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Speaker: Honourable Todd Broomfield

In Attendance:

Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Todd Broomfield
Deputy Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canadian Constituency, Daniel Pottle
President, William Andersen III
First Minister, Anthony Andersen
Minister of Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology and the Status of Women, Diane Gear
Minister of Education, Training and Economic Development, Ben Ponniuk
Minister of Lands and Resources, William Barbour
Minister of Health and Social Development, Greg Flowers
Minister of Culture, Tourism and Recreation, Darryl Shiwak
Ordinary Member for Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Keith Russell
AngajukKâk for Nain, Sarah Erickson
AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Judy Dicker
AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque
AngajukKak for Postville, Keith Decker
Deputy Minister of Finance and Human Resources, Wyman Jacque
Deputy Minister of Lands and Resources, Doug Blake
Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, Tim McNeill
Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development, Michelle Kinney
Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Toby Andersen
Secretary to the Executive Council, Chesley Andersen
Secretary Trainee to the Executive Council, Kate Mitchell
Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin
Executive Secretary, Debbie Dicker

Absent:

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Daniel Michelin
Chair Person for NunaKatiget Community Corporation, Malcolm Winters
Chair Person for North West River Community Corporation, Mina Campbell-Hibbs

Mr. Broomfield: Good evening everybody. I welcome the people in the gallery to our last sitting for this spring. We have two pages, Hilda Pijogge and Kitora Boase. They will assist the Assembly Members. We have two channels that we will be using at this sitting. Channel five is for translations. Channel two is to be used when you are speaking Inuktitut.. I would like to call upon John Jararuse to open the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Jararuse: John Jararuse opens the Assembly with an opening prayer.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. Jararuse for the opening prayer. Thank you to both of our translators for all the hard work they have done and I would like to thank them also for all the help they have given to us. The next agenda item is the tabling of documents and petitions. Are there any documents or petitions to be tabled? If there are no petitions or documents to be tabled, then we'll move on to Minister's statements. First of all, I'd like to recognize the President.

Mr. Andersen III: Thank you Mr. Speaker .The statements that I will be giving to you is in regards to the Tasiujatsoak Trust Fund. Mr. Speaker, we have our Trust fund, the Tasiujatsoak Trust and what I have read upon so far and negotiated with the Tasiujatsoak Trust and when we talk about the funding, we also get Royalty Tax on the Tasiujatsoak. Mr. Speaker, before we leave the community of Hopedale, I would hope that everyone here at the table who would be willing to sit with the Tasiujatsoak Trust and Mr. Speaker the people who will be sitting on the Trust will be approximately three

people. When you send a member from the former Labrador Inuit Association and two extra members from the Nunatsiavut Government, one more person that can be appointed from the Nunatsiavut communities, you can nominate whom-ever.

Now we can try again. (There were audio recording problems) Mr. Speaker if I can be heard by all the members here at the Assembly and if I can't be heard by the members out there tell us so, or rather tell the President. We will try again Mr. Speaker to see how far I get on this issue. Mr. Speaker we are hoping before the fall of the year that we will have members for the Tasiujatsoak Trust. We know that there will be three members on the Tasiujatsoak Trust. You can nominate anyone to sit on this Trust and given that and whom-ever wants to get more information before we leave the community of Hopedale, we can give them more information. You can come and ask me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. President. Normally during Member's statements, we recognize the Ministers first so we will go down the left side of the table. If any Minister wishes to make a statement or announcement at this time. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Finance and the Status of Women.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to provide a brief update to the Members on various activities that have been going on within Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology and the Status of Women. Mr. Speaker our finance department has been working closely with Nunatsiavut Government's external auditing firm, Deloitte and Touche. This

is the firm that was appointed last fall after the Nunatsiavut Government put the audit out to tender. Mr. Speaker, it is expected that the non-consolidated audited financial statements for the financial year ending March 31st, 2007 for Nunatsiavut Government Department of Health and Social Development and Inuit Pathways and the Post Secondary Student Support Program would be ready by the end of June 2007. We will present this at the next sitting of the House. As well Mr. Speaker the firm of Deloitte and Touche will be visiting our Labrador Inuit Development Corporation and expect an audit during the summer months. Mr. Speaker with respect to the Human Resources Department forward with filling new positions that were included in the budget process that this House has passed in 2007. To name a few would be a Wildlife Manager, Status of Women Coordinator, Script Writer and Community Liaison Worker. These new positions will assist the Nunatsiavut Government in fulfilling their requirements listed in the Land Claim agreement and enable the Nunatsiavut Government work more efficiently and communicate to our beneficiaries. Mr. Speaker it is the intent of this Government to attempt to fill as many of these positions as possible within in Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker I would like to turn your attention to another important aspect of my portfolio, that is Mr. Speaker, the Status of Women, Mr. Speaker over the number of years LIA and the Nunatsiavut Government have met with various Women's Groups to listen to concerns that they have raised. As well Mr. Speaker, in 2006-2007 budget years, the Nunatsiavut Government plans to do a study on Women's Shelters within in

Nunatsiavut. As well, in that year the Nunatsiavut Government has hired an individual on a short term basis to complete this study. In addition, the same individual had coordinated a Women's conference that was held in Nain, Labrador this past March. Mr. Speaker I would like to notify the members that Nunatsiavut Government has in its possession two draft copies, one on Women's shelters and one on the Women's conference. It is the intent of my office to finalize this report over the coming months, have it translated into Inuktitut and present it to the House at the next sitting. It is also my intent to fill the position of Status of Women coordinator. I will work with this individual to analyze these reports, the recommendations that are within this report and to present a plan as to how the Nunatsiavut Government can address some of these issues that are being raised in this report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker I got two very brief statements to make. One feels good and the other one is more for information. I wish to inform the Assembly as we all know that we all have been affected in all of our communities by TSI strike and the Iskuetu strike as well. I wish to inform the Assembly that late last night the TSI union have accepted a tentative deal with Voisey's Bay Nickel Company and that the union members will be voting on the tentative deal on Thursday, day after tomorrow and hopefully that they will accept the deal that is now on the table, that is the first one. The second one I wish to inform the Assembly and I think

there are some Assembly Members who will be attending the trip to Northern Saskatchewan we have a delegation 12 people including three people from the Nunatsiavut Government staff along with three members from Postville and Makkovik each and 1 each from Nain, Hopedale and Rigolet going to visit an active operating Uranium mine in Northern Saskatchewan and also to visit a now defunct, if you will or reclaimed mine, uranium mine so that these individuals can now go back to their communities after their visit to inform their communities of what they have seen. We are also in talks at the present time with Aurora Energy to possibly do another visit sometime in the fall. This is by no means a done deal yet but we are in talks with Aurora Energy. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I got a short message that the community healing advisory committee wanted read. The healing advisory committee wanted to acknowledge the Nunatsiavut Government assembly for taking positive steps to address the drug and alcohol abuse in the communities. During the Nunatsiavut Government drug and alcohol hearings of 2006, Labrador Inuit advised the Government that Assembly Members as their elected representatives are responsible for advancing their rights and are in a position to set up a positive example for Labrador Inuit The Assembly honored this request with the decision to have zero tolerance for alcohol while at Nunatsiavut Government meetings. The healing advisory committee believes this

to show respect to Labrador Inuit and a commitment to change is future inspiration to move forward in a journey of community healing. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Recreation, Culture and Tourism.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have a couple of things from the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Celeste Dewar of Earth Rhythms has been contracted by Tourism Nunatsiavut to go into the communities in July for two weeks to the training in community tourism to use the best of what the communities already have in place. We encourage all of the communities to participate willingly. Also, the Division of Culture and Language will be traveling to each of the communities very soon to do consultations on a new proposed cultural centre for Nain. The Director of Culture and Language, Catharyn Andersen, will be traveling. Each community will have a chance to express what they want included in the cultural centre so we encourage everyone to participate in these consultations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Minister, Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Economic Development and Education.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a couple of items. The first thing would be the social work program. Right now we are doing research on the needs in our region, also who might be interested in the program. Hopefully by September this will be completed. This

is a good news story. There is a need there but is the interest there. This is what the research is about. In regards to the Post Secondary Support Program, all applications have been approved but this of course is providing that they met the application deadline. This is obviously another good news story for all of those concerned. The Economic Development Department, in conjunction with other departments, there is a Northern Lights Trade Show that will be going on in Ottawa in late January or early February. Nunatsiavut will be participating but we do not know on what scale. There will be consultations within the Department and other Departments as well. As we go along, we will provide updates. This is a good chance for us to get exposure outside of Labrador. It is in Ottawa and nationally and internationally, we will get exposure. I think it will be a good thing. Like I said, I do not know to what extent, we will be involved in it and as I said, we will keep you updated as we go along. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Minister. Is that it from the Ministers side of the table .We will continue with Members statements and recognize the AngajuKaks and the Ordinary Members of the Assembly. The Speaker recognizes the Member for the Canadian Constituents.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Since January 2007, I have held five constituency meetings in Labrador City, Cartwright, St. John's, Natuashish, and Ottawa. Our meetings were well attended with over fifty percent plus of the beneficiaries who reside in the after mentioned communities attending. Each of the communities feel pleased about finally being represented in the

Nunatsiavut Government . They recognize that the Nunatsiavut Government is still developing and asked that I tell Assembly that the Nunatsiavut Government, although be it still evolving, is becoming to be efficient and effective. Beneficiaries have identified the need for increased communication to keep them informed of the business of the Nunatsiavut Government, as well as the Nunatsiavut Government's future plans. The membership re-iterated, Mr. Speaker, that the need for elected officials and members of the Civil Service to be more responsive. Timely information on changes to the administration of programs and services, such as the non-insured health benefits program, are necessary .The membership office and the enrollment committees need to be more effective in responding to inquiries. That being said, I would like to say thank you to all those who took the time to attend the constituency meetings. I plan to have further meetings and to visit as many beneficiaries in the Canadian Constituency as possible between September and March 2007-2008 .To conclude, I would like to present to the Nunatsiavut Assembly a flag from the Innu Nation that was presented to me as a gift while visiting the community of Natuashish. Once again, I would like to thank the beneficiaries who took the time to participate in constituency meetings. Your interest and support are truly appreciated.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I'll be brief today. I would just like to

say congratulations to Max Winters of Upper Lake Melville and NunaKatiget Community Corporation for their establishment of the community freezer. It is long overdue and I think that they did a great job and spent many hours so I think they should be recognized for that. Just building on the comments made by the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, I, too have received lots of phone calls, e-mails and visits about the non-response of people within the Nunatsiavut Government and so I would encourage us all to do a little better at that. I, myself, have seen quite a bit of that as well and that is something we still have to work on. I would also like to commend the workers of TSI who have stood their ground and have stuck together for what they believe in. They should be recognized for this no matter what the outcome. I hope things turn out to be favorable but I would like to recognize them as well. I would also like to say to everyone around this table that I have made numerous requests as a backbencher in this Government to try to help constituents in Upper Lake Melville and I am not getting very much success these days. That is due to non-response and due to people turning their backs on the issues. I thank you for that and I look forward to engaging each and every one of the Ministers in the Executive Council in the future when I try different ways of resolving the issues that are up in Upper Lake Melville. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Are there any other Members who wish to make statements? The Speaker recognizes the AngajuKak for Postville.

Mr. Decker: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Nunatsiavut

Government for setting up that tour to Saskatchewan, which I will be a part of. I know in my district now, there is a lot of activity going on. We have certain issues there regarding safe landing and stuff like that. Not only that, we have a shortage of fuel. When I left today, I think that there was one drum of fuel. We have a company there; Postmill Lumber can't start up because there is no fuel in the community. I would like to say thanks again to the Minister of Lands and Resources for his help on the Winter Trail. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. This will conclude Members' statements. We will break for five minutes before we go into question period.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. I have a couple of items that I forgot to mention at the beginning. The Chair of the Upper Lake Melville Corporation, Max Winters is absent from this sitting. He has a medical appointment in St. John's. Also the Chair of the Sivunivut Corporation in North West River is absent as well as she is not feeling well. We wish her a speedy recovery. Also the AngajukKâk for Rigolet is not at this sitting. He is holding down the fort, if you will, in Rigolet. There is no staff in the Community Government office in Rigolet and they are experiencing a gas shortage in Rigolet at this time. He felt that he should stay in his community to keep the office open. We will continue our agenda with question period. The floor is open for questions if anyone has anything to ask. The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all I'd like to ask this. Torngat

Fish Producers' Co-op was on the agenda and now it is not. I'd like to know why it was removed. Also, I have a concern from Makkovik regarding....

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to ask the AngajuKak who he is asking the question to.

Mr. Jacque: I guess to the Minister of Economic Development or whomever it is appropriate for. There is a concern from the scallop fishers in Makkovik where there was an announcement that the Torngat Fish Producers Co-op was only going to be open for one month in Nain from the upcoming season. They want to know if the Nunatsiavut Government has any intent to help out the Torngat Fish Producers Co-op relating to this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Also thanks to the AngajukKâk for the question. It did not really matter who you asked the question to. I just go back to a briefing I had with the General Manager of Torngat Fish Producers Co-op and also the President of the Torngat Fish Producers Co-op when they did their community consultations in Nain. I just use the General Manager's own words. When they say they are open for only four weeks in Nain, they are running simultaneously a char fishery and a scallop fishery for four weeks. That is all their business plan allows them to do. That's their words, that are their business plan for this year. When Torngat Co-op and its General Manager did the community consultations, they

made it known that they are having a very rough time right now and for them to stay open longer than one month in Nain is that they just cannot afford to do that. That is the short answer that I can give to the AngajuKak for Makkovik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain.

Mrs. Erickson: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This is for you, Minister Barbour. This is a follow up to the AngajukKâk for Makkovik's question. Since the Torngat Fish Producers' Co-op is having a difficult time financially, will the Nunatsiavut Government be assisting them to come up with some long-term plan so that the beneficiaries do not have to be worrying if they will be working for a month or if they will be working at all. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I thank the AngajukKâk from Nain for her question. In having met with the Executive of the Torngat Fish Producers' Co-op earlier this winter in March, one of the things that we have revisited is the possibility of one fishing entity for Nunatsiavut. From the Nunatsiavut Government's side, we recognize that both parties (the Torngat Fish Producers' Co-op and their board and the Nunatsiavut Government) have to make some hard decisions in terms of how this will proceed. Very simply, we are agreeing with Torngat Fish Producers' Co-op Board that the status quo, at the rate it is going now, is not

acceptable. The status quo will lead to financially difficult times for them. They will have to make some very hard decisions. From the Nunatsiavut Government's side, we want to make sure that the fishermen, the fisher people, the plant workers and those dependant upon the fishery make it through this fishing season. We want to do this and work towards the long-term, yes, it is our intent . Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I'd like to recognize the President to also answer this question.

Mr. Andersen III: Thank you Mr. Speaker. To go along with Minister Barbour's words, I would also like to let the members know that this year as of April, Torngat Fish Producers Co-op said to us that Nain Plant will not be open if they were not helped in any way through funding. So Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government has agreed to help out Torngat Fish Producers with a one million loan. Mr. Speaker that is not quite finished yet. They were helped at one point in time by the Newfoundland Government through a loan of one million dollars and the Government of Newfoundland also stated that Torngat Fish Producers Co-op that they were trying to take the license for shrimp fishery and we are trying very hard to stop that Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker if this does not come around this coming Friday, tomorrow morning Mr. Speaker, I will be speaking with Premier Williams and to see how we can help the people that are in need. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank You Mr. President. The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

Mrs. Dicker: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the First Minister. I would like to know when the site work for the Assembly building will be started.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. A. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our infrastructure committee will be meeting in Hopedale, hopefully tomorrow, weather permitting. We will have the full committee in Hopedale. As I said to the Inuit Community Government in Hopedale this winter, our plan is to tender the admin building in Nain in July and at the same time, to engage an engineering firm to start the site work in Hopedale. We have selected a site and we want to assure the AngajuKak from Hopedale that the site work will be done. We are in discussions with the School Board. Although there is no deal on the land, the School Board is very much in favor of turning over to us, if you will, land that is part of their property near the school. If there is to be some site work done, such as blasting or preparing the site, we are hoping to have that done this year. Over the winter, we are hoping that the design of the building would be completed and that construction would start on the Assembly building next year. Our goal is to be in the Assembly Building by December of 2008. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Postville.

Mr. Decker: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My question is for the First Minister. A while back, I emailed you with regards to the airstrip in Postville, the amount of traffic and the airstrip being extended. You were on your way to meet with the Minister of Transportation and I have not heard anything since. Can you fill me in?

Mr. Broomfield: The Speaker recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. A. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Yes, it is true. I did receive an email from you. As a matter of fact, I received a copy of a letter you had written to the Transportation Safety Board and I believe I received it in a round-about way. I was not copied the letter but I did receive it. I had a conversation with you to get first hand information. I very much share your concern for the safety of the people of Postville. I was on my way to St. John's where I had asked to have a few minutes of Minister Hickey's time but we're not the only people who get bad weather because I never made it to St. John's. St. John's was fogged in. Mr. Speaker, I have been talking to Minister Hickey's officials and it remains a concern with them as well. I had some assurance that during a Ministerial visit of Newfoundland Ministers which was supposed to happen tomorrow, we were expecting four Government Ministers to show up here in Hopedale where members of the Executive Council, AngajuKaks and Ordinary Members would have time to talk with them. I have since been informed that since the

Premier has extended the sitting of the Newfoundland and Labrador Legislature, those Ministers will not be arriving. We will have to spend some time together before we leave to arrange another meeting with Minister Hickey. He is very hard to nail down in the last few weeks and one of the reasons is because the House is sitting in St. John's. I have received assurances that, yes, he is concerned and Minister Hickey wishes to address this with the Nunatsiavut Government as well as the Inuit Community Government of Postville. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the President.

Mr. Andersen III: Thank you Mr. Speaker. In helping out the First Minister, I sat down with Minister Hickey and for that reason for the upcoming season. When we talk about Marine Transportation because of the cost of shipping goods to the north coast communities, I want to sit down with Minister Hickey. Just last week Mr. Speaker, he mentioned the community of Postville and the people of Rigolet have big concerns about helicopters landing at any place. Mr. Speaker, the Minister told me that the community of Postville can make regulations that the airport has to follow. Also the Government of Newfoundland would have to establish some kind of landing pad in the community of Postville. As long as the community of Postville has to make their own regulations that will have to be followed by air flights. At that point in time, when I sat down with Minister Hickey, we were discussing the airport in Nain. We are trying for a new airport in the community of Nain and we are

actually working on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. President. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I ask this question not as a Minister but as the Member for Rigolet. This question is for Minister Barbour. Minister Barbour, do you have an update on the allocation of crab permits?

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker and I thank the Minister for his question. In terms of the allocation that the Nunatsiavut Government received from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans each year, for this year, my Department, with the blessing of the Executive Council, has allocated what we have been allocated by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. This year, we have one new applicant and that individual is from Makkovik, along with the five permit holders that we issued last year. That means six for this year. The Department has to review these from year to year considering the price of gas and fuel. We have to go through this each year. The new entrant will receive an allocation of 106 thousand pounds of snow crab, while the other five permit holders have been allocated 126 thousand pounds of snow crab. In all of that, over 740 thousand pounds of snow crab, Torngat Co-op also puts in with us their 40 thousand pounds so that we can allocate 40 thousand pounds to Torngat Co-op. When we issue permits

to fishers, no matter what community they are from, first and foremost, we have to make sure within the Department that they meet the status of core fisher. If they do not meet the status of core fisher, we will not issue a permit. What we have managed to do for 2007 that we will not be able to do in 2008 is if individuals do not have a MED or a Marine Emergency Duty course, we will not be able to issue a permit because DFO and Transport Canada will not allow us. These are issues within the fishing community and the fisher people have to understand that if you are in the fishing industry, you must meet core status and that you must have MED courses. Without these, you cannot own a fishing vessel. I hear quite often that these allocations are community allocations. I want to stress that these are allocations given to Nunatsiavut to give out to individual fishers who meet the requirements. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Minister. The Speaker recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My question is addressed to the Minister of Health and Social Development, Mr. Flowers. Recently, I sent you a letter outlining cases of abuse fully bending the policy for bureaucrats and numerous other issues concerning a constituent of mine in Upper Lake Melville and offered our help to constructively work together to address these issues and to document them. You dismissed the issues as simply human resource issues and in my opinion, passed the buck. Can you explain your position on that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister for Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you Mr. Speaker. For the Ordinary Member from Goose Bay, I did consult with my Deputy Minister on this issue and also with numerous people within the Department and on their recommendation and mine, on the letter, we had from you, the Ordinary Member and the Community Chair of Goose Bay, we felt that it was appropriate. If you felt that we passed the buck, I can argue or dispute against those terms that you used but we felt that, at the time, we were doing what we felt was appropriate. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Minister. The Speaker recognizes the President.

Mr. Andersen III: For just once, Mr. Speaker, I would like to aid the Minister of Health and Social Development only because I received copies of the letter from the Member of Upper Lake Melville as well as well as from the Chair of the Community Corporation in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Mr. Speaker, the individual in question was an employee of the Department of Health and Social Development. This individual had run into alcohol problems, Mr. Speaker, and to make it clear to the Assembly, we have individuals working as interpreters for people who are mildly ill, in some cases, terminally ill. One of the causes for dismissal, Mr. Speaker, was that this individual was called into work and was arrested by the RCMP on her way into work for drinking and driving. Mr. Speaker, regardless of who it is, if we have a commitment to our

membership to provide services, we cannot accept employees going into work under the influence of alcohol, especially if it relates, you know to life or death situations. Interpreting, Mr. Speaker, is a very serious responsibility and I can only support what the Department of Health and Social Development did, and its officials because it was not the first time. Mr. Speaker, as far as I'm concerned, the decision that was made was the right decision. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. President. The Speaker recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville to ask a supplementary question.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, not so much a supplementary question as a clarification as our President added as well. The individual in question also felt that she had been pressured by her superiors internally to leaving...she had been pressured to leave Alcoholics Anonymous. This is something that I think should be noted on the record as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Are there any other questions? The Speaker recognizes the Member of the Canadian Constituency.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the President. Can the President provide an update to the question that I asked at the last sitting in March regarding where you're to with respect to reviewing the membership list to see if there are enough individuals in the Canadian Constituency to warrant additional representation as per the Labrador Inuit Constitution for the

Canadian Constituency. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the President.

Mr. Andersen III: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the member for the Canadian Constituency I will try to give a brief answer. At this point in time Mr. Speaker, I don't really know who can become a member of the Canadian Constituency. It's still up in the works and right now it is very hard for us to get another representative for the Canadian Constituency. We are pretty close to finishing up the membership list on who can join the Canadian Constituency. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. President. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. A. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would just like to add to the answer made by the President. Perhaps, it might be helpful information to the Canadian Member. We believe that there are enough members in the Canadian Constituency. The numbers are there. There is a procedure to follow and some of it has to be done by legal counsel. I want to assure the Member, as well as the President, that my Department, which is responsible for legal services are reviewing the Constitution, and the timing, among other issues, when it would be timely to introduce to the Assembly, whether or not there is to be another member for the Canadian Constituency. As well, there needs to be some review of some sections of the Constitution because we also believe that over the last number of months since ratification that the numbers in

Upper Lake Melville have also grown. There needs to be a review of perhaps, the numbers there so that we make a Constitutional change to add extra Members to the Assembly so that we would...make sure...that we do not have to come back at a later date...to make another change...should the numbers in Upper Lake Melville warrant that. I want to assure the Member for Canada and Upper Lake Melville that my Department is onto the issue and we will report back and make sure that the needs of Upper Lake Melville and Canada are met in a timely manner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I think that should conclude question period. I think that the First Minister has a short presentation to give to the Assembly and to give him a couple of minutes to set up his presentation; we will take a short break.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. We'll now go to item 9 on our agenda which is the reports of Standing and Special Committees. There are currently four committees put in place by the Nunatsiavut Assembly. The normal process is for the Chair of each committee to give a report to the assembly. The Honorable First Minister is Co-Chair of the Drug and Alcohol Committee and at this time, he will give a report to the Assembly. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. A. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I apologize to the Assembly that our equipment, we had equipment malfunction, I guess you can say is the correct way to say it. We have worked very hard, the committee has been busy,

going through a report that was tabled, by, tabled or brought forward by the Transitional Assembly to the new Government and what our committee has done, we have reviewed all the community hearings, the recommendations from the communities and we have put them into a power point presentation and so the format for our report we thought this evening we would present to you a power point presentation. Our intention is to bring this power point presentation to the communities to show them and tell them this is what we heard, who we heard from, the issues that we heard, the strengths, recommendations and where we plan to go from here, what we plan to bring, what action plan the committee will recommend to the Assembly in the fall, all of this could have been done in a more orderly fashion, then me standing here rambling on, Mr. Speaker what we will do because of our equipment is not working is before we leave tomorrow we will give each of you a copy of this power point presentation for you to review, as well as perhaps, within a month or so we will make available to you a copy and action plan with recommendations that we heard from the communities. We don't at this time have a schedule for the hearings, for the hearings that we plan to do over the summer. We plan to visit each and every community again, as I said to present our findings to the communities and ask them if what we have written down, did we hear correctly or are there things to add, have things changed. We will, having gone through that exercise and visiting the communities and Upper Lake Melville communities as well, we will sit down and have for the fall sitting a report for this Assembly and an action plan on how best, or how we best see the

recommendations from our people might be best implemented. My colleague, the Minister of Health might have something to add that I may have missed. Our presentation was supposed to be probably at least 25 minutes but I've done it in a few minutes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable First Minister. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I don't have too much to add. For the gallery, we have made up a committee from the Assembly in March. We are serious in the recommendations from our communities and we had two meetings to date. We will be having more and we certainly take these recommendations very strongly. We definitely will be going back to the communities like the First Minister said and showing our power point to every community to get the reactions from the communities again. Hopefully we are doing our job. If not, I hope the people will come out and tell us and give us direction. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The language committee will not giving a report for this sitting. The chair of the language committee, Mina Campbell-Hibbs is not feeling well at the moment so she's absent from this sitting. At this time I'd like to recognize the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to give a report from the Education Committee.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I will give a short update on the Education Committee. The Education Committee is made up of me, the AngajuKak from

Makkovik, Herb Jacque, the AngajuKak from Nain, Sarah Erickson, the Ordinary Member from Upper Lake Melville, Keith Russell. He is also the co-chair of this committee with me and the AngajuKak from Hopedale, Judy Dicker. We met in Nain last month, we had some really good discussions on Education and how we want to approach Education in Nunatsiavut. We made some really good head way and we have come up with the terms of reference for this Committee and we will be moving ahead to try and tackle Education in Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. At this time I would like to recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituent and the Chair of the Code of Conduct Committee

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Again, a very brief report. Since the Assembly sat in March, we did hold a meeting here in the community of Hopedale to further look at a draft Code of Conduct that we had put together. After that we had to cut that meeting short because of logistics related to travel, our flight came early. Since that meeting we did hold another teleconference after we had submitted our draft Code of Conduct to legal counsel for legal advice and opinion. The lawyers did give us some feedback on that, it was very lengthy feedback and we still need some time to decipher the content and to redraft our Code taking into some considerations some advice from legal counsel. We hope to have another meeting in the very shortly before everybody breaks for summer holidays and we hope by the end of summer and going into our fall sitting that we'll have a draft Code of Conduct

ready to share with the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. That concludes the report from committees. Our next agenda item is the Notice of Motions . The Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources and the Minister for Status of Women have a motion to appoint a Clerk for the Assembly that she wishes to introduce. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Finance and Status of Women.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Department of Human Resources began advertising for a Clerk since last July . The job was prepared and distributed in the 5 communities, Nunatsiavut, Upper Lake Melville and on Nunatsiavut website as well in the HRDC job bank in the Labradorian for a period of 2 weeks. Once the competition closed there were 2 applicants, both from Hopedale. Human Resources did interviews with both applicants and determined that these applicants were not qualified for this position. The job was advertised again and no beneficiaries applied at that time. During the time at the second advertising was out the Director of Human Resources was contacted by Mary Jane Sillett of Hopedale who expressed interest in the Clerk's job. In consultation with legal counsel and the Director of Human Resources, it was determined that Mary was an individual who would be qualified to be the Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. The President approached the Provincial Minister of Health to check into the possibility of Mary being seconded to the Nunatsiavut Government and the Provincial Minister advised him that this

could be done by the CEO of the Labrador Grenfell. The process of seconding may continue on until December 24, 2007. As Mary wishes to stay with Labrador Grenfell Health until that time to avail of a severance package that her current employer would make available. Permanent date for Mary to be hired as Clerk of the Assembly will be established, in consultation with Human Resources. This will depend on this common process as it is today. Mary will be seconded for short periods of time. Human Resources has exhausted all options available to them in the process of finding a Clerk for the Assembly and now the recommendation is for the Assembly to appoint this individual. Part 10 of the Assembly Act establishes the Office of the Clerk of the Assembly and I would refer you to this if you have any concerns. To this effect I would introduce Motion 01-05-07 to you. Motion 01-05-07 appointment of Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly,

Whereas the Labrador Inuit Constitution establishes the Nunatsiavut Assembly;

And Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act provides for the appointment of a Clerk to serve the Nunatsiavut Assembly;

And Whereas it is desirable to name an individual to fill the position of Clerk;

Now therefore I move, seconded by the Honorable Member for Canada, Danny Pottle that Mary Jane Sillitt be appointed as Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to hold office during good behavior and at the pleasure of Nunatsiavut Assembly;

And further, that the Speaker be authorized to establish the effective date

of the appointment and under such terms and conditions as desirable.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. We have a motion on the floor, we have a seconder and the motion is to appoint Mary Sillitt as Clerk of the Assembly. The floor is open for debate, if any Assembly member wishes to make any comments. Is the Assembly in favor of adopting Motion 01-05-07 to appoint Mary Jane Sillitt as the Clerk of the Assembly . The motion is carried unanimously. Thank you. The next agenda item is the first reading of Bills. The Honorable Minister of Finance and Human Resources and the Minister for Status of Women wishes to introduce a Bill to the Assembly. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Finance.

Mrs. Gear Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I seek unanimous consent to waive standing order 95, 48 hour notice to proceed first reading of Bill 2007-03.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. The Honorable Minister for Finance is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with first reading of Bill 2007-03 today. Does the Minister have unanimous consent of the Assembly? Proceed Minister.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to stand here today and present Bill No. 2007-03 titled Additional Revenue Act 2007. As you are aware Mr. Speaker that under Section 7.5.1 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement the Nunatsiavut Government shares in mining tax royalty received by the Province of

Newfoundland and Labrador. As well Mr. Speaker, that's when I presented the Budget Act 2007 to the House of Assembly in March of this year the Nunatsiavut Government presented a consolidated financial plan for the Nunatsiavut Government for the financial year April 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008. In that consolidated plan the Nunatsiavut Government has projected a revenue source from the Mining Tax Royalty of \$200,00.00 for the fiscal year. I am here today to inform you that the Nunatsiavut Government received a cheque for 2.391 million dollars in the month of May, 2007. The Nunatsiavut Government wishes to present to the house an option for the disbursement of these funds. Mr. Speaker this Bill will see the Nunatsiavut Government grant 1.291 million to Labrador Inuit Development Corporation for upcoming operations and see 1.1 million retain for Nunatsiavut Government revenue to cover off revenue that was expected but have yet to be materialize. Mr. Speaker, the Ten Mile Bay quarry operations have seen some difficult times over the past years. The stone that was produced in the summer of 2005 still sits in a bonded yard over in Italy. The stone has been slow to move and has a retail value of approximately 1.2 million dollars. It is difficult for any business to operate and pay expenses but not receive money in return for producing the product. Since that time the Quarry has received operating loans which are guaranteed by the Nunatsiavut Government. It is felt that this year instead of getting an operating loan and as the LIDC sink further into debt, a portion of this additional money is used to cover this years operations. Over the past years there have been Work Place Health and Safety issues that require attention and

did not receive it and today we are in a position unless these issues are addressed. The quarry will not even open. We wish to use these additional funds to cover those workplace Health and Safety costs which are estimated at \$230, 000.00. After those issues are addressed the quarry will operate on a reduced scheduled and will produce stone inventory for upcoming years at an estimated operating cost of \$700,000.00. This grant will allow, Mr. Speaker the management of LIDC to work with an outside agency to produce a marketing strategy over the upcoming winter months and ensure the future viability of the quarry and LIDC as a whole. As you are aware the Ten Mile Bay Quarry employs significant number of people within Nunatsiavut and many families rely on this income for sustainability. We believe, Mr. Speaker, this assistance will go a long way into achieving long-term viability of the quarry. As well, Mr. Speaker a portion of the funds, approximately \$103,000 will be used to assist the operations of the Hopedale stone plant and produce an contract for an order placed last fall by a Japanese firm. The remaining funds will be used to assist the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation to maintain a payment schedule that was setout in previous contract to own various fishing licenses. In particular it will allow LIDC to meet payment due in June 2007 for the purchase of a crab licensed owned previously by Lester Mitchell. In addition Mr. Speaker, the additional funds will allow LIDC to pay the final balance owing on the purchase of Dominion Trading Shares, in which this payment is also due this month. This payment allows LIDC to complete the purchase of a turbot license that is used to assist in the sustaining one of our

fishing entities. As well Mr. Speaker, you heard me present earlier that remaining additional revenue will be used to offset revenue the Nunatsiavut Government projected that have not materialized. Mr. Speaker, if you remember I presented the Budget Act 2007 in March, 2007. In that Budget the Nunatsiavut Government projected revenue from a GST agreement to the tune of \$1.1 Million dollars. The Nunatsiavut Government has done their part in passing the applicable Act, however there has been a delay on the Government of Canada's side. The GST agreement has been negotiated and approved by the Minister of Finance for Canada. However, once signed, the Nunatsiavut Government name must be added to the FNGST Act, in turn this Act must be amended and passed in the House of Assembly of Canada. We have been also notified by Canada that this agreement is not retroactive. Since the Nunatsiavut Government cannot control the Government of Canada and when this amendment will happen the Nunatsiavut Government has taken a precautionary role and ask that in lieu of receiving the GST revenue, we use this additional revenue to guarantee the Nunatsiavut Government operations. If within this fiscal year the Nunatsiavut Government starts to receive the GST projected revenue we will come back to the House and present the options at that time to on how those funds will be dispensed. . It is on the basis I asked for your support for this Additional Revenue Act, 2007. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is expected the amendment if the House of Assembly for Canada will be in place before the start of the next fiscal year. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. The motion is in order Debate at first reading, each Assembly Member may speak to the Motion once up to 15 minutes if they wish to do so. The floor is open to debate if the Assembly wishes to do so. If no member wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to conclude the debate?

Mrs. Gear: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Member for Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak that Bill 2007-03 Additional Revenue Act 2007 be introduced and read for the first time. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. The Motion is in order. As I said earlier, the floor is open to debate if any Assembly Member wishes to make a comment. If no Member wishes to speak does the Minister wish to conclude the debate at this time?

Mrs. Gear: Yes Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. That concludes the debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2007-03? Accordingly with unanimous consent of the Assembly Bill 2007-03 has had its first reading. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Finance

Mrs. Gear: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waiver Standing Order 118 and 119 to proceed with second reading of Bill 2007-03 today.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. The Honorable Minister of Finance is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with second reading of Bill

2007-03. Does the Minister have unanimous consent? Proceed Minister.

Mrs. Gear: Mr. Speaker I move, seconded by the Member for Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak that Bill 2007-03 Additional Revenue Act, 2007 be read for the second time. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister the Motion is in order. The procedure for second reading debate is a clause by clause review of the detail of the Bill. Each Member may speak for 15 minutes, if they wish to do so. Are there any comments on page 1 of Bill 2007-03? Are there any comments on the contents of Bill 2007-03? This is on page 2. The Speaker recognizes the Member for Canadian Constituents.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. It's very nice to know that that the Nunatsiavut Government has received additional tax money but it also comes as a surprise that Members of the Assembly weren't informed of this until now. I'd like to say that I have no problem with the Bill, I would just like to ask the Minister of Finance in her and her department's consideration for how this money will be used, was there any consideration given to the deficit that we currently hold and I am looking at with the Non-Insured Health Benefits program because that deficit will be carried will mean additional hardships I guess for beneficiaries if there are not additional dollars to be used to offset the cost of the Non-Insured Health Benefits program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Finance.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When we look at the 1.2 that's there, we will I guess we will look at the non-insured, because if you look on page 2 there's still 1.1 is still left there so I guess we'll have to look at, but that is a decision that's going to have to be done by the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the President.

Mr. Andersen III: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to help the Minister of Finance and also to help the Member of the Canadian Constituency. There is a clause in our Land Claim Agreement whereby fiscal financing arrangements can be opened up to address unexpected issues and in our view, the number of beneficiaries that have cropped up since December 2005 is an unexpected circumstance so our negotiators are talking to the Government of Canada to see if in fact we can negotiate the extra revenues from Health Canada rather than our own to address the problem of deficit in the Non-Insured Health Benefits. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. President. We'll move on to short title of the Bill and go through the three clauses that are there. So before we do that, the Speaker recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would just like to make a comment on LIDC in general. Although I have no real problem with the Bill itself, its intentions I believe are in the right place. My problem is with the shareholders, bureaucratic involvement, if you will, of individuals within the Nunatsiavut

Government and their involvement with LIDC and I have no confidence in their ability to make these projects viable. Thank you..

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. We will move on to short title of Bill 2007-03. Are there any comments on clause 1? Are there any comments on clause 2? Are there any comments on clause 3? We will move onto the final page. Are there any comments on page 3? That concludes the clause by clause review of the Bill. Does the Honorable Minister wish to conclude the debate?

Mrs. Gear: Yes Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. That concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2007-03? Do we have a nay? We will take a short recess to speak with legal counsel. We will re-convene in five minutes.

Mr. Broomfield: The Assembly will come back to order. We do not have unanimous consent on the second reading of Bill 2007-03. At this time I would like to recognize the President.

Mr. Andersen III: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, when you talk about regulations of the Nunatsiavut Government, those are laws that we have to abide by. The Nunatsiavut Government President under Part 7 Section 133 of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act can call for a vote when there is no consensus. So Mr. Speaker, I'm asking from the Assembly in regards to Bill 2007-03, if we could have a vote and pass it? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. President. In accordance with the Assembly Act, if unanimous consent is not achieved then the President has the option available to him to ask for a vote. He has requested this. By a show of hands, I would ask the Assembly Members in favor of consenting to Bill 2007-03 to raise your hands now. Thank you. We have 11 Assembly Members in favor. By a show of hands I would ask the Assembly Members who are not in favor of passing the second reading of Bill 2007-03 to raise your hands. We have one Assembly member not in favor. By a vote of 11 in favor to 1 against we have the majority to pass the second reading of Bill 2007-03. We will now present Bill 2007-03 to the President for assent. The Speaker recognizes the President.

Mr. Andersen III: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I hereby give my assent to make Bill 2007-03 Inuit Law. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. President. This concludes our debate for this evening and we've completed the agenda. I won't close this sitting at this time. As tomorrow morning at 9 am we will sitting informally and Tim Pumphrey from the Institute of Governance will be doing a presentation to the Assembly on the Strategic Plan of for the Nunatsiavut Government. We may have to adopt the Strategic Plan as an Assembly so I'll keep that option available to us by keeping this sitting open until probably Thursday. So we will adjourn for this evening and reconvene informally tomorrow morning at 9am. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: This will be our last spring sitting of the Assembly. The first sitting of the summer Assembly will have to be determined at a later date, we will now close our sitting. The sitting is now closed. The Assembly will now be hearing a presentation from the Institute of Governance.