislative building some of the plans we will have in place this year will be determined by the study there done this summer on what kind of clean up needs to be done, **?in that property we have?** Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognized the President of Nunatsiavut – William Andersen

President of Nunatsiavut Government – William Andersen, Thank you Madam Speaker, in speaking in support of the First Minister and the Minister of Finance, Nunatsiavut Government met with the Department of Environment, the ??? department of environment to start discussions on how we'll get the clean up done in Hopedale, I understand too that the Minister of Lands and Resources that there is a substantial amount of land and ??? in order to clean it up, some 14,000.00? of soil has to be taken out and

replaced, I understand also Madam Speaker that the R.C.M.P are going to start their clean up this summer, and when that begins I'm hoping that we'll have something in paper ?? in order to do all of the clean up for that, you know we can start to live up to our commitment ??? the Department of Environment ?? was that there used to be a number of other departments involved, and the Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs, the Municipal Affairs ??? quite like the Department of Justice did make their determination as to who's going to be responsible for the clean up and we're hoping that ?? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the Minister of Lands and Resources, Status of Women – Zippie Nochasak

Minister of Lands and Resources, Status of Women – Zippie Nochasak, Thank you Madam Speaker, since we're talking about contaminations the ??field?? contamination at the R.C.M.P. site, the work should begin by June 20, and the soil with the ??? would have to be spread at the land fuel site, and the fuel contamination which we're discussing the former old school site, the coral funding site has to be excavated, put in containers and shipped to another site, not just to Goose Bay, the treatment and ?? work is pending we are hoping that this will take place this summer. Nakumek Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: the chair recognized the member from Hopedale – Patty Pottle

Member from Hopedale – Patty Pottle, Thank you Madam Speaker, ?? the land there at the old school site, what about the land over in the sub-division where there are homes, people are residing there, from the last meeting that they held in Hopedale I understand that there is no serious health risk, that it's still an area that needs to be cleaned up, is there a start date is there some sort of time frame as when it's gonna be done. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: the chair recognizes the Minister of Lands and Resources, Status of Women – Zippie Nochasak

Minister of Lands and Resources, Status of Women – Zippie Nochasak, Thank you government member for Hopedale, the subdivision a geophysical study will take place and identify that area of the buried debris depending on the results of the survey the house may not ?? the province has been notified in regards to recovering the cost of the clean-up and a meeting will be scheduled. To finalized this and to identify all areas that will require further investigation and clean up before the land transfers.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the member from Nain – Isabella Pain

Member from Nain – Isabella Pain, Thank you Madam Speaker, a question for the First Minister Tony Andersen you just stated that you have a plan you have some time frames for the buildings in Nain and Hopedale, in reference to the building in Nain, you said that you had invited 3 engineering firms to provide you with some complex designs, I think if we have public tendering ?? I'm curious as to how your going about figuring out which firms to invite and which ones not to invite without, in the absence of having a public tender act.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the First Minister – Tony Andersen

First Minister – Tony Andersen, Thank you Madam Speaker, it is very much a concern in my department, we don't that in place yet, the public tender act. ?? Why ? That's the way that I can say that, in this case I will ? the executive council ? ask my department to ?? some costs, some prices, ?? the property manager ?? we have done business with him in the past, try to ensure in the process that we make it clear to them that ?? ??? global companies, some work to be done, ?? entrepreneurs small ?? and having said that it's 3 firms, ?? and there is some work being done, ??? public tendering act, ?? right now it's ?? in our office ??

Madam Speaker: Is there any further question? The chair recognizes the Minister of Lands and Resources, Status of Women – Zippie Nochasak

Minister of Lands and Resources, Status of Women – Zippie Nochasak, Thank you Madam Speaker, Richard, The honorable member from Rigolet – Richard Rich had a 3<sup>rd</sup> question, I did not answer the third one but, I want to get back to that one regarding the issue of Marine Safety Course you asked about, the requirements that DFO that all vessel operators complete this course as the regulations ?? on July 2007, all commercial fishers has been notified by DFO since 2005, and in 2005 LIA held a session in Nain with the fishers from all communities, and representatives from DFO and Marine Institute, it's the intent that the Marine Institute to offer the course in all communities. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the member from Rigolet – Richard Rich

Member from Rigolet – Richard Rich, Thank you, I will come back to the minister of fisheries, that one in Nain I done course in Rigolet, ?? and that was for the card you got to have, you got to have this card by 2009, what I was saying today there's another course, Madam Speaker when I gets back to Rigolet I will send you the letter and ?? and for every fisherman in Newfoundland and Labrador, but the part that, when you talk about Nain, there's 10 or 12 ?? about 2 weeks ago the Rangers they were in town, they done the course with the Rangers and they got stuck there for the weekend, and then they done this course ?? when I gets back I'll contact you.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the Minister of Lands and Resources, Status of Women, Zippie Nochasak.

Minister of Lands and Resources, Status of Women, Zippie Nochasak, Thank you Madam Speaker, that you Rigolet government member, I look forward to your letter and we can discuss again on this issue once I get the letter, and I'm ?? Nakumek.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the member from Nain, Isabella Pain



Member from Nain, Isabella Pain, Thank you Madam Chair, I want to take this time to commend the executive council for the Drug and Alcohol hearings that there are doing in all the coastal communities and Upper Lake Melville, I think that's a really important focus that's been started and that we're getting good things out of it, hopefully we'll have lots ?? in establishing the first step and we ?? but, I'm hoping that your hearing from youth and from what you tabled earlier Mr. President, I think that you are hearing from youth, I recall in November in Nain when we were discussing the beneficiary payments, we actually have a letter on page 2 on some youth in Nain about that payout, and I'm wondering if yourself and the first minister had followed up met with that youth at that time as you committed, I believe that it's really important to hear from people, but we also have to follow up in making that change ?? to take the steps to that are necessary, once we start. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut, William Andersen

President of Nunatsiavut Government, William Andersen, Thank you Madam Speaker, In response to the member from Nain, my apologies, we have not yet met with the youth in Nain, however our organizers in these hearings are contacting all youth representatives, including organizations and schools, to do presentations and as well to clear their concerns, what ever ? again one of the things I've been saying at these hearings, we want to introduce a control system to control the use of alcohol and drugs in our communities, but our intent is to first of all get the community youth, from the outset, for the first time in Nunatsiavut history we are in a position, this assembly is in position to create laws and control systems on the use of alcohol and drugs, because of all the social problems that have come about as a result of alcohol, many many suicides, and they continue and it is very disheartening to see a couple of suicides in the past couple of weeks, but, we have to ? forward and try to work on the problems, we recognize that the \$5,000.00 payout may have played a hard role in the huge increase in alcohol and drug problems, but it's something we have to work through and sometimes it's due to our beneficiaries that you know alcohol isn't the only important thing in a community, there's family, and I certainly look forward to support from government members as well as the communities that ?? if we don't get any responses from the communities then we'll be forced to create those laws without community involvement ?? otherwise we had this agreement first we said was for future generations, but if we don't do something about the social problems now Madam Speaker, we may not have future generation, it's that serious, we're that serious. Thank you.

Madam speaker: The chair recognizes the First Minister, Anthony Anderson

First Minister Anthony Andersen, Thank you Madam Speaker, I must add to what the President is already saying, that we all apologize, the intent was that the President and myself, we meet with people who have concerns, like the youth in Nain, we should make good on that ?? as well I just wanted tell you that the youth that falls under my department, and I'm trying to keep this commitment to you, and that ? hired, this week and next week, there will be a new position and the Director of Youth, Elders and Recreation, that would be an addition to us, and you know I hope that show's what my

department ? my ? as government ? to you. I had a lot of meetings with youth in past year, and I ? we had an agreement that commented to show and talk to them and doing workshops on suicide, youth symposium, and this particular process, this hearing process that we're going through now, myself and the the Deputy Minister of Health, we did go to the schools prior to the hearings in the communities, and inform at least level I, II and III students what we're doing asking for their input either privately or in ?? to make community presentations, so we are, I think we're doing not too bad in this process, but that is not an excuse to why we didn't meet with those youth, I believe that they expected us to, and hope that they are not giving up on us, we will make good on our commitments ? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the member from Hopedale, Patty Pottle

Member from Hopedale Patty Pottle, Thank you Madam Speaker, just a follow up from the Minister of Health, ??????

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the Minister of Department of Health, Social and Economic Development – Ben Ponniuk

Minister of Department of Health, Social and Economic Development – Ben Ponniuk, Thank you Madam Speaker, the honorable member from Hopedale, since the last meeting we had there was some work done, all of the dental equipment now is in all Nunatsiavut communities, there was a visit to Nain a visit to Hopedale, the next one will be in Rigolet, followed by Makkovik, Postville and Dr. ?? is doing this, it's just him there at the moment, we're looking for an assistant as of now, and as a matter of fact as I speak there might be one in place right now, eventually he will be doing the whole, our main objective also was to get the equipment there and once the equipment is there he's got to follow through and do all of these communities, so since the last time ?? Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? The chair recognizes the First Minister Anthony Andersen

First Minister – Anthony Andersen, Thank you Madam, I have a question for the assembly, the question is will you support me, just about 2 weeks ago we lost another 17 year old from suicide, and I was in Goose Bay at the time we're thankful to the Minister of Lands, who brought me to visit the mother of that child, but striking me now is the thing that her concern was the cost of ?? from Nain, she wanted her son to be buried in Nain, but she was not all able to grieve properly because she this concern about where can she get the money from, and it wasn't very much money, we were able to give her assurance that we would take care of it, and what I did was a charged the ticket to Nunatsiavut Government and the question that I'm asking now is that will you contribute some money, we need \$150.00 to pay for that ticket, now I'll pass the cap, any money that set to \$150.00 will be given to rising youth council, and that's hat ?? for the legislature. Thank you very much Madam Speaker for allowing me to do that.

Madam Speaker: Do you have any further questions comments?

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the member from Nain – Isabella Pain

Member from Nain – Isabella Pain, given that we're on the issue of Health, I have a question, kind of a statement and it's bit of a question for the minister responsible for health, he knows my concern on the ?? in the last couple of months we've had a couple of deaths in our community of young people, young children one in Nain and one here in Hopedale, I wonder what we're doing about health care on the north coast in general, because it seems to me it's my lack of knowledge I'm not a doctor I'm not a nurse but, I have no idea of really what happened in either of those cases, but are we as a government involved in what's happening, are we looking at what's happened in these cases and are we sure that health care in our communities is adequate, that it meets our needs and the needs of our young people, not only our young people, but we're losing enough people to ?? that if we don't ?? medical causes that we could find ??? so are we aware of what's happening, are we working on the problems and are we satisfied that health care is up to par in our communities as is Upper Lake Melville or in the province.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the Minister of Department of Health Education and Social Development – Ben Ponniuk

Minister of Department of Health Education and Social Development – Ben Ponniuk, the honorable member from Nain, we are aware of the instances that you are talking about and in speaking with my deputy minister Michelle we talked about this and we're taking steps that will hopefully include ?? in regards to being up to par with Goose Bay and the rest of the province, I think we need more infrastructure in place more doctor nurses what ever in these means to take care of these concerns, but like I said we are looking at it, and speaking with like I said Michelle there will be in place as we move forward, and it is a challenge it is hard to get these people to come to the coast on a full time basis, and we can, we will, and as I said as time goes on we will come up with hopefully solutions to these problems, I appreciate your concern and I'm sure there's other people who's got the same concern, and best assure you we will do and we are looking at ?? Thank you  
Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut

President of Nunatsiavut Government – William Andersen, Thank you Madam Speaker, just for information and people can question this if they want, a short time ago my deputy minister Ches Andersen deputy minister of Finance worked out arrangements, an arrangement with the liberal group this came as a result at Voisey's Bay, ?? ?? had had a ? aside from ?? and it compromises our ?? that woodwards would look at servicing ? that gas prices in general in Nunatsiavut will go down by 0.10¢ a litre, and the third part is Torngat Co-op and LIDC are, will get the same price of gas and fuel as they do in southern Labrador ?? so this , ?? in order that Voisey's Bay Nickel can charter cheaper ??

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the member from Rigolet – Richard Rich

Member from Rigolet – Richard Rich, Thank you Madam Speaker I got a comment or question for the Minister of Health and it's coming from people in my community, you gets to down Monday to see some kind of specialist you arrive in Goose Bay either 11 or 12 or 3 or 4:00 in the evening, you go and check in and your appointments cancelled, for that part you got to stay there from Monday till Friday you can't get back for a 35 minute flight back, these concerns come from people, there were two incidents that person had to travel to St. John's two or three times, and even going out that far and when they gets to St. John's the appointments cancelled for their treatment, ?? so I think you know like it about 6 or 7 years ago there's somebody taking advantage of our health and our money, because the doctor is expecting you coming in your name on that paper, your name is on that plane, I think we got to make sure people are going to be taken care of, ?? those are some of the questions and comments I wanted to bring out.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the Minister of Department of Health Education and Social Development – Ben Ponniuk

Minister of Department of Health Education and Social Development – Ben Ponniuk, Thank you Madam Speaker, a couple of good points there Mr. Rich the member from Rigolet, there was another incident since I came here, that is basically same as what you just mentioned it's the first I heard personally, now we know that it's there I guess we can, we'll request a meeting with Health Labrador and discuss these issues, as far as our, as the Minister of Health your concern, our mandate is to get these people from coastal communities seen in Happy Valley-Goose Bay or St. John's and when they get there I hope everybody understands that once they reach their destination if there's cancelled appointments it's out of our hands, we will request a meeting with Health Labrador and see what there problem was with the cancellations how come they never let us know, ?? we will follow through on it and hope they give some answers. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The chair recognizes the member from Rigolet – Richard Rich

Member from Rigolet – Richard Rich, ?? and from now on when that happens I'll ask them to give you a call in Goose Bay. ?

Madam Speaker: Any further questions?

Are there any private members motions or concerns or ?

If not, I ask for a motion to adjourn sitting of the assembly.

Moved:

Seconded:

All in favor

The chair moves, this sitting is adjourned and the next sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly shall be ?? by the President of Nunatsiavut.