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Speaker: Honorable Todd Broomfield
Deputy Speaker: Honorable Daniel Pottle

In Attendance:

Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, **Todd Broomfield**

Deputy Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canadian Constituency, **Daniel Pottle**

President, **Jim Lyall**

Acting President, First Minister, Ordinary Member for Nain, **Anthony Andersen**

Minister of Lands and Resources, Ordinary Member for Nain, **William Barbour**

Minister of Health and Social Development, **Greg Flowers**

Minister of Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology and the Status of Women, **Diane Gear**

Minister of Education, Training and Economic Development, **Darryl Shiwak**

Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, **Ben Ponniuk**

Clerk of the Assembly, **Mary Sillett**

Acting Director of Communications, **Bert Pomeroy**

AngajukKâk for Nain, **Sarah Erickson**

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, **Judy Dicker**

AngajukKâk for Postville, **Keith Decker**

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, **Herb Jacque**

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, **Daniel Michelin**

Ordinary Member for Happy Valley-Goose Bay, **Keith Russell**

Chair Person for NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, **Malcolm Winters**

Chair Person for the Sivunivut Community Corporation, **Ed Tuttauik**

Absent:

Chair Person for NunaKatiget Community Corporation, **Malcolm Winters**

Note taker: Hilda Hunter

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Assembly commences at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Broomfield: I would like to call the tenth sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to order. At this time, I would like to recognize Sister Marjorie Andersen to do the opening prayer. My apologies, Marjorie Flowers.

Prayer is recited

Mr. Broomfield: We have two pages. They are Davidee Ningeok and Jarvis Aggek. I would also like to say a big 'thank you' to our translators; Wilson Jararuse and John Jararuse. At this time I would like to recognize the President to make a brief statement if he wishes to do so.

President Lyall: Good day to all in the gallery. I give you greetings from your friends, your family from Nain, here today because of you, and I am also here to work for you. I want to say that I am both honored and humbled to stand before you here today as the first elected President of Nunatsiavut. As beneficiaries to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, we are faced with many challenges. The job that lies ahead will not be an easy one and I look forward to taking on my responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. My presence here symbolizes an end and a beginning, renewal, as well as change. I

want to thank First Minister Andersen for the job he did as Acting President for guiding this Assembly through some difficult times. The power of this Assembly lies in its ability to reach out to all its beneficiaries, to listen to their concerns, to recognize their challenges and to act in their best interests that is our job as elected officials, a job we must not take lightly. As an Assembly, we need to be understanding, patient, supportive and, above all, united in a resolve to do what is best for our people and our communities. We are connected by a common bond and a shared hope for the future. During my campaign for the honor to serve as President of Nunatsiavut, I felt a sense of optimism and hope. Our people want to be engaged, and they want to be included to feel that they are a part of Nunatsiavut. I understand that my job as President and our job as an Assembly are to respond with the same kind of enthusiasm and excitement. As this is my first address to the Assembly, I ask for your cooperation and to think about what we can accomplish together for the good of all beneficiaries. There will be times when we will disagree and there will be times when we all have to make tough decisions, ones that may not be popular. When I took the oath of office, a pledge to be guided by the concerns of our people, this was my mission and my goal and I urge each and every one of you to make it yours as well. In conclusion, I want to assure you that my door will always be open. There may times when I may call upon you individually or collectively for support and guidance, and there may be times when we may not see eye to eye on certain issues, but we

must always put our beneficiaries first. I ask you to keep an open mind to move forward as one united in our mandate to serve our people. Nakummek.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. President. We will move on to item 4 in our agenda; Tabling of Documents and Petitions. Are there any documents or petitions to be tabled at this time? We will move on to item 5; Minister's Statements. The Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Two statements that I wish to bring forward to the Assembly. Very recently, along with Valley Inco, we have done a ten person Mill Operator Training Program here in Hopedale; three from Nain and seven from Hopedale. I understand that they successfully completed the Mill Operator Training program, so I wish them well. Not only would they work in Voisey's Bay, but they can work in any mill, in any mining community in the country or elsewhere in the world. The second statement that I wish to point out, Mr. Speaker. With some humbleness, I have been asked by the Nunatsiavut Government to travel to Victoria, B.C. to accept, on behalf of Nunatsiavut Government, an Award of Excellence by the Chief Executive Officer of Parks Canada for partnering. We can now show the rest of the country that we are able and willing partners. We will be receiving that award next week. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Member. The Honorable Minister of Finance.

Ms. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will make a couple of comments on

some things happening in our Department, specifically the IT department, Human Resources and Status of Women. The IT department is nearing completion of a new mail server. Nearly all of the entire Assembly and civil service are active on the new system with only those users on long term leave, such as maternity leave or leave of absence, left to migrate to the new system. The new service allows for centralized daily backups of the entire mail system and has the capacity to monitor and document spam and antivirus activities. Since the new service online, it has been processing approximately 55 thousand email messages per week, 90 % of which is spam. This is filtered out before reaching online users. The IT department was having some problems so they are now dealing with Aliant to try and resolve these problems. Things have been very busy in the Human Resources department since the new budget was approved. Human Resources have been filing new positions and vacancies, including Assistant to the Clerk of the Assembly and Web Developer. We are currently recruiting for students in the Department of Health and are waiting on confirmation of funds for the remainder of the summer students. Human Resources has applied for over \$30,000.00 from the Federal Government to fund a Summer Student program and hopes to have all students in place by the end of June. With the Status of Women, the Status of Women Coordinator met with the Provincial Women's Policy office last week in St. John's. This meeting was to discuss Violence Prevention Initiatives and how the two departments could work together to address issues related to violence. Tracy will be traveling to St. John's next

week to meet with the Justice Minister's Committee on Violence Against Women. Tracy is a member on this committee as part of her job as Coordinator. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The Honorable Minister of Health.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just have one announcement at this time and it's not a very popular one. I guess for the Upper Lake Melville and North West River. At the end of June, Saputjivik in North West River will be closed. We will certainly hear more about that as these progresses. The Executive Council met in St. John's and made a decision to close Saputjivik and I guess it is a hard thing to do but something we and the Health Department has to do. This is one of them. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. The Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With regards to our program, we have been successful in signing a Return of Service contract with Stacy Shiwak. She should be completing her programming in three to four years and coming back to work with us. We are pleased to say that we are able to accept all applicants who have applied and who met the conditions for our PSSSP Program. As a result of the National Inuit Education Summit, we are very close to signing an Inuit Education Accord with all Inuit regions, the irrelevant Provincial Government and the Federal Government. This is a process where we will work together to establish a new education system and

sharing of ideas. I would also like to inform the Assembly that we have now completed Community Transportation meetings in Rigolet, Makkovik and Postville where we discussed the idea of doing a Feasibly Study on extending the Trans- Labrador Highway into Nunatsiavut. We have made transportation and scheduling problems but we eventually completed the meetings last week. We are pleased that we received very positive support from all three communities. We are now intent on meeting with the Provincial Government representatives in moving the initiative forward and to arrange meetings in Hopedale and Nain for further discussions. The last thing I have to do is an announcement. This is called The Roots of Empathy: Celebrating Roots of Empathy babies, the world's youngest teachers. These babies are part of the future of Canada and they are already changing the world. Mary Gordon is the founder and President. Celebrate with us the contribution of five babies and parents who have worked with eighty children in Nain this year to build caring, peaceful and civil societies, classroom by classroom. The date is Sunday, June 22, 2008 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Jens Haven Memorial School and 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at the school music room. Just a note on that. I would like to mention that in the last fiscal year, our department contributed to this project in the Nain school along with the local school council. This was called the Roots of Empathy and it involved parents taking their small babies into the classrooms. Through this involvement, students learned to be more caring, more considerate and responsible for their actions and in the long term, reduced behaviors such as bullying in our schools. I would like to ask you to

join us in the celebration at the school in Nain on June the 22nd at 1:00 p.m. to honor and celebrate the contribution of the five small babies and their parents to our Nain School. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do have a number of things here to announce. First, I would like to mention that my department has concluded a Membership Procedures workshop in the last couple of weeks and I am very pleased to say that, for I know that the member for Canada will be pleased to know that this workshop completed with great success. This was attended by all Membership committees, the Appeals Board, Community Liaison officers as well as all the staff from the Registrar's office. The workshop was facilitated by our legal counsel. In some reports that I have received from the legal counsel, I have to say, Mr. Speaker, that when the lawyers put in their report, they were pleased that it was a success. This ensures that there is smoother processing of applicants. Some of the things that we have run to in the past was with long waits for membership committees to get together, long waits as the members are well aware of, long waits for the appeals board to meet, these kinds of things. I think that we have brought all groups to understand the importance of how this office should function, how these committees should function and how they should all work together. I am quite pleased, Mr. Speaker, with the results of that workshop and my department now plans to conduct one or two of these

workshops annually. So, Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform this Assembly that we have received tenders or we have received bids on the Nain Assembly building. The tenders have closed, and they have come in very much in line with what we have imagined the cost of this building would be. In fact they are a little bit under and I wish to inform this Assembly that this contract could be awarded as early as the beginning of next week. For the Hopedale Assembly building, we have the tender now out and posted. As members are well aware of some information that was in our Money Bill, discussions that we have had and information sessions we have had, we need to know how that Assembly building or this year's work will be paid for. This remains part of the discussion of this Assembly and I certainly do look forward to that. Also, Mr. Speaker, the Inuit Community Government's request for a new housing subdivision. My Department as well as the Minister of Lands, were quite involved and have done extensive work and I'm pleased to say that I believe that a Bill that will be brought before this house during this sitting by the Minister of Lands and Resources could very well resolve that issue. I had, in the last sitting, informed members of the off-reserve housing fund. Sadly to say, Mr. Speaker, that at this sitting the Finance Minister will not be presenting a money bill regarding the off-reserve housing fund and that is through technicalities mistake, a minor mistake made by the Provincial Government and that they have because this was a money for aboriginal groups within this province, they have some unresolved dispute with another aboriginal group and because of the nature of how they went through their cabinet they're unable to release our

money until money for all aboriginal people on this province is released, so until that dispute is resolved we are not in a position to present a money bill. On another note, on that informing Torngat Housing of this they said that well they did need some up front time to discuss with the communities on land issues as many AngajukKaks are aware or some of you are aware that there's not many housing lots available in some communities and so Torngat will need to have some consultation with communities as well but we will, we will very much believe be in a position by fall, during our fall session to bring that before the Assembly and that's all I have to say Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Got a few things here that was happening since our last sitting. Start off with the Torngasok Centre, we're in the planning stages for a what we are calling a Sivuppulautta Language Conference and still is in the planning stages, this is going very well, it's very highly anticipated as we all know language is one of the most important things that we look at and it comes up in the Executive Council meetings, Assemblies and what ever, so it's to see that this is at the forefront, this will be scheduled for Nain from July 7-11. A plus there is we just recently heard from Mary Simon or Mary Simon's office, that's the ITK President, she will be making a presence there, she'll be doing a speech and like I said it's a big plus for us to have someone of that high profile to be sitting in on this conference. Our department recently hired a full time language coordinator, she was with us up until

now but in a different, she was with us as a projects coordinator before her, it's Toni White and a lot of you people probably know who she is and it's pretty exciting to have her on where's she do know she was with the department for the last over a year so she do what were some of the things that we are doing and it's good that we don't have to get someone brand new to the position, certainly looking forward to that. The Hebron stabilization as you know, this was going on for the last 3 or 4 years that I can remember, maybe before that. This year we had an early mobilization, so really this construction season will be double to what it was and the biggest reason for that is because this has to be done this fall and they start in the early part of May. I'm hoping this stabilization phase will be done by the end of this season. We've also been approved through INAC to complete a business case for Hebron after the stabilization project is done. It will involve consultation with Hebron first and foremost and with any other people or organizations that may want to use the sight; the end result of the business case is to have a recommended blue print for the sight and its potential future use. Last month we had a James Andersen collection, over fifty years of pictures taken, which took place at the Rooms in St. John's. It went over really, really well. We heard a lot of good comments. I myself was pretty impressed, I wasn't expecting to see what I saw and to see over 200 hundred people from around there, not only from around there, but there were people from outside the Province that came to see this. This exhibit will be at the Rooms until late August, so if anybody is in the St. John's area while this is there, I recommend that you go see this. Like I said it's

awesome, it's there until the end of August and following that we're hoping, pending funding of course, that this exhibit will tour our Nunatsiavut communities. In our tourism, we heard about the Tourism Leaders of Voyage. I know I heard enough of it to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. Well I'm pleased to say it was a success. There were 10 participants from Nunatsiavut traveled to this what we're calling a world class destination to learn and bring back best practices from this sustainable marine based indigenous cultural tourism industry. One of the experiences we have a serious of recommendations surrounding small business, financing craft industry training and certification of the marine environment. Just to let you know, Christy, our Director of Tourism will be doing a presentation on this sometime in the near future and is speaking of Christy; we got a position advertised for an assistant for her which hopefully will be filled sooner rather than later. On to the youth, recreation and elders, there's a fifteenth annual symposium was held in Rigolet during the first week of May. There was very strong representation from all communities, the youth were exposed to a great deal of information sessions and interactive learning opportunities, a great deal of credit goes to Heather Angnatok, her team and the rising youth council for organizing this fine annual event. Next year, this symposium is planned for here in Hopedale as one of our assembly sittings is sittings is going. When our sitting will be here this will give the youth a chance to come in and have a first hand look at how we operate. The youth, I think the last time I mentioned it, a National Aboriginal hockey team from the province went to Sault St. Marie,

Ontario and that we had a lot of good comments from our beneficiaries that went. We had eight of them that attended this. We'd like to thank the trust for their financial support for this. Provided our players from our region a chance to network with other aboriginal groups and I personally spoke to a couple of them and they were really excited to be out there and like I say, interact with these other players and get a chance to see what this type of competition is like. It's anticipated next year that we'll try to send a male and female team to the event. Like I say it was more to this sport, like I say I was talking to couple of the boys and they were pretty impressed with other aspects of the trip itself and coming up in August 3-10 is the North American Indigenous games in Cowichan, B.C.. Newfoundland and Labrador is sending their first contingent of athletes to this even and like I say it'd s Newfoundland and Labrador contingent, but I'm very, very proud to say is we all should be. Over half of this contingent is from our Nunatsiavut beneficiaries so that just goes to say what caliber of athletes we have within our own beneficiaries. Tryouts have already occurred in a number of events and as I said our beneficiaries are doing really, really well. There's a couple of more sports that we may avail of, sports such as badminton, golf, track and field. Again, I'd just like to, where we get that number of youth from such a small population as we got, says a lot for what's going on and I'm going a little further seeing we got this number from the Nunatsiavut. Hopefully in the future we will send a team from Nunatsiavut and not from the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, that might be as little ways down the road but, this

is, I think a really good start. That's all, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. We'll move on to Member's Statements. I'd like to recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I like to welcome our new President aboard. First and foremost, we have a large mountain in front of us and I hope we all can walk it together. Now, on to the Member statement. Back in 2006 when the Nunatsiavut Government Regional Health office moved to Goose Bay, the community of North West River lost a large number of jobs and the economic sting of that decision is still being felt after many requests to see the analysis of the information about the benefit to the Inuit that justified the move and justified the tendering process as a representative for North West River. I'm still unable to get that information. Where's our communication as a Government here? The Saputjivik closing, which has been announced by the Minister, it's yet another severe blow to the community of North West River and for the second time we've seen our Executive Council make decisions without community consultations and without the involvement of this entire Assembly. No one disputes the fact that programs like this will eventually have to move into Nunatsiavut. Why are we giving up on those in need and further making it harder for the community of North West River to survive economically while we wait for this infrastructure on the North Coast? We have yet to invest any time or money in supporting the community of North

West River, how is this governance to take the best interest of the beneficiaries that live there into account. This is not inclusion, but purposeful exclusion of a community in need. A loss of these health related jobs and the economic spin off is one thing but now we are continuing to create a divide between the beneficiaries of our land claims agreement by the way we are operating our Government. More specifically, by the way we are going to distribute the additional 12.1 million dollars in additional mining royalty revenues that we'll be talking about here today. The people of the Upper Lake Melville area are once again cast aside when it comes to the benefits of the arrangements we have in place. The Executive Council asked these Assembly Members that were not on Executive Council to make a wish list after they have already proposed to spend almost the entire amount of money. In their proposal there were no dollars to be spent in Upper Lake Melville to directly benefit the beneficiaries there. Myself and the chair of NunaKatiget and the Sivunivut Corporations put together over 1.8 million dollars in request to be considered by the Executive Council that would benefit not only the beneficiaries we represent, but the many that have come to Upper Lake Melville for help due to difficulties in their lives. After our submissions they came back with another draft, which sees according to my preliminary calculation. Only .8 of a percent of this money put on the table to be spent in Upper Lake Melville, not even 1% of these total dollars to be voted on in this House for use in Upper Lake Melville. This .8% is not even guaranteed and will require the majority of this Assembly to vote on this and support it. How does this help those in

need and how's this .8% representative of inclusion considering Upper Lake Melville has approximately 2000 beneficiaries or approximately 1/3 of the Labrador Inuit. We have to be accountable and do what is best for Inuit, no matter where they live, by continuing on with no clear direction, no clear leadership that is going to push this Government to include the people that do not live in Nunatsiavut and no direct benefit to those outside of the Land Claims area. We're opening up ourselves to severe criticism and unfortunately the perception that this Government discriminates against those that do not live in Nunatsiavut. Nakommek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Direct now to the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakommek, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker as the elected official for the Constituency of Canada, it is my belief that the Nunatsiavut Government is a reactionary administration as to opposed to a pro active system of governance. Despite the fact that the Nunatsiavut Government had made some great strides and had to tackle some challenging issues over the past 1 ½ years, the Government continues to operate in a calamity mode with little planning and foresight. The system of governance were all intense purposes, especially at the executive level continues to function as a board instead of a democratically elected Government. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government lacks a strategic plan to guide and direct it's activities and the departments of the Nunatsiavut Government performs it's functions without a clear philosophy, mission, mandate, goals and objectives.

Departmental staff is given limited direction and lack management and supervision. The Nunatsiavut Government, Mr. Speaker has inherited the majority of short comings from it's predecessor, the Labrador Inuit Association without addressing those inefficiencies. Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Mr. Speaker are given little or no opportunity to participate in the decision making process. The Nunatsiavut Executive Council has fallen short of its roles and responsibilities and is not accountable to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. This House of Assembly, Mr. Speaker continues to wait for reports on activities of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council which have been promised to be provided time and time again by the former President, and the former acting President, the First Minister. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Executive Council, as the Cabinet of the Nunatsiavut Government persists that non-elected officials are party to full discussions and decision making process of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. Generally, officials accept the decision of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council without question. Mr. Speaker, the perception of beneficiaries to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement is that the upper management of the Public Service is the holder of power as opposed to being advisors to their Ministers. Elected officials and beneficiaries are not provided with information in a timely manner as to what is happening with in the various Departments of Government. There is a continued lack of responsiveness and accountability, Mr. Speaker, both at the elected and public service levels. Mr. Speaker, after completing four sessions of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, I believe that it is time for the Nunatsiavut

Government to ensure that it must operate in a self-government genre. The President of the Nunatsiavut Government, all be it just elected, must make certain that the leadership is the number one priority and he has a duty to guarantee that both the elected officials and public servants are accountable and above all responsive to the beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Mr. Speaker, the President must fulfill his election promise that the Nunatsiavut Government will be one of inclusion and that equal access to benefits, programs and services are assured for all beneficiaries regardless of where they choose to reside. These promises, Mr. Speaker, cannot be attained without full consultation of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and beneficiaries to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Taima, Nakumek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Since the time allotted for Members' Statements is twenty minutes, we've already exceeded our time allotted. A few more Members may wish to make statements. Is the Assembly in favor of extending the time for Members' Statements? (Aye) Thank you. I'd like to recognize the Chair of the Sivunivut Corporation.

Mr. Tuttauk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the beneficiaries of North West River and Sheshatshiu, I'd like to congratulate President Lyall on his election win. I'm sure each of you, by now, has read the Comprehensive Review of the Continuum of Addiction Services, Nunatsiavut Government by Mayo Consulting and my response to it. The more I've read and asked questions regarding our Treatment Centre, I could not shake the impression that this report

was written to justify closing Saputjivik and not that Saputjivik was closed based on the findings of this report. This report repeated findings of the numerous reports already written on Saputjivik, Kemutsigak, Baikie, McTimoney and Consillium, to name a few. The only difference with the Mayo report was the recommendation to close the Saputjivik Treatment Centre. There were 81 recommendations made by Mayo consultation, but only one was acted upon. I feel this was done to satisfy someone's personal agenda and I am amazed that a major partner, Health Canada, was not notified of the closing but finding out through a press release on the radio. Each of you know that fourteen job losses in a community is a devastating blow. Add to that twenty plus jobs left with the Regional Department of Health office move in 2006 and the situation becomes even worse. This would not be acceptable in Nunatsiavut so why should it be acceptable in North West River. On Page 94 of that report, the consultant states "there were also some indications of various factions within the Labrador Inuit communities and disagreements or mistrust amongst the beneficiaries. These observations are congruent with comments made at the Alcohol and Drug hearing such as prejudices (Inuktitut speaking versus non-Inuktitut speaking, dark skin versus light skin, northern versus southern communities, stated on page 7 and comments made to the author such as "we need to care for each other, not cut each other's throats and respect the native settler and the real or traditional Inuit". These are powerful statements that indicate our beneficiaries realize that segregation exists within our communities and region. As a Government, I believe that it is crucial

that we, as role models, should address the statements and work towards becoming a unified organization. We also need to keep these types of statements in mind while discussing the Supplementary Budget Bill. Until we can come and work together to better the lives of our people, this sentiment will continue to exist. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Any other Members wish to make a Statement? I'd like to recognize the AngajuKak for Nain.

Ms. Erickson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, on behalf of the Nain Inuit Community Government, I'd like to congratulate and welcome President Lyall to the Assembly and to the Nunatsiavut Government. We look forward to working with you for the betterment of Nainimiut and all of Nunatsivimiut. Second of all, I'd like to thank Minister Shiwak for bringing up the Roots of Empathy. It has been a really positive and successful program in our school and hopefully, the Department of Health or Education will look at bringing into the rest of the schools, very worthwhile project. Last of all, I just want to speak briefly on the Money Bill and the Torngat Fish plant. Most of us, especially those that live in Nunatsiavut, understand the importance of the fish plant, the fishery, not only as employment but as a way of life so when we come to the Money Bill and we start talking about Torngat Fisheries. Keep that in mind. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I guess on that note, we'll end Members' Statements. We'll get into question

period. I'd like to recognize the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Health and Social Development. Given that the final report, A Comprehensive Review of the Continuum of Addiction Services, was requested by and conducted for the Nunatsiavut Government in a response to a request from the Department of Health and Social Development to conduct a full review of their full continuum of Addictions Services. These report states that the findings have been previously identified and reflected in other reports and documents and that the same concerns have been expressed six years later. My question to the Minister of Health and Social Development, Mr. Speaker, is; why is it only now that those findings and concerns are being addressed?

Mr. Broomfield: The Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Dan, as I think you might be aware, that I mean Saputijivik hasn't been working for a long, long time and to get the grasp around it and to try to make it work over the years. I only took on this position a year and a half ago, so I can't go back to six years ago. I can certainly say in my short time here that I've heard from Nunatsiavut itself, from the people in Nunatsiavut where this matters most. I mean, sure that is going to hurt North west River, sure it is a big impact on North West River. Ten jobs are lost, ten to twelve jobs are lost. When we have people coming in and out of Saputjivik in North West River, a lot of them will

not go back to the treatment centre just because of the things that they experienced there and the things that are not working there and going to other places in Canada. Some people have been in and out of there twelve times, twelve times and I have people coming to me on a daily basis living in Nunatsiavut saying 'do something about what's happening here'. It's not benefiting us and it's not benefiting us for the reasons why you see people in these communities. It's not working and it has not been working for a long time. I did not put Saputjivik where it's to, but I certainly will not go along and see my people here still suffering. This is about the people of Nunatsiavut. Sure, we need to do stuff for North West River or anywhere but it is about the people and the people spoken to. The people have said time and time again that they are hurting, they are suffering. It does not benefit them. They come back from Saputjivik and a week or two weeks later, they're back in the same boat. They're back and they're in the same environment. We are saying that it has to change. We are going to look at the programs that are going to make a change. We might not have all the answers but we certainly know one thing. I certainly know, in my short time here, that we have to do more for our people and one of the things is to find a better way to serve our people and doing the best job that we can in looking out for their interests. I did not do this alone. We went to the Executive Council. We met in Upper Lake Melville. We know that people are frustrated with going in and out of there. Mr. Tuttauq was a Team Leader and he even said himself that changes were needed in Saputjivik. All of the Team Leaders in Nunatsiavut said this is one of the best things that we

are doing, to help the people by closing down this facility. So all I can say to you is that we are looking at different programs. In six months' time, we'll have something else up and running that's going to be out of Nunatsiavut. Hopefully, the bottom line is that people in Nunatsiavut will once and for all get the help that they need and deserve. I think it's high time that we did more for our people. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Minister of Health and Social Development for that partial response. Recidivism is a major treatment dynamic in addictions and must be recognized as so. Many people struggle numerous times in and out of treatment centers before they finally make steps forward and continue in the healing process. Given the Mayo report, Mr. Speaker, makes 80 recommendations. Why is only one recommendation to close the Saputjivik Centre being implemented?

Mr. Broomfield: The Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, Dan, it is the most important one, as far as the Health Department is concerned. How do I explain it anymore than that? The bottom line is about the people of Nunatsiavut. They have other places to go and they'll always be other places to go. We feel that changes have to come. Sometimes people are reluctant to change. Sometimes, we have to change for the better. Right now, we feel

it in the interest of the people of Nunatsiavut that we make these changes and the report says it should have been done six years ago. I guess I will take responsibility, as the Minister of Health and Social Development, to say that to say that we feel that it was not working for a long time and I'll take the criticism. I hope the people around this table recognize that the people of Nunatsiavut who were supposed to be helping are the beneficiaries of this, not me, not you or anyone else, but the people out there and hopefully, we will be successful. It's a struggle, yes, and it is always going to be a struggle. People will always have addictions problems and we know first hand the problems that our beneficiaries are facing. In 2005, I was not a part of it when the President and, I think, the First Minister and a few more went around to the people when it was suggested that Saputjivik was not working. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Allowing more supplementary questions for the Member of the Canadian Constituency.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker and Nakummek, Mr. Minister. I think I have my answer to my next question but for the public record, I must ask it anyway. The Mayo report identified numerous strengths and weaknesses within the continuum of addiction services. I see the decision to close the Treatment Centre in North West River as being tantamount to my role if I was still continuing to practice social work, to continue to walk away and to leave my clients without an alternative. Up until that time, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister. will he reverse the decision to close the Saputjivik Treatment Centre until there is an

alternative program developed and implemented?

Mr. Broomfield: The Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I short answered Dan just now. I thought long and hard about doing this and it was brought before the Executive Council. No one in Executive Council was opposed to closing down Saputjivik. A few questions were raised but there was nothing saying that my Department was doing the wrong thing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I'd like to recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Finance. Minister of Finance, we are all well aware of the 12.1 million dollars additional revenue from the mining royalty. Using your financial expertise and in your financial opinion, as a government that has to be fiscally responsible. Why is it best that we absolutely spend all of the windfall provided by this additional mining royalty in this current year?

Mr. Broomfield: The Honorable Minister of Finance.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess to answer your question, this is a one time pot of money. We were expecting 2 Million and we got 14. The Executive Council, along with me and my Department, felt that in Nunatsiavut, there are so many needs. If we could

take care of some of them now in the long term and if we get more money next year, so be it. But for now, we are going to take care of some of our issues that need to be taken care of.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to recognize the Member from Upper Lake Melville to ask a supplementary question.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Not a financial response but thank you, none the less, Honorable Minister. Your Department provided this Assembly, at the last sitting, with a warning that if the Nunatsiavut Government costs continue to increase an estimated ten percent per year as anticipated, our Government will be in a deficit within five years. Why are you and your Department proposing that we allocate all of the mining royalty revenue immediately as opposed to taking a conservative approach so as to safeguard a possible deficit ?
Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Honorable Minister of Finance.

Mrs. Gear: Well, Mr. Speaker, in consultation with the Executive Council, this is a decision that we came to and I have no other answer for you. This is the decision. Every Department in the Nunatsiavut Government had a chance to put forth their requisition that they wanted, including you and the Ordinary Members as well as the AngajuKaks and the Ministers.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: I thank you for that response, Minister of Finance. We did get a chance, albeit, a very short one

with not much time or resources to work with, if you can say that. Do you feel that the Executive Council's proposal to directing less than one percent of these additional dollars towards Upper Lake Melville is in line with our new President's promise during his Oath of Office regarding inclusion, excuse me, of all beneficiaries everywhere?
Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Honorable Minister of Finance.

Mrs. Gear: Well, Mr. Speaker, I didn't look at it that way. We looked at what our Member had submitted to us. We felt that of the things that he had submitted, this was the most important one. I know that he wanted money for seniors. We could not give money to the seniors in Lake Melville without supporting our seniors in Nunatsiavut either. We didn't feel at this time that this was realistic. As for the other one he put in, we are going to look at it. We already have plans to take care of your one for your Moravian graveyard. That's my answer.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. I'd like to recognize the AngajuKak for Makkovik.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My concern, issue or question is to the Minister of Education, Mr. Shiwak. I brought this to your attention before. It has been brought to my attention again to bring to the table from the teachers in Makkovik, regarding or relating to the housing issue. Come September, we are in crises. We have four teachers living in one unit and we feel this is unhealthy. We are scared we are going to lose our teachers. Have you considered anything

on this priority? Is there anything you can do? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thanks for the question. I have to assure you that we have not forgotten about the situation and that we are aware that we do need housing if we want to keep teachers in our region. We are looking into the situation with regards to housing for teachers but I do not have a definite answer for you right now. I will get back to you and to the people you represent in Makkovik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The AngajuKak for Postville.

Mr. Decker: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to say, on behalf of my Government and myself, congratulations to Mr. Lyall, the newly elected President and I get the opportunity to probably ask him the first question. My question is to the President. I guess in regards to Postmill Lumber, I think you probably have a letter that somebody wrote to you. They brought it to my attention before I left and I said I would bring it to you here. It is in regards to, I guess, whose running Postmill Lumber. We started Postmill Lumber about ten years ago. The plan was that somebody would be trained to take over that position. Ten years has passed and he's still there. We feel that it is time for us to do some job shadowing or something so that we can have a local person take over that position. I think that you are aware of that. My question is we want to see this happening this year.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to recognize the President.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am aware of the problem. I have directed the Minister of Lands and LIDC to look into the situation. I have not had a report back yet, but we will be looking into that in the very near future. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to recognize the AngajuKak for Postville to ask a supplementary question.

Mr. Decker: I guess this is to the President again. When you do get an answer, can you respond to us in writing and let us know exactly what your findings are?

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to recognize the President.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I will.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to recognize the Chair of the Sivunivut Corporation. Excuse me, Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation.

Mr. Tuttauk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health. Of all of the recommendations from the Mayo report, can you tell us what your Department plans for the revamp of the continuum of addiction services for the Nunatsiavut Government? The recommendations that have been put forth in the report, can you tell us which ones are being acted on right now?

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: I totally understand the question but my Department, Mr. Speaker, is looking at the recommendations and looking at what we're going to tackle. I think the short answer to what he is asking is, basically, we're looking at land based programs in Nunatsiavut and running programs out of Nunatsiavut. Say, for instance, if it's out of Hopedale, it'll be in a building here and run out of this community for six to eight weeks depending on, but there's a lot of detail involved. We are working at that. Basically what we're looking at is running it out of Nunatsiavut and our communities, not in patient program buildings as such. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I'd like to recognize the AngajuKak for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the beneficiaries of Rigolet, I would like to congratulate President Lyall. My question is for the Minister of Economic Development. In the past winter, we did receive funding from the Economic Development Department for economic work, for economic enhancement in the community of Rigolet. The amount was \$20,000, Mr. Speaker, to hire people. Fifteen people are taken off our list which is a very good thing. We still have fifteen to twenty people on the list which I presented earlier. This winter, there were a lot of people that were unemployed and never had any employment. My question to the Minister of Economic Development. Will there be any more funding coming forward for the

community of Rigolet to continue on with the project that we have going? Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To answer Mr. Michelin's question, when we put that program in place, it was a Community Enhancement Project. It was basically a make work project. I know that there are some funds left over and we did receive another application from Rigolet, as well as from other Inuit Community Governments. We are in the process of processing those applications. Once we get those processed, we will be administering more funds. As well, we have another program in place. This was discussed with the AngajuKaks and the communities in a meeting which was for Economic Development. This is an Economic Development Fund but this one has priorities, certain criteria in place. There must be long term employment, long term Economic Development involved. We're hoping to have that approved at the Executive level at this sitting. Whenever we get that item on the table, hopefully within the very near future, we can start addressing more applications from the communities. Yes, we are aware of the old applications and they are being processed. Hope that answers your question.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I'd like to recognize the AngajuKak for Nain.

Mrs. Erickson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. In your Member Statement, you had mentioned that Nunatsiavut is already

seeing the benefits of the Leadership Voyage. Given questions about the voyage itself, the cost of it and the location, the destination, what are these benefits that we are seeing already so we can inform the people who are asking? Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure if I said that we're receiving benefits right now. Well, if we are, it was a very valuable experience for the people that did go. Our Director of Tourism, Kristy Sheppard, as I said, will do a presentation and I think she'll have more answers for you than I do now. If you want them before this sitting is over, I can certainly reach her and get the answers. As I said, she's going to do a Power Point presentation to the appropriate people, the Assembly and whomever. If there's anything you want specifically, I can certainly reach Kristy and get the answer for you. Thank you very much.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. I'd like to recognize the AngajuKak to ask a supplementary question.

Mrs. Erickson: Thank you, Minister Ponniuk. It's just that we've had a lot of questions from the community about this whole voyage and anything we can bring back that's positive to reassure them this wasn't a waste of money and was actually beneficial to Nunatsiavut and the communities themselves would be helpful for the record.

Mr. Broomfield: The Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are definitely benefits. The things that came to me was the experiences they got in there, in regards to small craft industries, is the same type of conditions there as there is in our region. There is benefit in the regard that there are a lot of similarities and they learn from them, you could take back to your communities. We did learn a lot and, like I said, when Kristy gets the report, her Power Point presentation, whenever it's done in its entirety, we will be presenting it. I'm sure, then, that you will get a better understanding of why it was done in more detail. I hope this answers your statement. Thank you very much.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. Are there anymore questions? Given that there are no more questions, I will go back to the Members who asked questions as they indicated that they would like to ask other questions if there was time remaining. I'd like to recognize the member from Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is also directed at Minister Ponniuk, Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Mr. Ponniuk, since being on the Executive Council, you are privy to much more information than me. I have the luxury of being able to look in from the outside and ask questions. Since you are a Minister on the Executive Council and you were at meetings which recommended how the additional mining royalty revenue would be allocated or the recommended allocation. I'm aware of what the recommendations were for the two Inuit Community Corporations from Upper Lake Melville as well as my own. I was wondering if you could

please list and explain what personal recommendations you made as the Ordinary Member from Upper Lake Melville for monies to be spent directly in Upper Lake Melville to benefit the beneficiaries. Nakumek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thanks for your question, Mr. Russell. I can't go off the top of my head and list the questions but I did have a lot of concerns. Some of the things that went in there was the housing situation that was there and I believe that was something we had in common. I mentioned about the clean-up of a graveyard that was there for years. Also some of the benefits of the language issue, where there is very limited access to this stuff up in Upper Lake Melville. I think it's one of the things you had. I also mentioned that we should do a little bit more in regards to trying to get easier and more access to these tools that could help people up in Upper Lake Melville, for easier access like say to the Rosetta Stone and the dictionaries in regards, in case we get it at a less cost or no cost. This is being looked into and again like I say with the housing. Basically, a lot of things that was recommended by our beneficiaries is the NunaKattiget and plus yours. We had a lot of things in common when it came up. I sort of pushed for it. Thank you very much.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville to ask a supplementary question.

Mr. Russell: Nakumek, Mr. Speaker. So again to Mr. Ponniuk, if you could please clarify that you did not have a list

of requests on your own but you did support the remaining Upper Lake Melville representatives. Nakumek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: I did have a short list and I made them known. Like I said earlier, I did support or support it as much as I could, things that came from the Ordinary Member, NunaKattiget and Sivunivut. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. I'd like to recognize the AngajuKak from Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question this time is directed at the First Minister. In Minister Shiwak's statement, he referred to the First Minister and himself going into the community of Rigolet, Postville and Makkovik on the study for the road. I seem to be bringing this up every time to the First Minister. My question, Mr. Speaker, is what is the timeframe that the Nunatsiavut Government is going to be talking with the Newfoundland/Labrador Government in trying to get a feasibility study done for a road from Rigolet to Goose Bay or from Goose Bay to Nunatsiavut? Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to recognize the First Minister.

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we first started out to do these community consultations on policy for transportation in Nunatsiavut in October of 2007. Sadly to say, the weather did not always co-

operate and when we presented in Postville, our last stop, was last week, you know. It's June and we started out in October but there were many things including other responsibilities that I have had since November, which the AngajuKak from Rigolet is aware of. We're back on track. We have completed the first phase of our consultations in the communities. We have concluded those workshops or presentations in those communities. We have had a very good response in all three communities and Mr. Speaker, as the AngajkuKak from Rigolet is aware, the biggest items in our presentation were bringing the Trans Labrador into Nunatsiavut; comments about the Trans Labrador being in its final stage and perhaps, our beneficiaries did not agree. We are all aware of how, I'm sure Mr. Speaker, the President himself was part of a Provincial Committee on Marine Transportation and other transportation issues. We're all aware of Land, Marine and Air, the idea of bringing the Trans Labrador into Nunatsiavut is a big one. We know, Mr. Speaker, the Town of Rigolet, for many years, has requested a feasibility study to eventually have a road to Goose Bay. We're pleased to say that within the next few years, my Department, along with Minister Shiwak's Department, will do more public awareness, some more practice to ensure we reach more than shown up at the community meetings in Rigolet, Makkovik and Rigolet. Once we do the public awareness blitz, we'll call it, to make sure we get on the airwaves to tell the people which direction we are heading. The letter is written to the Minister of Finance of the Province, the Minister of Transportation, as well. The letters are ready to go, Mr. Speaker, requesting funds for a feasibility study to

ensure that it happens in due time, sooner rather than later, so that we can start to address the idea of bringing the road to Rigolet. I hope this answer's the Member's question.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. That concludes question period. With that, we will take a recess for ten minutes.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to call the House back to order. At this time, we will move on to Reports from the Standing and Special Committees. I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to give a report from the Standing Committee on Education. Since our last Assembly Sitting, we did have a formal sit down session with our Committee. We had a couple of teleconferences. In that time, we were discussing where we want, how we want to look at filling our vacancy for the Outside Member for the Committee and the next steps. We do have a selection, I think, Mr. Speaker, will address that shortly. The Standing Committee on Education has made a commitment to meet on a more regular basis, to be more pro-active, not reactive and to establish a process to address the educational needs in Nunatsiavut, how we will look at improving our education system. We have established a tentative schedule for the Fall Session where we will travel to each of the Inuit communities to speak and meet with the school councils, parents and the community, in general. This will be to discuss general education issues and concerns. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Health.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to give an overview of our Alcohol Committee and what we have been doing to date. We had a good series of meetings about a week and a half ago. Two weeks ago, we met in Goose Bay. We met with the Airlines on different issues and topics on transporting alcohol to Nunatsiavut. We also met with the RCMP, the Head of the RCMP, we had good discussions around what their roles and I guess their responsibilities in Nunatsiavut would be and what they are working on with us and without us, certainly with alcohol and drugs in the Nunatsiavut communities. Also, we met with the Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation (NLLC) and we learned a lot from them on how we can start to change/control in our own communities. For instance, in Hopedale and Nain which have alcohol committees already established and Hopedale has one for two or three years now. Nain just had their one up and running about a month ago but we never got to meet with them and the Council in Nain. We did in Hopedale and I think by all accounts, it was a good meeting. We learned a lot and the Alcohol Committee here learned a lot. They got to know exactly what their roles and responsibilities could be and the things they could do as a Committee. It was very beneficial to them. I think they were struggling along over the last two or three years not knowing exactly what they could do. With the Alcohol Committee from Nunatsiavut, they finally see now that we, there is some hope, finally, to try to stop the influx of people bringing in cases and cases of

booze and the drugs that are coming in. Also, we're going to meet with the Justice Minister for the Province. I think that's going to occur around the 23rd of this month and I think it will be a very beneficial meeting. Also the Committee met, I think it was two days ago in Hopedale with the school. I wasn't at that meeting. I was in Goose Bay on other business but from the reports that I heard that the Committee and school really enjoyed and was informed about what the Committee is doing and the concerns from the people. The people out there and especially in the communities, they're seeing things that we're serious about making changes in Nunatsiavut. We're also in the process of, it might already be done, in sending letters to the other three communities to ask them, the AnjaguKaks and the community councils if they would like to form their own Alcohol Committees so that we can move forward in controlling the amount of alcohol coming into Nunatsiavut. There is a lot being done, a lot of it, I suppose, we're not hearing all of the time but we are here and the committee is serious about working with the communities and making changes in Nunatsiavut. Hopefully, by fall, we'll see some progress and we're already seeing it. If I missed anything, the First Minister, who also co-chairs with me, can elaborate if I missed anything. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. As the Chair of the Rules and Procedures Committee, I have a recommendation from the Chair of the Education Committee. The Committee is looking for another member and the correct process to do that is for the Rules and Procedures Committee to make a recommendation to the Assembly for

your approval. A recommendation has to come forward that Kevin Jacque of Rigolet be included as a member of the Standing Committee on Education. Is the Assembly in favor of this? So, I'd like to inform the Chair of the Education Committee that the Assembly has approved for Kevin to sit on your committee and I'm sure he will be an asset for the Education Committee. Also, the Chair of the Language Committee was recently appointed by the Committee on a teleconference. We're planning to attend the Language Conference in Nain on the 8th of July for that week. I'm sure that this will be an important first step for our Committee to get some input from a different group of people, from youth, from elders, from different organizations who work on language initiatives so this will be a very important meeting for our Committee. Also the Language Strategy Committee met on the 29th of May in Nain. I'm also a member of that Committee as a representative from the Standing Committee. The Language Strategy Committee met and we had some very good discussions. President Lyall came and sat with us for about an hour or so. We're scheduled to meet again on the 19th of June in Nain as we prepare for the upcoming Language Conference. Are there any more Committee reports? I'd like to recognize the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakumek, Mr. Speaker. I know the OPAL Gasoline Committee is not a committee that is sanctioned by the Nunatsiavut Assembly itself but I do sit on the OPAL Gasoline Committee as a representative from the Nunatsiavut Committee. I'd just like to report to the House that the OPAL Gasoline Committee will meet on the 26th of June

in St. John's. We will receive a preliminary report from the technical people that was appointed to the Committee in January 09. These technical people will be providing a preliminary result on the feasibility study on the production, distribution and subsidization of OPAL gasoline. We're very anxious in looking and hearing from the committee on their preliminary findings to date and the technical people, the engineers who are a part of the now OPAL Gasoline Committee have already informed us that they believe this is a doable project and as I reported to the House, I believe, it was in March of this year, we hope to have a test of this product in 2009 and possibly piloted between the years 2010 and 2011. Once I receive that preliminary report from the technical people on the feasibility study, I certainly will provide the synopsis and that report to the Assembly Members. Nakumek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. We will move on in our agenda item to return to item 10, Notice of Motion. Is there any Notice of Motion at this time? As there is no Notice of Motion, we will skip item 11-Notice of Motion of First Reading for Bills as there are three Bills that we have to debate which came out within the 48 hours time period so there's no need for that one. We'll move on to item 13, First Reading of Bills. At this time, I recognize the Minister of Finance and Human Resources.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to stand here today and to present a Supplementary Budget Bill. Mr. Speaker, as you are aware, the Nunatsiavut Government has received an extra 12.1 million dollars in mining royalties over and above what was

originally projected for the first quarter of this fiscal year. Mr. Speaker, I wish to say thank you to each and every member sitting around this table for their comments, suggestions and recommendations. It is unfortunate, however, Mr. Speaker, that I am unable to stand here today and grant every request that was proposed to me and my staff. However, Mr. Speaker, my Department is charged with putting together a Budget Bill that we will attempt to address most of what we see are priorities for this Government. Mr. Speaker, we all know the mining royalty that has been received by the Nunatsiavut Government cannot be guaranteed every year for the mere fact that the royalty is based on market price and profitability of applicable mining company or companies. It is that promise, Mr. Speaker that the Executive Council recommends that this additional revenue is spent on items or activities that will be considered as a one-time allocation. This decision will ensure that the Nunatsiavut Government is not obligated to incur these costs on an annual basis where revenue may not be sufficient to cover the allocation. I would like to remind the Assembly Members that receipt of this money came to our attention late April 2008 and just five short weeks later, we are here presenting this Bill. It is our intention, Mr. Speaker, to be better prepared for the next fiscal year and years to come. My Department has subsequently sent a communication request assistance from the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador in better preparing projected mining royalties we can expect to receive in the years to come, to aid in the Nunatsiavut Government in deciding how to distribute their earnings in future years. Our President wishes to move

forward in developing and enhancing a Strategic Plan. Mr. Speaker, I would like to advise the Honorable Members that it is the intention of Executive Council and the Ministers involved to allow each Minister an opportunity to work with the applicable Department as much as possible to develop ways to expand the dollars within the Departments listed below, listed here today, whether that is suggesting priorities, projects or other valuable input. It is the intent of Executive Council to work with the Ordinary Members, the Inuit Community Governments (ICG) and the Inuit Community Corporations to get the best return on such expenditures. I wish, Mr. Speaker, to highlight certain points and touch briefly on all items listed in this Bill. Mr. Speaker, the receipt of these funds only goes to show that if development is done right economically, socially and environmentally, the Nunatsiavut Government, the Inuit Community Governments, Inuit Community Corporations and all beneficiaries can reap rewards for many years to come. This Supplementary Bill, Mr. Speaker, is about re-investing these dollars back into our communities and enhancing the life of our beneficiaries wherever he/she may live. \$3.6 million to be spent in Culture, Tourism and Recreation such as enhancing Nunatsiavut Tourism Strategy, experience adventures and mysteries of the Labrador Inuit; \$2.3 million in Education and in Economic Developments such as acquiring capital equipment to assist in other business opportunities and \$1.9 million in both Health Departments, sorry, in the Health Department to cover costs such as deficits within the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program. Mr. Speaker, the Bill is based on an expenditure of \$12.2

million, \$12.1 million came from the mining royalty and the other \$1 million from interest revenue, either received or projected to be received from this royalty. To assist the Members here today, I thought I would briefly explain what is in this Bill per Department as it is listed in the attachment to this Bill. Mr. Speaker, this Bill would see the Nunatsiavut Government spend an additional 50 thousand to extend the contract of the Nunatsiavut Electoral officer for 6 months to work with Nunatsiavut Government and it's legal council to recommend and produce a document of change to the Nunatsiavut Election Act. Under the Nunatsiavut Secretariat we propose an increase of 140 thousand to their original budget to devise a strategic plan for all of Nunatsiavut. The strategic plan will lay out to all assemble Members, Ministers, Civil Servants, beneficiaries as well as non-beneficiaries what the priority of this Government is and what we can expect to achieve in the upcoming years. Once these priorities are established appropriate funds will need to be found to fund these initiatives. Within Nunatsiavut affairs the ability to distribute tenders for the site development of the assembly building here in Hopedale, please note Mr. Speaker, that Nunatsiavut Government has submitted a proposal to the Tasuijasoak Trust to cover all the construction costs including site development. Mr. Speaker the Executive Council does not wish to lose this construction season and hopes to have funds committed now so that we can move forward with this project. If the Tasuijasoak Trust does approve to cover the expenditure it is the recommendation of the Executive Council to put this 1.7 million allocation into a reserve fund for

the future generations. I would like to point out Mr. Speaker that we have heard the comments of the Members and wish to inform the House of the Assembly it is our intention that future Bills will see a reserve set aside from additional revenues we received. Mr. Speaker we have received many requests from all constituencies and feel obligated to try and direct as much funds as possible to as many areas as possible. It is from that premises that we are recommending expenditures to the 2 Inuit Community Corporations through the Nunatsiavut Secretariat Department. This Bill will see \$21,500 spent in Inuit Corporation for youth programs, \$13, 200 for NunaKatiget to purchase additional food for community freezer project in Upper Lake Melville. Mr. Speaker, since the effective date Nunatsiavut Government has seen a dramatic increase in the number of membership applications received at our Nain office. It is our intention Mr. Speaker to hire on a contract base for 1 year an individual to work with the Membership Enrolment Committee to help coordinate and process the huge number of applications being received. We feel this individual along with committing an additional 50,000 to cover the costs of bringing all the Membership Enrolment Committees together again later this year for additional training will be sufficed to providing adequate support to the committees and to ensure criteria is being applied equally and fairly to our applicants. I would like now to move your focus Mr. Speaker to the Department of Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology and the Status of Women. I am requesting 75K to transfer the accounting data in Nain to a more modern accounting

package that will allow us to interact and integrate with the Department of Health and Social Development, Inuit Pathways and Post Secondary Support Program this amalgamation will help in approving internal control measures within all of the Nunatsiavut Government. In addition, Mr. Speaker the Minister of Finance is charged with overseeing the Joint Management Committee of the Nunatsiavut Government. The Joint Management Committee has the authority to recommend funds for Capitol works projects within the five communities, 5 Inuit communities. Mr. Speaker as all AngajukKaks will tell you there are insufficient funds to meet the demands of the communities, it is therefore our recommendation, Mr. Speaker to spend 400 grand to the Nain Inuit Community Government to assist with costs of the engineering fees to move the town water supply. 300 hundred thousand for Nain Inuit Community Government to purchase a new loader, the Inuit Community Government of Hopedale receives 56 thousand to cover costs of labor to construct 2 storage facilities and acquisition of some small equipment. 150 thousand spent with the Inuit Community Government of Postville to construct a new cemetery and 200 thousand to be spent in Makkovik for acquisition of a bulldozer. Mr. Speaker the Nunatsiavut Civil Servants are key to achieving the mandate we all desire and with out their efforts nothing would be accomplished. Mr. Speaker we have some of the most educated and dedicated staff as well Mr. Speaker we are educating our your people to take different paths of interests in hopes that they come back to Nunatsiavut and share the knowledge they have learned. In order for the Nunatsiavut Government to

maintain the staff we have and entice new ones the Nunatsiavut Government must be prepared to offer a competitive salary and benefit package no matter where they live and positions they hold. The Nunatsiavut Government recognizes this and wishes to hire a consultant to so a salary and benefits review of the Nunatsiavut Government Salary Scale and compare it to other entities which are similar positions to ours to ensure we stay competitive in the market place. Mr. Speaker we wish to modify our website to allow individuals not only the ability to review job opportunities on-line but the ability to apply for these jobs on-line as well, which is estimated to cost 10 thousand dollars. Finally Mr. Speaker with Human Resources, we wish to add additional funding to summer students to avail of summer employment. We are proposing to make available to our Inuit Community Governments, Inuit Community Corporations and affiliates an additional 75 thousand to hire such students. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government has spent considerable dollars investing in our Information Technology Department to enhance and expand it's capabilities in order to achieve that Mr. Speaker will be need to spend 160 thousand in purchasing corporate license software for all users within the Department of Health and Social Development, Inuit Pathways and Post Secondary Student Support Program. In addition, Mr. Speaker the Nunatsiavut Government wishes to invest 80 thousand dollars in an off-site disaster recovery system to protect the valuable data stored on all of our systems. Over the past year Mr. Speaker my Department has been working diligently with Women's Groups to analyze some of their concerns and in still confidence that we are not playing

lip service . This year Mr. Speaker, we are recommending 18 thousand be spent in providing self defense training to women in 5 Inuit communities, 11, 400 for acquisition of craft materials to enhance craft working circles in each community and boost self esteem to women, so women can be proud of the craft making traditions they are keeping alive in our communities. 10,000 to be spent in enhancing security systems at 2 safe houses in Nunatsiavut as well 50 thousand for an extension to the safe house in Hopedale. Mr. Speaker, our communities are closely tied to the commercial fishery, it is our intention Mr. Speaker to provide a grant of 300 thousand to Torngat Fish Producers Cooperative during this fishing year to allow the opening of the Nain and/or Postville plants. Included with the Bill is to cover costs of a consultant to do a study on how to bring a fishing entity together and make it financially viable for all parties involved. The Nunatsiavut Government, Labrador Inuit Development Corporation, Torngat Fish Producers Cooperative, 37 thousand to be spent on replacing old equipment for conservation officers. Mr. Speaker the Nunatsiavut Government is committed to conservation of our fishing resources, this is why we are proposing 147 thousand to be spent on acquiring capital equipment, such as a second counting fence, boat building, etc. to construct another facility similar to English River Counting fence within Nunatsiavut Government. Please note Mr. Speaker, these funds will only be expanded if sources of revenue are found to cover the annual operating costs of such a facility. In addition to data we would receive has to be beneficial to both Nunatsiavut and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in understanding

and allocating quota to harvest and various fish products. The Department of Lands and Resources is requesting 8 thousand be spent on assisting, with travel costs for an oil burner inspector to travel to the North Coast inspecting home heating tanks and finally 8 thousand for an individual to work with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans conservation studies happening in and around Nain this year. Finally, Mr. Speaker the Lands and Resources Department is requesting Nunatsiavut Government spend 50 thousand in hiring an individual to work on our behalf and monitor activities of the Lower Churchill project and submit the information to the Environmental Assessment review process to ensure our voice is heard. Mr. Speaker on item that affects all the beneficiaries is the Health benefits received under the non-insured health benefits program, for the fiscal year 2007-2008 non-insured health benefits program incurred a deficit of approximately \$725,000 and is expected to incur a deficit due to increasing cost of health of 1 million in 2008-2009. Mr. Speaker we wish to offset these costs thus allowing the Department of Health and Social Development to continue operating the same level of program or service delivery without having to reduce the same. We as well recognize that there needs to be additional funds spent in Home Health Care section and children with special needs, therefore we are asking for additional support of 100 thousand dollars is allocated to both of these worthwhile causes. Mr. Speaker I would like to focus on the Education and Economic Development Department, the Executive Council would like to start developing a post degree social work program that will train our beneficiaries to work as social workers right here in

our own communities. Besides developing programs the Department of Education is requesting an additional 200 thousand be set aside for Inuit Pathways to help most of our students learn a skill trade and become productive members of our society. Finally, Mr. Speaker the Department of Education would like to do a pilot program named after school mentoring program to help kids both stay in school as well as convince student to finish their high school education which will enable them to go on to learn a valuable trade or profession. The communities and beneficiaries Mr. Speaker are all crying out for economic development as we are all aware the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation and it's subsidiaries are considered the economic arm of the Nunatsiavut Government. If you recall, Mr. Speaker that the shareholders and general management presented to the Assembly Members in March 2008 their financial and work plans of trying to make the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation financially viable company. It was made known to us then that without such an investment more troubling times were ahead. I am pleased to stand here today and state that the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation will not need the Nunatsiavut Government to provide any loan guarantees for its existing business for this operation season as it has in the past years. However, Mr. Speaker the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation is requesting we assist them in purchasing some capital equipment to replace aging equipment at the 10 Mile Bay Quarry. Equipment purchases include a loader, excavator, used truck and 2 all terrain vehicles at a cost of 602 thousand dollars. Please not Mr. Speaker the Labrador Inuit Development

Corporation has invested in new employment positions titled Director of Marketing, a beneficiary has been hired and has already located potential new markets to distribute its stone. In addition, the Executive Council is recommending funds be advanced to Postmill Lumber to the tune of 625 thousand dollars to acquire equipment to make its operations more diverse and economically stable. Last year Postmill Lumber recorded a profit on its operations but mainly due to construction of core boxes for mining companies. It is not safe practice for any business to put all its eggs in one basket or so to speak, therefore purchasing a rock crusher and screener, front end loader and dump truck will indeed diverse by this company to ensure long term viability. We see this new equipment, Mr. Speaker giving Postmill Lumber the ability to provide another valuable service within Nunatsiavut. Having the equipment on the North Coast along with the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation owning its own tug and barges gives our the company the ability to move its equipment around to the communities and compete with outside contractors on construction projects that may be happening within our communities such as providing aggregate for construction projects, etc. I would like to point out Mr. Speaker economic development will not come just from our own companies but should come from individuals who live within our communities. It is that position, Mr. Speaker that the Department of Education and Economic Development wishes to increase the economic development consultation budget by 60 thousand dollars to help develop an economic development strategy for all of Nunatsiavut. We feel,

Mr. Speaker, funds should be invested in a seal fishery in Rigolet and we are proposing to spend 85 thousand dollars on acquiring equipment and providing training to individuals in Rigolet to see if this fishery could be a viable one. The Executive Council is also proposing to increase the economic development fund by another 400 thousand to allow companies and Inuit Community Governments to access these dollars to help with long term employment initiatives. Finally, Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government would like to work the Provincial Government and/or Federal Government to help cost share a feasibility study on extending the Trans Labrador Highway to Rigolet, Makkovik, and Postville within the Department of Culture, Tourism and Recreation. It is requested to develop a culture awareness program to train individuals to provide such awareness courses to outside agencies requesting them, 50 thousand be allocated to cover cost over on Hebron Restoration project currently on-going, 100 thousand to continued language revitalization strategy and 70 thousand on the language retention pilot project to Upper Lake Melville. It is felt Mr. Speaker that tourism is an on tap business potential for all of Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker we wish to request funds be made available to harness the increasing business opportunities of the cruising industry. Mr. Speaker, we are currently negotiating a business deal with Makivik Corporation of Nunavut. In this Cruise North operation, in their Cruise North operations, it is our hope that the investment will be less than the 1.1 million proposed here today and if such is the case, the remaining dollars will be expended in investing in other cruise opportunities within Nunatsiavut in

assessing Torngat National Park. 925 thousand Mr. Speaker will be made available to enhance current and new business entities to avail of funds to make expansion in areas noted in tourism strategy report. Mr. Speaker, 44 thousand to extend the board walk in Rigolet which will allow it to reach a milestone past Burnwood, Cove Point and enter into the cove where the old salmon factory remains are still viable, visible, I'm sorry, 35 hundred for the Inuit Community Government of Rigolet to provide signage and pamphlets marketing the boardwalk and tourism sights within that community, as well expand 43 thousand to install four environmentally control units in the Lower Strathcona House which will enable the group to display artifacts sent in from other museums. Under the recreation division it is hoped that 945 thousand be made available to construct various recreation facilities like the Hopedale arena, where volunteers left their community and went to Davis Inlet salvaged the arena boards and transported them back to Hopedale for all resident of the community to enjoy. To assist in transportation costs of sending possible beneficiaries to the North American Indigenous Games, 100 thousand dollars to do a feasibility study on constructing similar and multipurpose buildings within the 5 communities; rather than 5 totally unique buildings which has various price tags and which attached them and finally Mr. Speaker allocate 100 thousand dollars for a youth and elder conference to share a unique culture. That Mr. Speaker is what we have proposed here today. It is hoped the Assembly Members will support what we have provided here today as well continue the give us their ideas and comments on what some of the priorities

you have for your constituency or for the Nunatsiavut Government as a whole. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Does the Honorable Minister have a seconder?

Mrs. Gear: Mr. Speaker I move, seconded by the Member of Hopedale, Greg Flowers, that Bill 2008-04 Supplementary Budget Act 2008 be an Act to grant the Nunatsiavut Government certain additional sums of money for the fraying expenses of the Nunatsiavut Government for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 and for the purpose relating to the Nunatsiavut Government be introduced and read for the first time. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. The motion is in order. Each Member may speak to the Bill for 15 minutes if they wish to do so. If no Member wishes to speak does the Minister wish to conclude debate?

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

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. That concludes the debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2008-04? I'll ask the question again. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2008-04? (Aye) Thank you. Accordingly with unanimous consent of the Assembly Bill 2008-04 Supplementary Budget Act 2008 has had first reading. At this time I would call upon the Honorable Minister of Finance to do first reading of Bill 2008-05.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as you've heard me state earlier in my Supplementary Budget Speech

fishing and more specifically, fish plants, has a huge employment and economic benefit within our communities. Mr. Speaker, you are aware it is the intention of this Executive Council and more specifically the Minister of Lands and Resources to create a one fishing entity within Nunatsiavut. We know Mr. Speaker the current status quo of the Nunatsiavut Government, the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation, and Torngat Fisheries Producers Cooperative is not working and is not financially viable therefore changes must come. We are, Mr. Speaker in the process of hiring a consultant to complete a study on what needs to happen to make the commercial fishing a viable one, the structure of how it will look and the path we must take to achieve this goal. However, Mr. Speaker, the time line to hire the consultant for him or her to do their research, produce a report with recommendations, all parties to study that report, will take several months and the fishing season will have been lost. Mr. Speaker, my Department staff along with Lands and Resources have met with Torngat Fish Producers Cooperative, analyze their financial and fishing plans as well as looked at the cash flow for the upcoming season. Mr. Speaker, Torngat Fish Producers Cooperative has incurred some significant losses in 2004-2005 and 2006 fishing season. For the 2007 fishing season Torngat Fish Cooperative incurred approximately 100 thousand dollars loss compared to 1.1 million loss in the previous year. It is these losses that have put Torngat Fish Producers in a bind. Please note Mr. Speaker the Torngat Co-op has 2.1 Million dollar line of credit secured by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. In addition Mr. Speaker, the Co-op has 500

thousand loan with Nunatsiavut Business Centre which was advanced a couple of years ago. Mr. Speaker, in operating the fishing plants you must incur costs for start-up, operating plants, pay wages, purchase fish for production, etc. It is only in the latter stages of the season when fish plants sell fish do you start to repay costs incurred upfront, well, Mr. Speaker, I can tell you here today unless Torngat is able to get an additional operating line such as the Bill presented here today, Torngat does not have the financial resources and will not be able to open its plant this season. Mr. Speaker this Bill recommends giving a 750 thousand operating line to Torngat Fish Producers Cooperative Society. It is the intention, Mr. Speaker to operate this line the same was done in 2007 where we advance a line of credit and once fish sales come in and our line of credit gets paid down first. I wish to point out Mr. Speaker under the Financial Administration Act we now have in place the Nunatsiavut Government can only give a loan guarantee up to 1 year and the loan must be repaid within that year. So as you will see Mr. Speaker this Bill states this line of credit will have to be repaid by March 2009. It is the intention Mr. Speaker of this Government to push forward a one fishing entity. We are hopeful Mr. Speaker in the fall of 2008 the Minister of Lands and Resources will be able to stand in the House of Assembly and present the finding in the report. We are also hopeful Mr. Speaker that we will be able to act on some of the recommendations in the report that will ensure that we are not in predicament in years to come. It is on that basis Mr. Speaker, I present this Loan Guarantees Bill to the House of the Assembly here today. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. Do you have a seconder for your Bill?

Mrs. Gear: Mr. Speaker I move, seconded by the Member for Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak, that Bill 2008-05 Torngat Loan Guarantee Act 2008 be introduced and read for the first time. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. The motion is in order. Each member may speak to the Bill for 15 minutes if they wish to do so. If no member wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to conclude the debate?

Mrs. Gear: I do Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. That concludes the debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2008-05? Thank you. According with unanimous consent of the Assembly Bill 2008-05 Torngat Coop Loan Guarantee has had first reading. At this time I would like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I rise today to bring forward an amendment to the Labrador Inuit Lands Act. This Bill will amend Section 4.3 of the Labrador Inuit Lands Act in order to make it possible for Inuit Community Government and Inuit Community Government Corporation to be eligible to hold, freehold, title to Labrador Inuit Land. As you know Mr. Speaker, the community of Hopedale has applied to the Nunatsiavut Government for a parcel of Labrador Inuit Land within its boundaries for residential

development. Under the existing Act Community Governments are not allowed to hold freehold title to Labrador Inuit Land. This amendment, if passed, will remedy this situation. It will also amend part 7 of the Labrador Inuit Lands Act to allow the Executive Council to transfer the administration and control of the Labrador Inuit Lands to Inuit Community Government as well it will clarify the effects of a transfer of administration and control to the Crown or an Inuit Community Government. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. Do you have a seconder for your Bill?

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I put forward that motion and the AngajukKak for Hopedale, Judy Dicker will be the seconder.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. The motion is in order. Each member has a opportunity to speak for 15 minutes to the Bill if they wish to do so. If no member wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to conclude debate?

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to conclude debate.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. That concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2008-06. Accordingly with unanimous consent of the Assembly, Bill 2008-06 has had first reading. Before we proceed with second readings of Bills, we will take a short recess.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to call the House back in order. At this time I'd like

to recognize the Honorable Minister of Finance to do second reading.

President Lyall: Point of Order Mr. Speaker? Mr. Speaker pursuant to Standing Order 131 I request that the Assembly convene as a committee on consensus to consider the review of Bill 2008-04 Supplementary Budget Act 2008. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. President. In accordance with Standing Order 131 the Assembly shall convene as a committee of consensus at the request of the President. So the request has been made by the President and the Assembly shall convene as a committee of consensus. Given the late hour, it would be better to re-convene a committee of consensus after the supper hour. I'd like the approval of the Assembly to sit again this evening if the Assembly has agreed to that. Are you in favor? In order to sit after 5 we need the approval of the Assembly to do that, so we will break and re-convene at 7pm. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The rules of debate for the Committee of Consensus are a bit more informal than doing second reading. Members can ask questions more than once, depending on being recognized by the Chair. So, it's a little more informal than the actual second reading of a Bill. On page 4 you will see the schedule, House of Assembly extending contract for electoral officer the amount is 50 thousand. Any comments? I'd like to recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will I stand? It was my understanding that this amount was being proposed I

guess to make some changes to the Elections Act if I'm correct, someone correct me if I'm wrong, I mean, we pay the Electoral Officer an excess of 200 maybe 250 a day I believe and it was my understanding that part of that was to produce a report and recommend changes and report on how the elections went. It's my understanding also that the electoral officer also received a sum of money for a bi-election in North West as well, so I'm just wondering what that total will be once you add up all those numbers, seems like an awful lot to me. If the Electoral Officer was to submit a report as per what was expected anyway then shouldn't it be up to legal counsel to make the changes to the Elections Act? I really don't see the need for the extension of the contract. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Given the Budget that was passed in March of 2008, this Supplementary Budget Bill is a continuation of that Budget. In that Budget Bill we, meaning the Member Services Committee, recommended X amount of dollars for the Presidential election. In that Presidential election, the finances identified by the Member Services Committee and subsequently approved by the Assembly, allotted for the NEO to bring forward a report on the Presidential election. That report should be coming forward before too long. This monies of 50 thousand dollars is not allocated for that Presidential election. This would be for a complete overview of the Election Act itself as it pertains to the Constitution and any irregularities that the NEO find would be brought forward in a report that would be presented to the Assembly. So this is outside of the monies that were approved for the Presidential election and this would relate to the Nunatsiavut Election

Act in general and the inconsistencies in the Election Act would be reviewed and a report would be coming forward, separate from all of that from the NEO. I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek Mr. Speaker. I have some concerns about this 50 thousand dollar proposed expenditure as well given that the dollars are earmarked for the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer to review the Act and to work with legal counsel and I stand to be corrected here for the Nunatsiavut Elections Act. It's my understanding as an elected official and a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly that the only person who can propose an amendment to current legislation are elected officials to this Assembly. As I said, I stand to be corrected there and I have some concerns about if there are inconsistencies within this Act here these proposed amendments would be brought forward to this House. I also have concerns about the amount of money that's being earmarked for the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer given as was stated by the Member for Upper lake Melville that the Nunatsiavut Electoral Act quite clearly states that it is the responsibility of the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer to produce a report within four months of any election and I would hope in that report, some of these amendments that are being proposed to be brought forward by the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer would be part of that report. Nakummek.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I can not elaborate personally on what I've passed on to the Assembly. The monies identified in the Budget came from the Executive Council and I was informed

that this is just a continuation of the Budget that was approved in March so the NEO can not make any amendments to the Act, he can just bring forward recommendations in a report. It's up to the Assembly to actually amend the Election Act which is an Inuit Law and the NEO would just bring forward a report and suggestions on how the Act may be amended as a guideline for the Assembly. Not sure if the First Minister wanted to or the President wanted to add to that.

President Lyall: Thank you Mr. Speaker. There's a definite need for revision of the Electoral Act. I think it's going to take a lot of work by Electoral Officer to go through the whole Act before we can make any recommendations. There's some really simple ones that we know now to be adjusted or changed. I would hope that he review the whole Act so that we wouldn't have to go through this process again in the future, we might as well cover the whole thing while we are at it. It's a long Act, there's lot of inconsistencies in the Act, I'm just happy that this money will be approved to get the recommendations done. All I'm saying the Electoral Officer will have the opportunity to put his report together, go through the Act and make recommendations to the Executive Council to be brought forward to the Assembly. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Yes, and to add to that statement, given that the Election Act is an Inuit Law, it would take a Bill to amend that Act, so the report would come forward. I'd like to recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: My concern lies around the inconsistencies and I appreciate the President saying that if we do have these inconsistencies they have to be addressed, but the question I would ask is why are these inconsistencies present and we have to look back at who drafted these Acts. I mean are we going to pay extra money for a poor job. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to recognize the First Minister.

Mr. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Because I don't have any of the reports of the Chief Electoral Officer in front of me I can only speak from example and surely that the Member of Canada will recognize some of the examples that I give where there needs to be review and recommendations from the Electoral Officer that we may accept and that we may turn into amendments such as the mail-in ballots, for example, but because I don't have that report these things really do need to be reviewed and because the Electoral Officer deals with the elections he has the best knowledge of where the inconsistencies lie and I understand that you know it's work done by lawyers the Act itself but you certainly will work with legal counsel to make those changes and there are those time frames, had there been a second poll for the Presidency, I really doubt that we would have received a lot of ballots or there would have time for the Canadian Constituency to mail in ballots given the time frame, I think it was 30 days, Mr. Speaker, that the Electoral Officer had to work with, so it's those kind of things, the knowledge he gains from running the elections that I can only give examples of, but we felt as well that the time frame when he came

to get that Presidential Election up and running he should come to work a month earlier. There are inconsistencies in that Act even some that may even conflict with our Constitution he knows who will it's not and I also have to say we have an experienced Electoral Officer and as well we recognize the need for putting, if you will, something there to make it attractive enough that we can keep him, someone with Jack's knowledge with experience with Provincial Federal elections is something that's hard to come by, so we want to try and make the pay we give him attractive as well. It's not only pay, it's a lot of work for him to do. I don't have those reports, neither do any of us, but I believe that given what we have been through, our senior officials that work with Jack recognize the need for that's been quite clear to the Executive Council.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Is this \$50,000.00 amount a year's salary? Is this a 3 month? Is this at back a \$250.00 a day? What are we getting, for our buck?

Mr. Broomfield: The Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer (NEO) would be paid the same salary as when an election is called. A daily rate would be the same, like I say, if the \$50,000.00 isn't completely used the money would revert back to the general account, so I guess 50 thousand would ensure that a good report is brought forward from the NEO. I'd like to recognize the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: I guess I have a question for the First Minister give that election is within the Department of Nunatsiavut

Affairs. We say that the NEO will work in consultation and conjunction with legal counsel will there be an opportunity for other members of this Assembly to bring forth recommendations to look at and address the inconsistencies in the Act as a First Minister pointed out by way of example. One of the inconsistencies that came to my attention very early in the game in October of 2006 was that the fact the Act is inconsistent with the constitution with respect to additional representation for Canada by way of example and I've asked this question in the House on a couple of occasions as the First Minister can recall about the need for amending the Elections Act to bring it in line with the Constitution so that the constituency of Canada has additional representation as per the constitution. The number of beneficiaries in Canada right now is somewhere around 19 hundred people. Therefore, there's a need to have this inconsistency addressed and amended as you said First Minister a couple of times to me in the House that in order for this to happen then there has to be a review of the Act and an amendment made so that it's brought in line with the constitution regarding extra representation for Canada so I guess the point that I want to make and a question that I would like to ask, is there an opportunity for Elected Officials also to work with the NEO to address those inconsistencies that any Elected Officials may feel that's in the current Act. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I guess the short answer to that question is yes. There is always opportunity from

Members and again what the Chief Electoral Officer will do to make recommendations and of course what as was mentioned earlier, amendments can only be made to the Act by this Assembly and the Members in this Assembly so I would think the process will be made known and a review of the recommendations we certainly can ask for some guidance from the Speaker here that if the Electoral Officer's report and the recommendations as such can be tabled in the House for review by all Members and at that time Mr. Speaker when amendments are being made to the Act that all members have fair and equal opportunity to bring forth amendments as well. I think that the member's questions are very fair and certainly I agree that everyone should have an opportunity to have input into amendments to this very important Act and certainly the Member of Canada knows, probably better than most of us around the table, where a lot of the inconsistencies lie.

Mr. Broomfield: In terms of a report from the Electoral Officer, he is obliged to present a report to the Speaker and likewise I am obliged to make that report available to all Members when the report comes forward from the Presidential Election he will forward it to me and I will ensure that each member receives a copy of that report. So that is the process that the NEO uses to get a report to the Assembly as he presents a report to the Speaker. I'd like to recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: I want to make one final comment on it. I have no doubt in the capabilities of Jack and no doubt that changes need to be made. I'll end on this note my concern is with the amount. I

believe it justified during election time, I'm concerned that it's high in terms of working when the election is not on. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you and in all fairness that total amount may not be used depending on the length of time it takes him to do a report. Any other comments? Do we have consensus on this issue or will we call it a vote? We'll take a brief recess before we move on. Given that there are no amendments proposed to page 4, the House of Assembly will move on to page 5, Nunatsiavut Secretariat, Secretariat to Executive Council, Strategic Plan Development, 140 thousand. Total Nunatsiavut Secretariat, 140 thousand, are there any comments? I'd like to recognize the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just wanted clarification I guess from the President on the plan to why is there a need for an additional 140 thousand dollars given the Strategic Planning process was started approximately a year and a half ago with the Institute on Governance, there was a draft strategic plan which set out and identified some possible structures and key concepts in a working group to oversee the strategic planning process. From my understanding a working group was struck and it included 3 Ministers and 3 Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and 3 Civil servants, I'm wondering if the President can give me an update on the status of that working group right now and how or who would this consultant be? Would this be a continuation of the work that's already started by the Institute on Governance or would this be a new consultant to start

the process all over again? Nakummek
Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to recognize the President.

President Lyall: I'm not too sure what happened to the, what you mentioned a year and a half ago. I plan to put a strategic committee back in place, really start working on it and put it together. I can't see how we continue as a government not to have a strategic plan and there's absolutely no doubt in my mind that it's going to be put in place and we'll make it happen and we'll have a 5 or 10 year plan so that we can come back regularly when we have our meetings we'll know what we're doing, we'll know what we're working on. I don't know if there's anyone here could answer to what happened in that year and a half ago, whatever the plan you are talking about, but I will be putting a strategic committee together while I'm here now in Hopedale. Hopefully we'll have a chance to sit down to start the process over again. My understanding is there will be a consultant hired, whether it's the same or new, I'm not sure yet, but I'm anxious to get down with my committee to find out exactly what's going on before I can answer that but I'll certainly let you know before I leave Hopedale.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. President. I'd like to recognize the First Minister.

Mr. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. In my role as First Minister, prior to November of 2007, I was not a part of that committee and in my caretaker roles Acting President I did not convene a meeting of that committee. It was my

intention to wait until there was a President in place and give the ball to him to move forward. If it would be helpful though Mr. Speaker, if there is an opportunity perhaps if a witness could be called from the President's department, that the Member from Canada I think deserves an answer to his question that being, perhaps were all a little anxious to know just how much work that committee did and where are they. They always say as the Member mentioned there were 3 Ministers on that committee and now the former President of course is not here but other Members of that committee certainly are, perhaps the Member's question is better directed to one of those.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to recognize the AngajukKak for Postville.

Mr. Dicker: I was a Member of that working group on that committee and I'm not sure who else was there, but we haven't met in a long, long time. That's about all I can say about that.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to recognize the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I believe the Members of the Committee were the AngajukKak for Postville; the former President, William Andersen, III; Darryl Shiwak, the Minister of Education and Economic Development, I believe the public servants, I stand to be corrected here, were Ches Andersen, Kate Mitchell and Michelle Kinney.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I'd like to recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Just 2 concerns that I'd like to put on to the record here. As you all know, I'm not a bit fan of consultants, we got enough individuals within our Government, within our communities, to do this kind of thing in my opinion. We don't need to be bringing in outsiders to help us for every single thing. I do recognize as the President said, a need for strategic planning, it's absolutely a must, but I am not a big fan of outside consultants coming in from a revenue perspective in terms of our tax agreement and wages to beneficiaries is more important to me than putting out money for consultants. The planning process is the same whether you're operating a bakery or running a government. Now, in terms of developing a document and soliciting input from the stakeholders and gathering your information about what our priorities are and we can certainly interact with our constituents in all the communities and find out what the priorities have to be and we can come to an agreement so that being said about my dislike of consultants, I go back to what the Minister of Finance said in her opening speech about his Bill today. My other concern is that having a plan is one thing, acting upon a plan to create initiatives to actually do things in a community takes a lot of money and I say that because if we're going to spend windfalls like this in one shot, then we may be at a future point in time to deliver to our beneficiaries the things we've outlined in a strategic plan that we maybe unable to because of financial constraints if we continue to spend money as freely and as quickly as we seem to be trying to do here today. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I'd like to recognize the President.

Mr. President: I would just like to respond a bit to that matter. It doesn't matter what if we have a strategic plan, if we don't have the finance to do the reports we can't do it, but he have to lay out the priorities, work towards that goal, I don't care if it takes 2 years, 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, but we have to lay out priorities and strategic plan, we'll be sitting doing this for the next 15 years, sitting down spending money, we have to have a plan so we know how we are spending our money. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I'd like to recognize the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Andersen: I think that some of the exercises that we all participated in with the instituting governance on the discussions, the workshops, if that's what they were on the strategic planning were very helpful and we had reached a point where it was felt that perhaps the best way to carry this forward would be through a committee. I think that we all agreed on that. I think it's safe to say that perhaps the committee has not met as often as it should, there have been some disruptions and we had to focus again but I think in developing a plan I think the committee perhaps, the ideal way to go Mr. Speaker, but there's going to have to be some outside help as well, whether it's continued support from the institute or some other professional consultant. I think from time to time the committee will need some support, as well they will need to meet with us from time to time. I think what this 140 does is to put money there to ensure that this process doesn't get stalled the way that it has in the last 10 months. I'm very

supportive of the President's position as Members of the Executive Council are, that this has to move forward and it has to move faster than it did in the past. I have to take some responsibility for that and I was the Acting President for 6 months but I didn't know for how long I would be there and sometimes when your in an Acting position as I was, I was a bit reluctant to move some of the things forward, that we're going to have a new guy and then he's going to go back to square one and start all over again, so we are a little bit behind, but I still believe that the move that we made was right in waiting for the new President and now we're going to move forward and this 140 is going to give us the financial support that we need to get it done. I very much believe that Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I think I would like to offer you a word of advice to a new committee of the Assembly being formed is to go through the correct channels we have in place for committees of the Assembly to be struck and that is the rules and procedures committee brings forward a recommendation to the Assembly and the Assembly approves that committee to be put in place, is the process we have for other committees and my advice is if we are to have a strategic planning committee to go through the same channels for that committee also. I'd like to recognize the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: I'll make this short. I don't want to belabor this process, I certainly agree for a need for a strategic plan. I don't see the need for a new committee to be established if the President who will chair this committee is happy with the current members on this working

group. I think this working group needs to be directed to restart the work and to pick up where it was finished. I believe we have reached consensus as an Assembly through the workshop planning process that we had in place with respect to working with the Institute on Governance we did identify 4 strategic areas that we wanted in place to guide the Nunatsiavut Government in it's vision for the completion of a strategic plan for the year 2020. I don't think there's a need to spend additional dollars for a consultant, albeit, to come in and pick up where we left off but I don't think we need to go through the strategic planning process all over again. I think we've been there and I think we've all learned some very valuable things from that and it was certainly a very valuable experience. I think everybody around this table would agree with me on that. I think we need to regroup and pick up where we left off a year ago. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I'd like to recognize the President.

President Lyall: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wonder if I can take on the First Minister's suggestion, I guess, I'd like to bring a witness forward just to very briefly explain what's happened in the past so that all Members know what's happened and where we need to go from here.

Mr. Broomfield: Yes, the committee has the jurisdiction to call a witness to give clarification, so having said that I would like to ask the President who he wishes to call on.

Mr. President: I would like to call on Chesley Andersen if he is willing to do so. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The committee calls Chesley Andersen.

Mr. Chesley Andersen: Okay, maybe what I could do is just give an update where things have gone and where sort of things stopped and did not move any further as was pointed out around the table. We did have institute on governance to do a lot of work, there was a committee formed. The committee had one meeting, it wasn't reconvened afterwards by the chair. There was a problem, the problem I think was that we started out with the institute of governance, we had a very good relationship with them, but the leader of institute on governance was actually leaving the institute and unfortunately the individual started to take this project as part of a mandate that he could carry forward with the institute on governance and he lost the confidence of I think of the bureaucracy because he was pushing his own agenda a bit, so I think that's where we lost our consultant. That's not to say institute on governance couldn't do it again, I think that on a go forward might basis my recommendation to the President is that we do reconvene the committee, we talked about putting together a terms of reference for the consultant not to go backward but to go forward from here. We also would be asking each of the Departments to put forward their views on the work that's being done to date and to also give us their priorities within the Departments and from there the committee can start to develop it's own with the consultant and move this thing along so that we can have a plan in a reasonable period of

time. The amount of 140 thousand dollars may sound like a lot but when you start to bring committees together, with travel costs and if you're bringing in an outside consultant that has to come and work with the committee, that doesn't take very long to eat up the dollars. We expect this amount to be there so that we can have sufficient dollars that we don't have to come back before the end of the year and say we need more. Our experience with institute of governance is that we started out with a smaller amount, we actually ended up going over budget in some cases and had to take out the President's budget from other work, so that's the reason why that amount seems to be a lot if we don't use it all then certainly it'll stay within the budget for next year. I hope that clarifies things.

Mr. Broomfield: Yes, thank you. We'll move on to page 6, Nunatsiavut Affairs. I won't call each clause, I'll leave it to your discretion if you have any questions on the specific clauses in Nunatsiavut Affairs. I'd like to recognize the AngajukKak for Postville.

Mr. Decker: I just have 1 question I guess on the Assembly building, 1.7 there.

Mr. Broomfield: Who are you directing your question to?

Mr. Decker: The First Minister I guess. It's probably his department, I don't know. I understand there is also, I guess, a request gone into the Trust fund for that amount also and what we were told by teleconference that if that amount is coming out of the Trust fund that would not be used that would go into the pot. I understand that the Trust fund is

probably going to be meeting within the next couple of weeks, so what difference would it really, you know for the time frame, what difference would it really make?

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. We have submitted to the Trust a proposal for funding to build the whole Assembly building. We did see it however being built in two phases. The 1.7 that is here is the first phase of the building, it includes all the site work, water and sewer servicing to the site as well as some foundation work. The engineers had told us that in order to get this work done this year, we would need to tender that, at the very latest, the end of May. So my Department was worried and my staff was worried that by the time the Presidential election was over, by the time the Trust got around to me, it would be too late in the year to actually go to tender, there would not be enough time in this season to get that type of work done, so it would have to wait until next year. That would set the completion of the assembly building back one year because this work for the Assembly building has to be done over 2 years, this work will take all year, they are going to blast away part of that hill, Mr. Speaker, it is a lot of work to be done. So the reason we, as I said, we have proposals in and we believe that the Assembly building fits to a tee, the criteria required by the Trust. However, Mr. Speaker, it would be wrong for me as a Minister and it would probably be very arrogant for me to say that, Okay boys the Trust is going to approve this proposal so we don't have to worry and let's go to tender and wait for them to approve of a

proposal. But we can't do that, that's not a responsible way to govern for one thing. So what I asked from the Executive Council was the assurance that this work gets done this summer, let's make sure that this work gets done. As well, as the Minister of Finance, in her, whatever it was that she did, Mr. Speaker, I don't know the correct word. She talked about putting money aside and we have heard it from other Members, you don't spend the whole works so I asked the Executive Council if they would approve this so that we could go to tender on time, as a matter of fact it's out there now. Now we could go to tender without believing that this will get approved here or the Trust will approve it, so the tender is out. If this is not approved and the Trust does not approve our proposal they, we, can cancel the tender if it's turned down in both places, however we can go to tender without being, I guess, appearing arrogant or irresponsible to the trust. As I have gone to tender based on what the Executive Council is proposing to this Assembly. Now if you turn it down then we can still cancel the tender but we couldn't go to tender on the assumption that the Trust was going to approve, we can't go to tender on the assumption that the Assembly will approve without being irresponsible. I hope that I'm making myself clear Mr. Speaker, I know I'm rambling a bit, I would take that chance and I think that we're not being irresponsible because we are meeting here now. The tender is not closed until I think the 25th of June. So, if this Assembly does not approve, we can still cancel the tender. If you approve we will make very clear to the Trust that we are asking them as well for 1.7 if they approve the proposal that we have submitted, then this money will be

put aside as the Minister of Finance said, for the future, whether that future is next fall or next budget or 5 years from now that will be decided at a later date, but this was a safety net to ensure that the work on our Assembly building got started this year. I apologize for rambling so long, Mr. Speaker, but I hope that Members were able to figure out what I was saying there.

Mr. Broomfield: Yes, I think the message was received, I'd like to recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: The First Minister answered my first question I was going to have but the second one surrounding the Assembly building land, where is this 1.7 million dollar affair come from? I'm not in the know as to whether or not this is a guess estimate or these are quotes that we received back or how was the process started?

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

Mr. Andersen: This is the amount that the engineers told us. I think the actual figure is, the engineers estimate is about 1.5 what we put here in 1.7. I hope that I am correct. I don't have the figures here but these are engineer's figures to complete that first phase.

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

Mr. Russell: Not specifically to the Assembly building land here but are we making proposals for amendments during committee on consensus as well,

so you're not going to go through these line by line here.

Mr. Broomfield: You can speak to each one if you wish to.

Mr. Russell: While I have the mic on and I suggest that Max Winters, who couldn't be here with us, Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Committee Corporation, I would propose that his request for project one, the drum dancers and the throat singers be put back on the table. Exactly as to what has to give in order for that to happen I'm not sure.

Mr. Broomfield: That would have to be introduced as a motion with a seconder with a dollar figure attached to that motion.

Mr. Russell: Okay then, if that's the case, I move for \$21, 200.

Mr. Andersen: No, point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The First Minister would state his point of order.

Mr. Andersen: My point, Mr. Speaker, being that Members can speak to the items that are in the budget but it is my understanding Mr. Speaker they can't address items that are not here that may have been proposed somewhere along the way but they're not actually here. I don't see under NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation any mention of drum dancers here. That is my point.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The First Minister's point is well taken. For a member to propose an amendment to the Bill, they would first have to reduce an amount that is already in the Bill or

delete a portion and to propose an amendment for the amount that they wish to have deleted or reduced. So we will break for a couple of minutes while I discuss the implication with legal counsel as this is sort of unclear to all of us, so we will recess for 5 minutes.

Mr. Broomfield: The point raised by the Honorable First Minister is well taken. The motion that was introduced by the Member for Upper Lake Melville, the process would first, the Member would have to introduce a motion to delete an amount that's provided for in a clause to have an additional amendment introduced to be debated in the Assembly. Having said that, we will continue the discussion on Assembly building land. The amount is 1 million 7 hundred thousand. Are there any more comments? NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation purchase food for community freezer, 13 thousand and 200 dollars. Any comments? Sivunivut Inuit Corporation, I'm sorry. I'd like to recognize the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Andersen: The community freezer program that was introduced by NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation Upper Lake Melville was very successful, Mr. Speaker and it met the needs of, it met real needs of poor people, it provided country food to people in many cases, very low income, it gave elders a chance to have salmon and caribou again, that in fact 1 woman told me that it was the first time she had caribou in 5 years and that's unbelievable that there's so much caribou, even in Upper Lake Melville area that they're forgotten people. The Executive Council very much believe that in such a successful venture by Inuit Community Corporation needs to be

encouraged and we believe that we are doing so by providing this additional amount of \$13, 200 so that they may improve on a very successful program already.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you First Minister. Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, youth programs, \$21,500. Any comments? Moving on to membership. Membership Enrolment Coordinator for 1 year, \$65 thousand. Any comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: I guess the only comment that I'd like to make on that is that I support this \$65 thousand dollars for a Membership Enrolment Coordinator as the First Minister spoke today. Membership is one of the biggest issues in Canada and I think that this money is intended to streamline that process and to make that process more efficient than I think the dollars are well spent. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Andersen: Just for information purposes Mr. Speaker, for Members, there is a 1 year there in brackets we very much hope that after one year we will again look at how well that office is run and how well the committees are functioning and whether or not there will be a further need to have such a position. We're hopeful that there may not be but again we may have to come back next year and look for an extension. That is why we have a 1 year, eventually we believe that the office will be running in such a way that that position will no longer be needed.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Training for Membership Committee \$50, 000. Any comments? Total for First Minister 1 million, 849 thousand, 700 dollars (\$1, 849, 700). Moving on to page 7, Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology and Status of Women. Support to upgrade finance software \$75,000. Any comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: I guess I'll ask Diane, what software and why wouldn't this have been included in the original budget before we were made aware of the mining royalty revenue, the additional mining royalty revenue?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Finance.

Mrs. Gear: The software we are talking about here is you know the Nunatsiavut Government is growing quiet big over the years and what we have in our offices now is Accpac, no I'm sorry, Simply Accounting and we want to upgrade to Accpac, because with Accpac then you know if I need to go in and check out something then I got access to it. I can't do that now with finances Simply Accounting. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Russell: Depending on what version of Simply Accounting you have, yes you can do that. I'm not aware of what we do have, again I re-pose the question, why would this need to upgrade only come now at the time we have additional monies. I mean that

should have already been budgeted for, you would think.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Finance.

Mrs. Gear: Sorry Mr. Speaker. I think when we did the budget last spring we knew there wasn't going to be enough money in there not to do something this big this year, but when we got this extra money then we figured, well you know this is a good chance to get this done now rather than later and we said that this money would be used just for one time things, not to be something to be carried over, so that's why we went with it now.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I don't have many questions on this as I did have a call from the Department of Finance from your Deputy Minister who answered a lot of my concerns, but one of the questions I had outstanding for the Deputy Minister of Finance was given that Accpac is currently compatible, I believe for lack of a better word, or a way to phrase it, I'm not versed in computer technology and the workings of computers, but I believe that there's a shift now from Microsoft to a program called Vista. I was wondering and I asked the Deputy Minister of Finance whether or not this Accpac accounting package that we're hoping to upgrade so that there can be a standardized process across the systems in the Department of Health and Social Development, Inuit Pathways, Post Secondary Student Support Program, with this Accpac Windows system be compatible with what's now being proposed and

upgraded in Microsoft to this as a program. I'm wondering do you have any answers on that for me Madam Minister.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Finance.

Mrs. Gear: I don't, not at this time. We haven't discussed it very much, I can get an answer for you.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and again I think that this process is important, that where we have the opportunity to bring witnesses forward, I think that in every opportunity we should again, perhaps if there is a witness from the Department, that could be brought forward to answer the Members' question. I suggest that we do so.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Deputy Minister of Finance.

Mr. Jacque: Okay, thank you very much. As Danny Pottle from the Canadian Constituency did ask, me and him did have that conversation, we are, and as I said to him, it was something that was not originally thought about because, obviously, we were using Windows. I spoke to the IT Department, there was no intention from us in the IT move any of our systems over the Windows Vista at the present time due to there are some problems with that. So I do have our IT Department, Frank Andersen, checking into to ensure that if we are forced to move to this Vista program that this Accpac would be compatible, so as I committed to you,

Dan we wouldn't be moving forward with program until we are sure this Vista program is compatible.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My concern here about this process is that we've heard repeatedly that the need for the process that we follow in order to allocate this money started with what our priorities and I mean if you talk about issues like this the question has to be raised, can we get by and now allocate that money to a priority that helps people, that helps communities become healthier, that helps children become healthier, that helps youth become educated and skilled or do we simply start taking an opportunity here to simply offset the cost of the Department for the wants and needs of individual departments as opposed to the wants and needs of constituents and beneficiaries in communities, and I'm speculating here, could we get by with what we have in place right now from a financial software point of view? Well, we certainly could have before we found out about the additional mining royalty revenue and now we're using this as a opportunity to subsidize Departments and their administrative practices and operations and I'll speak very selfishly here at the expense of other people's suggestions that had to do with helping people and helping communities and in my case, people outside of Nunatsiavut, I am very concerned that we had before we knew this royalty revenue was coming, this additional money people did the budgets, as far as we knew nothing was coming perhaps. They haven't planned enough, the Managers, the Supervisors, the Deputy Ministers,

they haven't planned enough to get by for the fiscal year. An opportunity comes along now to us should be considered as a windfall as a godsend, as a great bonus and instead, I'm just concerned that we put our focus on administration and inter-departmental workings as opposed to perhaps using this money to whether it is to help a community government or community corporation, or an ordinary member's request and thereby helping the individual. Thank you.

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

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can understand where you are coming from but you have to realize we are a government. We're not just some kind of organization, we're a government and our government is growing. Sooner or later we're going to have to come back for this money. We're going to have to upgrade and what better time than now when we got some extra money? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Russell: I hear you, I really do and I'll just say this; what better time to help as many people as possible who are having a difficult time at life. People that are barely surviving, not to make things better for the inter-departmental workings and accounting staff, but to make life better for the people that are beneficiaries to this Land Claims Agreement. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. These are very good points that the Member from Upper Lake Melville raised. I'm from one of the poorer communities in Nunatsiavut where there is a lot of poverty. I understand very much what you are saying and I wish I could do more to help those people who are still suffering. Also, we have to build a government as the Minister said and we have to give our technicians the tools to work with so that they may more effectively help these communities. There are things in this additional Supplementary Budget that we're excluded from. In my own Department we had originally put in that Membership Enrolment Coordinator for the April 1st Budget but because of other priorities and things like that, we will have to survive and we could survive without it, but who suffers, mostly the people, where the applications are coming from now, this frustration is from the Canadian Constituency and other parts, Upper Lake Melville as well. As the Minister said we saw some opportunity now to make our government more effective through these ways, and in fact, I know very much what you are saying sometimes we have to give our staff the tools so that they can better serve our beneficiaries as well and I think that's where we're coming from. A number of these items, if asked, and the questions was could we do without them? I believe we could, but at some point in time we do have to make our government more effective with the tools that others have so I think that's the intent but I certainly do hear what you are saying about people.

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

Mr. Russell: I appreciate that, Mr. First Minister. I know we have to make things smoother inside the Government in order to help the beneficiaries, but to me, I guess my complaint is against the process and it's against what we consider to be priorities and I can only speak for myself, but to me a priority for me is to address a person who is, can't get off the bottle, can't get away from the drugs, they're looking for a place to stay. An elder in a home with cold drafty windows who has no family, no children around to support them, things like that, and to me, and this is no direct shot at anyone around this table but it's things like that to me that this Government should take as the priority as opposed to a smoother running accounting software or something like a char fence or something like a bulldozer, I know all these things are necessary and every community is justified in coming back with as many suggestions as you possibly can and nobody is going to be happy about everything that happens here today. I'm just saying the process, I'll give you an example, one of my suggestions was a half of million dollars for a At-Risk Home Initiative where by we would have had NG managed ,assisted living in Upper Lake Melville and so the process I'm complaining about here is that as it's my suggestion and my proposal, it's now on my shoulders to fight and try to take from someone else around this table here now today in order to look out for what in my consultations with a majority of a cross section of my beneficiaries suggested as the number 1 priority and not only that the people that would be helped by such

an initiative. Many troubled people do come down from Nunatsiavut and make their residence in Upper Lake Melville. So to me then, because and simply because I don't care what anyone thinks simply because you're not a Member of the Executive Council and you have to come in after the fact as Ordinary Members and AngajukKaks have done and Chairs of the Community Corporations. It rests on my shoulders now to look out for the people that say this is their priority and I have to go home and tell them that at the end of the day perhaps that that is not a priority of the Nunatsiavut Government although a lot of us may feel it is a priority and concern but for this allotment of money that's been over-shadowed by the need for heavy equipment, finance software, administrative things to make people who are paid very well and Deputy's, Supervisor's, and Manager's who are paid very well and have a good quality of life, to make their jobs easier. That's all I have to say.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. We will move on to Nain Inuit Community Government, engineering fees, water supply, \$400 thousand, any comments? Nain Inuit Community Government loader acquisition \$300 thousand, any comments? Hopedale Inuit Community Government Building Acquisition \$56 thousand, any comments? Postville Inuit Community Government, New Cemetery \$150 thousand, any comments? Makkovik Inuit Community Government Bulldozer Acquisition \$200 thousand, any comments? The Speaker recognizes the Member for the Canadian Constituency.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have no comments on any of these items.

I think I just have a question for the AngajukKak for Rigolet. I may appear biased in asking him this question given that Rigolet is my hometown, but I'd like to know from Mr. Michelin whether or not the Inuit Community Government for Rigolet had proposed any dollars to purchase similar equipment or other needs identified by the Rigolet Inuit Community Government? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To answer your question, what the Inuit Community Government was told or said to apply for and was told by the people the constituents of Rigolet was to try to get funding for long term economic development in the community. We did not put in for the heavy equipment or any engineering for water fees, supplies or anything like that because we did not see that as a urgent need. Our need in Rigolet right now as one of the poorest communities in Nunatsiavut, if not in Labrador, if not in the province, we put a budget together and gave it to every Minister around this table to ask for long term employment. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Sub-total for Finance \$1, 181, 000. Moving on to Human Resources, review of Salary Scale and Northern Benefits \$45 thousand, any comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: My question would be, again to the Minister of HR. Why would we have to have a dollar figure attached to this when we have plenty of staff with

the ability, we've done this before, why wouldn't we do this again, did we do so poor of a job that we have to hire a third party or outsider to come in to do this for us? Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Finance and Human Resources.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My understanding is that the last time there was a salary review done, it was back in 2001 and at that time we had hired a consultant and there was a lot of discrepancies between our salary scale and different ones so we decided it's time to do the same thing again and I think this is the only way to go. Our staff is too busy to take on something like this, they haven't got the time so we have to find another way to review our salary scale or else what's going to happen is we'll be advertising positions and somebody else next door could be advertising the same one and probably with a \$15-16 thousand dollar difference salary range. So we got to be competitive if we want to get good people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have to say that since Dec. 1 of 2005 as First Minister of the Transition, well I have been since our last election in October of '07, I've been pushing for a review of the salary and scale, especially the benefits, we're getting close to the time when the administrative centre will be up and ready for us to move in to in Nain. Hopefully, within 24 months at the

longest, 18-24 months from now. Even with the few positions that are becoming available we are having a different time, Mr. Speaker, attracting people to Nunatsiavut, whether the position is in Nain where the administrative centre will be or whether it's in Hopedale where there are some positions, whether it's in Makkovik, whether it's in Rigolet, or Postville. We don't have any problems at all, a few problems in fact from people, to our office in St. John's or even our office in Goose Bay. I believe as one and I think that I have support from other members in Nunatsiavut that there is so little difference in the benefit between what is given to someone who lives in Nunatsiavut and someone who lives in Upper Lake Melville, they're still going to do better in living in Goose Bay than they will in Nunatsiavut because the amount is so insignificant, in fact, you're still going to end up spending less money so I've asked the Human Resources Department for 3 years now to try and show me some things we could bring forward to the Assembly, a new benefits scheme, whether it is called Nunatsiavut Benefit but something has to change. We are going to have the Legislative Capital here, the Administrative Centre in Nain and we are going to be asking people to move to Nain, staff that are already in Goose Bay, some of them may move anyway. Some of them may not move no matter if we give them a pot of gold coins so there needs to be a review, otherwise we're not going to get people to move. They're not going to want to move, there's no incentive for them to move, there needs to be a review. As well, I think that maybe there are some other benefits to be paid to, maybe even that benefit in Upper Lake Melville needs to be

reviewed, you know that sinful Labrador one as well as benefits paid to others who are unhappy with it, like in our St. John's office for instance. The salary scale will change so much since December 1, 2005 and really that salary scale was, a lot of it was, put together before December 1, 2005, so there is a real need for a review and again it's something that could have waited probably that we would still live the way that we are, however, the time's coming when we are going to have to make that decision, we're going to have an Administrative Centre in Nain with no one in it and it's going to be a huge problem and it's better to try and head it off now while we have a chance. Maybe there will be no change in the benefits package, I really believe there needs to be.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: I brought it up because I believe back while I was still with LIDC there was a review done in 2004-2005, it was done internally and it's the salary scale we follow today and my question was more along the lines why is that inadequate, but I do appreciate the First Minister's response that we'll have to work hard to recruit people to move to Nunatsiavut. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the question to the Minister of Human Resources if this salary review and Northern Benefits package review goes ahead, and I can bet my bottom dollar, I'm not a gambler, but I step out on a limb on this one. Any

study is going to find that we're, as you said and the First Minister said, far behind. Where do you propose to get the money to increase salary and benefits packages given in the budget speech for this year, you had reported to the House that if we don't find additional sources of revenue then we may have a budget freeze for the next 5 or 6 years so I'd like to know where the funds will come to support an increase in salaries and benefits if this study do find that. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Mrs. Gear: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Well I guess we're just going to have to keep our fingers crossed. I got no other answer for you other than hope that Voisey's Bay Nickel Company can keep their prices up. The prices of nickel will keep going up other than that we won't be able to give the salary increases. I hope I answered your question.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Moving on, upgrade website to accept on-line applications, 10 thousand dollars, any comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: That's a couple of hours work, that's all I have to say. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Summer student additional funding, \$75 thousand. Any comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I guess my question again is to the Minister of Human Resources. The

original proposal was a hundred thousand dollars for this initiative. I'm wondering why it was cut by 25 if you can help me understand that. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Finance.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you. We're in the process of applying to the Federal Government for \$30 thousand.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Just a general comment, we're going over things that include enhancements, additional this, additional that, that's very difficult to know. I mean, these are all great ideas, they all have merit, but without the original budget behind it and in the 50 million dollars it takes to operate this Government, it's hard for us to seriously consider items such as this when we're not talking about the original amounts that are included, we may be tacking on and I'm not picking on additional summer student funding because that's a big thing everybody has to do, we have to support that, we have to support our youth but the bottom line here is why take the opportunity to throw, whether it's 50k or a 100K on something that is already budgeted for in the original budget for 500 or 600K. Why not use the money to do something different? Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Sub-total for Human Resources \$130 thousand, Information Technology, Software License, Department of Health and Social Development, Post Secondary Student Support Program, Inuit Pathways, \$160 thousand, any

comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Again, beat the dead horse, what software and I'll lump in the disaster recovery plan, how are we operating without these things now? Is this new stuff? Is this another enhancement to make lives easier? I mean specifically, what disaster recovery are we saying that 80 thousand dollars is even going to come close to disaster recovery and if not, have we been operating for 2 years now without this disaster recovery?

Mr. Broomfield: Order please! We'll discuss disaster recovery when we get to it. Was your question related to software license?

Mr. Russell: Apologize for that Mr. Speaker. Yes it was, what software, is this an enhancement, is this new software? We've heard above, we've already have 75 thousand dollars for finance software and that's an upgrade. What is this software license and why is it something we absolutely cannot do without, \$160 thousand would probably go a long ways into something else like homelessness or housing or something like that. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Finance.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Andersen: Point of Order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The First Minister will state his Point of Order.

Mr. Andersen: Again Mr. Speaker, the Minister is quite capable of answering but for the benefit of the Members, I must again say, Mr. Speaker, that witnesses that are available in the room should be called so that Members can receive the best answer. As an Executive Council, we used the Deputy Minister of Finance to answer our questions on Information Technology and not to belittle the Minister with all respect for her knowledge and the good answers that she's giving. My Point of Order, Mr. Speaker, is we are not using the best resource we have in the room. We should call witnesses whenever we can and I guess Mr. Speaker that is my point, the Minister's in answering questions take advantage of the good opportunity we have to call witnesses to the table. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Yes, thank you First Minister. Given that the Member's question was directed to the Honorable Minister of Finance, I will allow her an opportunity to answer and certainly after she gives an answer, we can call the Deputy Minister of Finance to add to her response.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Well right now we're operating without a license, without a corporate license, so I'm going to call Wyman and ask him to explain it to you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Deputy Minister of Finance.

Mr. Jacque: Okay, thank you. I guess the commented or the explanation that we wish to provide is we've done a fair amount of work in the last 2 or 3 years, obviously upgrading the IT, we have expanded the staff, I mean you had to

take the budget of the Labrador Inuit Association in 2004-2005 was sat around 3 and a half million dollars, operations now are at 13 million dollars, we've extended our staff, we've built staff, there's Assembly members around here, you all have IT equipment, what had happened in the particular case with the Department of Health, we upgraded the Nunatsiavut Government last year and bought a corporate license software that allows us to multi-users, we buy a bulk package, gives us corporate licenses, so if our users go up and go down rather than buy a license with every particular system, we buy one corporate license and that allows us when we buy a new system to use that corporate license identification number. That was not in place with the Department of Health, Nunatsiavut Government had recovered, but the Department of Health, Inuit Pathways and Post Secondary was not. So, we've upgraded the new systems, we are asking for the dollars to ensure that we have a sufficient corporate licenses which gives us a better bang for our buck when we buy licenses for all of our affiliates. That's the rationale for it. Right now some of the computers is operating on, I'm going to say illegal software or pirated software, some of these systems are older, some of the staff have put things on there and without their knowledge we've made those changes, so now we're making sure there's a corporate license ID for all of them. I would like to go back if I'm able to Chair, there was a comment and asked a question about Human Resources and if I'm allowed to, I'd like to explain the benefits package and I'm going to give you one scenario and I hope that'll be...

Mr. Broomfield: The Committee of Consensus is intended to look for

answers, Deputy Minister is given leave to proceed.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This is one question, sorry, one example what we've identified in the salary and benefit package, through the Department of Health last fall we advertised for a psychologist. At same time, Labrador Grenfell also advertised for a psychologist, exact same position, basically exact same duties. We were off the mark, we were 15 thousand dollars lower in salary. Psychologists are hard to come by and we were advertising the same position and that's how much we were off by. There has to be a review done. If we want staff, we want qualified staff to provide the service to our beneficiaries. We're going to have to get the salary. If I can answer the question that Danny Pottle from the Canadian Constituency asks, he asked where we going to get the money, the thing is we don't know what it is going to cost us. You can't look for something you don't know. We need to review to tell us what that's going to cost but the review's got to tell me that and then I'll bring it back to the table and then we will go from there and that's the best answer I can give you. I hope that answers the question. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Disaster Recovery Plan, Offsite Storage, \$80,000. The Member made some comments earlier so I'd like to recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Again, is this an enhancement or are we operating without this right now? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to ask the Member who his question is directed to.

Mr. Russell: Sorry, Mr. Speaker. It is the Minister of Finance or the Minister of IT.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Minister of Finance and Information Technology.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My understanding is that if we had a fire or some kind of disaster right now everything that we have would be lost, so we want to put a disaster recovery plan in place, move it to the old Corte Real Building so that if something happens in our offices at least we got our back up system in another building.

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

Mr. Russell: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have a disaster recovery plan for my home network. How could we be operating without that? And to me these are two prime examples operating on illegal software and without a disaster recovery plan, we're throwing money at short comings in management and administration. Thank you Mr. Speaker. That's all I have to say on IT.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Sub-total for Information Technology is \$240 thousand. Status of Women, self defense training for women in communities, \$18 thousand. Any comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Again, I did have some feedback from the Deputy Minister of Finance on this

and I thank him for his telephone call the other day but although this 18 thousand dollars was recommended I believe by women in the communities, I still believe this is not enough money to provide self defense training for women in 5 communities. I believe that you may get training for one community at that cost and I believe that this should be upgraded. I don't think that those funds are sufficient. I wish you luck in your plan to provide this training at the cost of 18 thousand dollars but I just want caution you that I don't think you're going to get what you're planning to get for 18 thousand dollars. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Finance.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I totally agree with you. I know it's only going to be a drop in the bucket but at least it's a start and we have to start somewhere. When we did our Women's Conference in Nain there last March this is something they were asking for. They said even it's just a beginning. So this is why we put in 18 thousand, probably only a drop in the bucket but what we're planning on doing is having somebody come into each community, just 1 person to travel the coast and stay there a day or so. Now we knows it's probably not going to be a day, something is going to happen during the day because a lot of the women are working, some are just home, but it's something that's going to have to be going on in the evenings. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. Craft workshops purchase materials \$11, 422 dollars, any comments? Safe House Security

Systems in Hopedale and Nain, 10 thousand dollars, any comments? Extension to Hopedale Safe House \$50,000, any comments? Sub-total for Status of Women \$89,422 dollars. Total for Finance, Human Resources, IT and Status of Women \$1 million 640 thousand and 422 dollars. At this point the Committee will recess for 5 minutes.

Mr. Broomfield: Good evening. I would like to call the Committee back to order. We will continue on page 8, Lands and Resources, Torngat Fish Producers Cooperative Subsidy, \$300 thousand, any comments? The Chair recognizes the Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: If any one thing, at the Executive Council level this is an Executive Council, we're really having to push this one in order that Torngat Co-op can offer it this year. Without it they can not operate.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. One fishing entity consultant, 140 thousand dollars. Any comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The issue of a one fishing entity from my understanding has been under discussion in consideration for a number of years. I believe that the Department of Lands and Natural Resources has sufficient Human Resources and Finances to ensure that this is led and concluded by a public servant and the Minister. Therefore, I can't support a recommendation to spend an additional 140 thousand dollars to support yet another study on this matter. With all due respect, and I don't mean any

disrespect while making this next statement, but I see public servants sitting in this room for the last 2 days, I believe that public servants time could be better well spent in the Department of Lands and Natural Resources by having the Deputy Minister in down tome such as this to do this work. I hope I'm not out of line here by making this statement but that's just an observation to support my recommendation on this matter.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker. In defense of this consultant the work that the working group from the three, Nunatsiavut Government, Labrador Inuit Development Corporation and Torngat Co-op, that working group have agreed on a consultant and we have hired this consultant that is reporting to this working group to make the one fishing entity possible. One of the things as appointed Torngat without our help this year will not survive without our help. In looking at the one fishing entity we're trying to look at it in the year, in the year completed, fully recommended, how best to combine the three together to make hopefully a more powerful rather than LIDC going it's own way, Torngat going it's own way, just try to make one more power by creating the one bigger fishing entity and this consultant would recommend how to make that happen and it's required full time. My Deputy Minister is having a hard time just keeping up within the Department let alone trying to take on a file as big as this one. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. Replace satellite phones 10,000 dollars, any comments? Replace obsolete GPS, \$3,000, any comments? Replace old snowmobiles, \$24,000, any comments? Counting fence for Nain and Rigolet and a boat, 147 thousand dollars, any comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I direct my question to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. If you could help me to understand Mr. Barbour, the intent of this, I'm not sure what's it's intended to achieve? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Minister of Land and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker. For the Member for Canada we are always told to be mindful and careful of protecting our resources. This is a way of finding out just how much char, trout especially in the Rigolet area Tom Luscombe brook place where a fair amount of fishing is done and I think it's a way to know the resources in those 2 areas, Nain area and the Rigolet area. It's a way of our showing that we are trying to handle and manage our resources in a responsible way. When you look at the budget of 147 thousand, these are just capital purchases, Danny, and to hire my department would approach the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for the Human Resources side of those projects and once these capital purchases are done they're there for the long haul, they're the shot purchases. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. The Chair recognizes the angajukKak for Postville.

Mr. Decker: My question is to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources also. Do that mean the one exists and the one you have now in English River will be closing or will that still remain open?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: The English River project will continue. I can inform the Assembly members now that it's in it's final year of funding under DFO. For 2009 we're going to have to figure out some way to keep that operation open as well as just to go back to my point, there's an area, because of the commercial salmon fishery closure, this was created and we hope, and it was for 7 years, we hope to continue beyond 7 years, for this year we're funded by DFO. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. Oil burner mechanic travel 8,000, any comments? Nain char project 8,000, any comments? Sub-total renewable resources 640 thousand dollars. Under environment, professional fees for Lower Churchill, 50 thousand dollars. The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure who to direct my question to but I'd just like an explanation of that, maybe Tony or William or the President. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: Can you repeat the question please?

Mr. Russell: No problem there. I'm just wondering what exactly did we have in mind when we're talking about 50 thousand dollars worth of professional fees?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: This file, the Lower Churchill file, is heating up. Indications are that the province is going more all out on this. Our environment division is not keeping up with the present workload that they have and we would want to hire Jeff for that specifically to Lower Churchill. Under our Land Claims Agreement anything that affects downstream into their settlement area to our settlement area, even if it's outside of the settlement area but it affects downstream of it, we have to be consulted by the Province and the intent of this person is to make sure that we're covered off well in terms of environmental protection downstream of the Lower Churchill project. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. Sub-total for Environment \$50 thousand, total for Lands and Resources 690 thousand dollars. Moving on to page 9, Department of Health and Social Development, Non-insured Health Benefits deficit for '07-'08 725 thousand dollars, any comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I'm just wondering if the Minister of Health and Social Development can help me

understand and confirm whether or not additional dollars were negotiated with Health Canada to offset the budget for the deficit for '07-'08 in NIHB and I guess the second part to that question is have there been any other initiatives that have been recommended of offset that deficit in the NIHB program. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Yes, Dan, like for instance, this year we ran the dental program in Nunatsiavut, which costs about 300 thousand dollars which is included in this. If we wouldn't have had that \$300 thousand for dental we would have been looking at our million dollar deficit for this year. So there is other on-going. I don't have per-say much briefing on it but one of the biggest things as you are aware of is the beneficiaries that came on stream, like over the past few years was never, I guess no one really fore-saw how many beneficiaries would come on and it really took a toll the non-insured health benefits and we are in the process of negotiating in the next fiscal or the next few years that we need more money for non-insured health benefits. I hope that answers some of what you're saying. Was there another part to that?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: That partly answers my question but I was under the understanding Mr. Minister, that additional dollars were re-negotiated in '07-'08 to offset that deficit and I'm wondering about what other initiatives

have been looked at to offset the deficit in '07-'08 and the impending deficit I guess to jump ahead if I may Mr. Speaker for the deficit forecast for a million dollars in '08-'09. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Health.

Mr. Flowers: Sorry Mr. Speaker. Okay then, maybe I wasn't in the negotiating for the dollars that Danny is talking about, but I think if I can recall that my Deputy Minister and I think Ches Andersen went to Halifax sometime this winter and negotiated but I don't know the dollar figure at this time. Maybe if I could call a witness to clarify what you're asking if you want me to do that. I would probably call Ches Andersen as my Deputy Minister is not here, if you want some clarification.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes Ches Andersen.

Mr. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I guess with respect to Non-insured Health Benefits as you will recall last year the Assembly approved an amount of \$650 thousand to cover last years deficit. As we went into this year we ran into 2 major problem areas. The first was under NIHB itself, the increase in the numbers of people jumped from, we had estimated, we were running with 53 hundred plus we have added about 300 new members we thought, the numbers actually jumped up to 6800. We asked the Federal Government to take a look at their system because those numbers just didn't jive with ours. They went and they did an audit, on the basis of the audit they came back and re-adjusted their figures to provide an extra 500 and

I think it's 36 but around 500 thousand dollars for 2007-2008. In addition to that under dental, under the previous negotiations, what the federal government was only willing to consider was the amounts that we were getting for dental which was roughly around 800 thousand dollars and then they would do an adjustment of 3% every year. In actual fact when we took over the dental program there had been very little dental work occurring in the communities within Nunatsiavut. So the health department set up it's own system, in 2007-2008 there were actually 5 dentists brought in at one time they were hired as staff and that was running as a very large amount of money so we went back and asked them to, Health Canada, to take a look at the dental program as well and they have agreed to offset the down program by a one-time payment of 500 thousand dollars. That still leaves the non-insured health benefits which include dental a deficit of the 725 you see here. So, this program has brought us every year in deficit and the expectation is that we're on a deficit again next year. Do you have a further question?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: I don't know if you can speak anymore, Chesley, to the question I asked about other initiatives that have been looked at in addition to those that you have just explained, were there any more initiatives to look at offsetting the cost of (inaudible).

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes Ches Andersen.

Mr. Andersen: Yes, we have set up a pharmacy in Goose Bay, we were

finding that we were being overcharged somewhere in the vicinity of a quarter of a million dollars per year under the NIHB in particular in the Upper Lake Melville area because of the fees that were being charged by the 2 pharmacies, on the basis of that we set up our own pharmacy. After our pharmacy was up and running the other 2 pharmacies have come in line and while they still have some of the cliental, or the beneficiaries as clients, we still should realize some savings from that particular venture for the health department. But when you talk to the people within, that run the NIHB program, within Nunatsiavut, they're still saying that the amount of people who are coming forward, the number of new beneficiaries that we're getting that was not envisioned that we're far, we have a long way to go before then will be able to break even on that program. There were other initiatives that were implemented within the department. I couldn't be specific to tell you what they were but from a Health Canada perspective we run probably the tightest NIHB program in the country. Sometimes people in the health department say we should not be running this program. We should give it back to the Federal Government and do what others do in the country and let the costs run higher but so far the Government has decided they want to keep this program and the costs are trying to be kept in line but the reality is there just isn't enough in this agreement to pay for the costs. This was known in 2005 when we signed on. We knew it was the one problem area we had in the fiscal financing agreement. It is proven to be a problem and until we re-negotiate the agreement and change it that is going to continue to be a problem. I hope that answers your question.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. NIHB's deficit for '08-'09 1 million dollars, any comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you Mr. Speaker. It's obvious that we had some unforeseen circumstances in negotiations as well as influx of new members as Chesley highlighted. I just want to throw out just a very broad comment here perhaps, we seem to want to spend money of consultants perhaps we look inward at our own health department and begin to evaluate our own operations as well. We've talked about anticipating deficit after deficit trying to re-negotiate, trying to adjust for new members, I mean we did have an initiative as Ches mentioned with the pharmacy but we've yet to talk about a review of the way we do things and can we do that better, can we see some way to address our own inefficiencies. In commenting with people that have to take or have to make use of the health department, I've heard that we do have some inefficiencies that can be looked at, so just a general comment. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Do you have a question?

Mr. Pottle: No, I don't have a question. I'll probably get the same answer to the question I got previously. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Home support services 100 thousand dollars, any comments? The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Makkovik.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of

Health in regards to the 100 thousand dollars that's allocated for Home Support Services. In the past home support services were provided to seniors for outside work, is this inside work, because in my community there is demand for outside work. I'm wondering if anything could be done about that? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This 100 thousand dollars for home support came to us by way of the Ordinary Member for Canada and we yet to discuss with him and see exactly what we can do without but basically it is mindset we will be definitely looking at and I want to speak to the Minister, to the Ordinary Member from Canada on exactly what his intent was when he asks for this home support monies because one of the things we know is that at this time we do not service outside of Nunatsiavut so that's one of the things we need to talk about and basically we may have to use it for topping up existing programs so it's kind of a grey area with us yet, but we certainly will be looking into what the Ordinary Member for Canada had in mind when he asked for this money.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Would the Minister like me to respond to his question now or would you like to save that for further consultation Mr. Minister?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Health.

Mr. Flowers: I would prefer to talk to you unless you feel you want to respond but probably we could have a one on one and kind of exactly know what it is unless you feel you want to speak on it then I'm not obligated to stop you from speaking on it. You can use your own discretion. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My intent in proposing this 100 thousand dollars for home support services was to look at some benefits that can be extended outside of Nunatsiavut. I think you stand to be corrected Mr. Minister when you say that home support services are not available outside of Nunatsiavut. From my understanding in consultation with your Deputy Minister, home support services are indeed provided to some level in the Upper Lake Melville area. I have requests from beneficiaries by way of example, in the Cartwright area that can not access provincial dollars in the area of Cartwright and in other areas such as Halifax and Labrador City. I believe that this 100 thousand dollars, although it's not a substantial amount of money, certainly can be a beginning to help some people in need in communities such as Cartwright, Lab. City and Halifax and I wanted to share that for the benefit of each and every other Assembly Member here of what my intent for those 100 thousand dollars was meant to achieve because we may not get a chance to relay this information collectively to the Assembly Members. That was my intent of that was to ensure that beneficiaries outside of LISA and

the Upper Lake Melville area can at least have some support, albeit, it may not be very much. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I'd like to acknowledge the Member for sharing information with the Assembly. I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister for Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you Mr. Minister. Yes, you are right Danny but it is a very limited, very limited in Upper Lake Melville, just to further that maybe there is things that we can do but we would have to sit down and see exactly what can be done, so certainly we can set up something to talk to you on a further basis on exactly or how much we can actually do for our beneficiaries outside of Nunatsiavut. Thank you.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. It's good that we are more informal and I think that the AngajukKak from Makkovik, when he asked about outside and outside he wasn't talking about Nunatsiavut, he was talking about a residence, home care inside the house and outside of the house such as getting wood and water and other things. I don't think he received the answer that he wanted to.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you for that distinction. Would the Honorable Minister of Health care to elaborate?

Mr. Flowers: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Yes, AngajukKak from Makkovik I understand. Like I said, again, it's a one shot money so we got to be very careful on what we do, if we say or if we do

something that people are expecting for a long term then we could be getting into certainly we could be putting hopes out there and be something else. We certainly are going to look at what we can do with this money. I know when the Ordinary Member for Canada asked for this money I know he had good intentions for our beneficiaries and like a lot of people say we do need to help our beneficiaries wherever they reside in Canada. We certainly will be looking at what we can do with the money. Thank you.

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

Mr. President: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to respond to this 100 thousand dollar home care service. Well, it's my understanding that Nunatsiavut had no jurisdiction to provide services outside of Land Claims area in area of health and education. Those services are provided by the Federal Government and by the Province and I would suggest that maybe the Minister of Health and Danny would get together after this session and have some discussion on it, maybe bring this back to the table tomorrow morning. Thank you.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I did raise my hand, I didn't realize the President was speaking but just to add on to the comments of the President and the Minister, it would be new ground, the Member must understand it, if we were to provide services outside of Nunatsiavut, not mentioning, Lake Melville, as we know is a different area,

it's adjacent to Nunatsiavut and it's recognized as such by the LIA and services that we provide, a huge concentration of beneficiaries there which allows us to do certain things. However, if we start to expand the service outside of Nunatsiavut to areas such as Cartwright or St. John's, then we have to look at extending them to towns in Ontario, Fort McMurray, and those type of places where there are little pockets of beneficiaries. We are the Government of Nunatsiavut, Mr. Speaker and our focus of course is the homeland and the communities within it. These are the responsibilities that we've asked Canada and Newfoundland to give to us and that's the areas in these communities we most carry out programs. We do as the Minister of Health said, try to extend wherever possible, benefits to our beneficiaries of our agreement outside of the Land Claims area and Upper Lake Melville but when you spread yourself too thin then the benefits are no use to anyone. Certainly 100 thousand dollars to be spent outside of Nunatsiavut will not go very far. We may be able to hire staff but what will they be able to do? It is new ground, it requires discussion on areas not only health but other benefits as well, such as housing, those type of things that, Mr. Speaker, in my mind, are many, many years away. Certainly they are concern to the Member of Canada and I think we have a responsibility to try to deliver where we can but just to remind Members, Mr. Speaker that this is the Government of Nunatsiavut and our focus has to be our communities.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I appreciate those comments. I'm astounded I guess by some of the responses in particular from the President when he campaigned and he talked about equal benefits and access to programs and services and expanding some of those or provide some things to include beneficiaries regardless of where we live. I believe some of this money can be used to leverage existing Provincial and Federal programs and services that do not meet the needs of beneficiaries by way of example in Cartwright and I don't want to get into a debate about this but I believe that an elderly person in Nunatsiavut who is not fully supported and the dollars from the Provincial government and Federal government don't support the needs of an elderly person by way of example who needs home support I believe some of these dollars could be used to top up some of the existing services so that the number of hours for home support by way of example can be extended to a family who's in need at this point in time. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. President: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I don't care to get into a debate either Danny but I'm just telling you I have to support the constitution. I was sworn to upkeep it when I was sworn in as President and we have no authority to provide services outside of the Land Claims area. When I campaigned I said that I will treat every Member equally, I'll fight for your rights in your district that you have, I'll fight for the rights of the people in Lake Melville but there is only certain rights that they have and I'll make sure that I will fight for every

opportunity when they're not given those rights that they're fighting for, but the constitution basically says that there aren't any special services given outside the Land Claims area. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Just for my own information purposes and maybe to help me increase my knowledge of the constitution, I'm wondering if the President can reference where in the constitution that it talks about not extending or providing services to beneficiaries outside of Nunatsiavut. From my understanding of the constitution, and I stand to be corrected, I don't believe there's a clause in there to that effect. I believe what the President is referring to is benefits that maybe in sometime in the future considered to be extended under the Land Claims agreement as opposed to the constitution. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Andersen: Point of Order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The First Minister would state his Point of Order.

Mr. Andersen: My point Mr. Speaker is that the Member is entering in to now a debate on what or what not is in the constitution and I think that we are here tonight to speak to this Supplementary Budget and would suggest that the Member is out of order in raising items or entering into the debate on the constitution.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you.

Mr. Pottle: Point of Order Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: We will take a break while I discuss the point of order with that the First Minister raised. The committee will recess for 5 minutes.

Mr. Broomfield: Good evening. I would like to call the committee back to order. In light of the Point of Order made by the Honorable First Minister I'm prepared to a make a ruling the point of order is well taken, the debate was getting off topic, the issue to be discussed was home support services for the Department of Health. Having said that, we will continue, are there any further comments? Special needs children 100 thousand dollars, are there any comments? Total for Health is 1 million, 925 thousand dollars. Given the late hour we will adjourn the committee for tonight. We will continue with our orders of the day tomorrow morning at 9am and when we get to the second reading of Bills in the agenda we will reconvene as the committee of consensus beginning on page 10 of the Supplementary Budget Bill, so the committee is adjourned for tonight.

Mr. Broomfield: Visitors in the gallery, I'd like to welcome you to this continuation of our sitting. I'd like to call the Assembly to order, with that I'd like to recognize Martha Winters-Abel to do the opening prayer.

Mr. Broomfield: For the benefit of some of the Members, we have two pages, Jarvis Abel and Davidee Ningeok. With that, the Assembly will again dissolve into the Committee of Consensus we will continue from discussing the Bill 2008-04 we will continue on page 10. Education and Economic Development, Post Degree Social Program, 205 thousand dollars,

are there any comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My commentary question is directed to the Minister of Education and Economic Development. I understand from the Program Director the Post Secondary Student Support Program Mr. Minister that his post secondary degree in social work post graduate degree in social work has now been taken to a level where there's been a partnership formed between Nunatsiavut Government, Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, and St. Thomas University. I'm wondering if you can give me an explanation of what this 205 thousand dollars is intended to achieve. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Mr. Speaker. You are absolutely right Member for Canada. There is a partnership with the Province and St. Thomas University with the Post Secondary Student Support Program. The money here would be, the funding would cover a 2 year program at St. Thomas University. The exact details of how this money would be spent I've had to ask my Deputy Minister step forward as a witness to exactly tell you how it's all going to be broken down if that's what you want.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. The Chair calls the Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. McNeil: Thank you for the opportunity. The \$205 thousand would

be funds that we would use for program delivery, the program delivery costs, this would include such things as classroom space, instructor cost, instructor accommodations, instructor travel, it's all cost related to the delivery and this would be our portion of the cost. The Province of course would be paying the delivery cost for their own students. The cost for student support for students that we're supporting from our side would be over and above this and that would be taken from the Post Secondary Student Support Program.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Just a point of clarification I guess. I mean the Deputy Minister referred to the Province supporting students in this as well, is this a program that's not specific for beneficiaries to the Land Claim agreement, it includes other students outside of beneficiaries to the Land Claims Agreement?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education.

Mr. Shiwak: I would have to say yes, but if Tim would like to come forward again to clarify that. This is a 50-50 program with the Province, if there will a program done half of our students and half of the students from the Province. Could I call Tim again?

Mr. Broomfield: Sure, the Chair recognizes the Deputy Minister of Education.

Mr. McNeil: Yes, we're hoping to have at least 16 students in the program and usually when you're delivering a program like that you're delivering costs

are pretty well the same anyway, whether you have, for the cost of delivery pretty well the same whether you have 8 students or 12 students or 16 students. So in our case we could only, we're going to be fortunate if we could find 8 students that are Nunatsiavut beneficiaries who have the degree already and is interested in continuing on to a second degree, to a social work degree. So what we've done is, because there's such a need for social workers in Labrador, we've decided to partner with the Province and they'll be putting, they'll be funding, 8 of their students to put in as well and these will not be beneficiaries. There is a possibility that some of them could be beneficiaries if they're currently employed with Health Labrador and Health Labrador will put them through but the one's we are putting through are beneficiaries if their working directly with our Government or are unemployed. Does that answer your question?

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Additional training funds Inuit Pathways 200 thousand dollars. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I guess my question on the additional training dollars for Inuit Pathways is the same as I've asked with respect to the post degree program in social work. Have the training initiatives been identified for the 200 thousand dollars or is that yet something to be determined, Mr. Minister? Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education.

Mr. Shiwak: I guess the best answer for you is that the training for the funding

would be determined by the applicants, the best way to say it is those who applied for a certain program if it meets the criteria Pathways then they would be funded through this program. I guess the real reason for this 200 thousand dollars is there's never enough funding inside of Pathways to accommodate all those who apply. Let's say if more students apply for welding or whatever, then we'd have to extra funds to put them through that program. So I guess the answer is that the funding or where it's going to be directed is not yet totally identified but there is certain criteria within Pathways that we have to use or programs we have to direct is towards. I hope that answers your question.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. After School Mentoring Program, 100 thousand dollars. The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: Just, not this one but the one above Additional Training Fund for Inuit Pathways, my Department, we have been approached by a number of commercial fishermen who need MED award or be equivalent of a MED in order to be able to go commercial fishing even if it's in a 18 foot speed boat, now we're taking names for those especially for those char fishermen out of Nain. We're sending 2 to St. John's next week because they're in the offshore, so part of that funding my Department will be applying to the Department of Education to assist those commercial fishermen.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Subtotal for Education, 505 thousand dollars. Economic Development Capital Equipment for TUC, 602 thousand

dollars. The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I'll direct my question to the Minister of Economic Development. Again, a lot of this we subsidize, we subsidize, we subsidize and in this case I'd like a break down of how many pieces of gear, I understand this allotment is for several pieces of used gear. It's been my experience that buying a bunch of used gear is going to cost more in the long run and I think this money could be spent better elsewhere, so if you could Mr. Minister, please give us a break down of exactly what's going to be spent. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education.

Mr. Shiwak: Thanks for the question. The break down for this equipment for the TUC would be a 992 loader for 360 thousand dollars and excavator for 200 thousand dollars, a water pump for 7 thousand dollars, 2 four wheelers for 25 thousand dollars and a pick up for 10 thousand dollars. As far as I know, in conversation with the General Manager of LIDC, Mike Voisey, this equipment is not used but I may have to call on somebody else but it's not in that bad of shape, it's not old, old equipment, the equipment that we have in 10 Mile Bay right now, if we were to proceed with that equipment then the production this year will not be as high if we had better equipment in that place. LIDC in 10 Mile Bay right now is moving up into the new year of the new rock. The rock up there, as I've been told by LIDC, is of better grade, if you want to put newer machinery in place to get this done for, like I said, higher production. But that's

the break down of the equipment; loader, excavator, water pump, 4 wheelers and a pick up, just to make the production better at 10 Mile Bay right now. Did that answer your question Keith? Did you want further clarification from one of the people we have in the room right now?

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

Mr. Russell: This, as many other operations we have in place is, in my opinion, not going to make it. We're going to patch with band aid solutions such as continuous subsidizing year after year after year and until we greatly change the way we do things, this, will be recurring in my opinion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Capital Equipment, Postmill, 625 thousand dollars. Economic Development Consultant, 60 thousand dollars. The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: I'd like to ask the Minister if we have any idea who this would be and what their mandate would be, is this directed toward economic development consulting for your Department or economic development consulting for individuals, small business owners, etc.? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education.

Mr. Shiwak: Thanks for the question. If I back up a bit, as you know, we've advertised for a Director of Economic Development for this Department for this Government back in, I believe in

May. We are having difficulty filling that position. The Director of Economic Development is a very important position, we expect that position to be working on an Economic Development Policy and Strategy for our Government, long term, but we would like to get this process moving as soon as we can. Strategy on economic development for all of Nunatsiavut, for all of the industry sections that we will have in Nunatsiavut, including tourism, mining, whatever, and for all of the communities. This consultant would be hired almost immediately to work with our new director when we get one hired to begin the process of putting in place an economic development strategy for Nunatsiavut, for all of the industry sectors. I guess what it is we want to get the process moving as quick as we can because, as you know, there is a real need for sustainable economic development within our communities, within Nunatsiavut, within the Government in general, we need to have some as everybody is aware, we need to have some plan in place of where we're headed, it's just we just can't be throwing money into certain things as you said before like LIDC and not knowing where we're going to be heading. We need to have something in place as soon as we can but something that is solid, something, I don't know if you say along the lines like Nunavut has. Nunavut has a very good economic development strategy but we have been years working on our one, if we don't start working on ours right now then we will be years just waiting to get that going. I hope that gave you some clarification on what the position might be.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My question is also directed at the Minister of Education and Economic Development. In your rationale for this money to be spent on the consultant, I think you negated your rationale when you said that you do not have a current Economic Development Director in place and that this consultant would work in consultation with an Economic Development Officer. How do you propose to proceed to do this without an Economic Development Director in place and I guess the second part of my question, Mr. Shiwak, would be why would there be a need to hire a consultant when the person that would be hired in a position for Economic Development should have those qualifications and skills to carry out that strategy? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you for the questions. I guess the short answer is that we don't have a Director for Economic Development as I said before we're having a hard time filling that position and I said before that they would work together but in the meantime, until that position is hired, a consultant would begin working on this process of developing the process to develop an economic development strategy but when the Director is here, they would start working together. In response to your second question, yes I do expect the Director of Economic Development to start working on our

strategy but the person that we hire may not have all the skills necessary to get this strategy going as quick as we would like to see it going, I'm sorry if I don't have all of the answers for you right now but I think the idea behind this is to stimulate economic development to stimulate the strategy for economic development is not to create useless work for anybody to throw money away it's just to put a plan in place for Nunatsiavut, this is the best way we have identified to do it, to put a consultant there to begin the process to work with the Director of Economic Development, whoever that may be and again we're having a hard time filling that position. I don't want to be rambling on but I don't know a better way of explaining the process that we are trying to go through. Did I answer your question? If not, please ask it again.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: You answered my question Mr. Minister, but it still doesn't give me a comfort level to go ahead and say yes to this initiative. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Just to add on to what the Minister said, very good point by the Member for Upper Lake Melville. While this is taken into account our own beneficiary private business, it is a very good point and I'm sure that the Member had something in mind when he asked that question and he's well aware of what happened in Voisey's Bay. When the time came you know we were hoping that we had a lot

of business and not only Nunatsiavut Government own business but we hope that many of our private entrepreneurs, Mr. Speaker, would step forward and benefit from that. Sadly to say that the beneficiary owned business within Nunatsiavut have not done very well and I'm sure that the Member of Canada is well aware of that. It is something that we have to improve on. Even the few private businesses that are benefiting from the Voisey's Bay Project, for the most part, they are owned by beneficiaries outside of Nunatsiavut and the intent of that agreement and the IBA was to respond to those beneficiaries most adjacent to the project, not to say that there can't be benefit for private owned companies outside of Nunatsiavut in Upper Lake Melville, or other parts of Canada, for that matter. If we are to build our own land, Nunatsiavut, into something then it can't for, I'm sure that the Member for Upper Lake Melville will agree with me, it can't be just a Nunatsiavut owned businesses that benefit but the private business of beneficiaries they have to profit as well, that's part of any sound economic development system in any region, country in the world and I'm sure that the Member will agree with me and I see that he is nodding so this is part of the strategy to improve, to bring this consultant, this economic development consultant and all of these things will be taken into account, Mr. Speaker, and hopefully that we will attract the director to work but as the Minister said the process can not simply wait to fill positions sometimes, we have to move forward with new improved strategies and I think that this is one step now that we have this money from this nickel revenues that it is, will be a, tremendous help and I hope the Members will agree

that there's tremendous need to improve on our economic development strategies in Nunatsiavut and for the rest for the rest of the beneficiaries especially in the Upper Lake Melville area as well.

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

Mr. Russell: I appreciate the comments from the First Minister and Minister of Economic Development. I would caution then this Assembly and the Minister of Economic Development that LIDC does not have its mandate clouded any further and at present I completely agree with the First Minister and I believe a heavy investment is needed in a small business, the entrepreneurs within Nunatsiavut and outside of Nunatsiavut as well. At present, in my opinion anyway, LIDC should be focused on Economic Development that creates local employment, sustainable employment and projects that use the resources that we have available to us within Nunatsiavut as opposed to partnering with larger outside firms such as HJ O'Connell and using other entities that they have control of such as TSI to enter into the bidding process against Nunatsiavut beneficiaries as entrepreneurs which is the case today. So, we're in a sense using the mining royalty from the Voisey's Bay Nickel Project at present to subsidize the operations of LIDC which they use in term by direction of the shareholders to create entities and to make use of entities to go back and undercut and undermine and damage entrepreneurship of beneficiaries of this Land Claims Agreement. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I notice now we're wandering a little bit off of the track again but I have to say, in response to the Members' comments, yes, I do hope that's the very thing that this consultation or this consultant firm will identify and set direction not only for my colleagues department but for the LIDC as well, so it is a strategy that the Minister has in mind and I think that it will address the concerns that you've raised.

Mr. Broomfield: Rigolet Seal Project, 85 thousand dollars, any comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Education and Economic Development. I would just like to know has there been any sort of marketing strategy to determine whether or not a sealing industry in Rigolet is viable and can justify the spending of 85 thousand dollars and equipment that may never be used? If there is no such a marketing strategy to determine the viability of the sealing industry to determine viability of the sealing industry at this point? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Again, let me back up a bit. As far I know from the Inuit Community Government of Rigolet and the CDO from Rigolet, they have been working on this project for a number of years, they have a committee in place

and I believe the committee had identified this equipment is part of the equipment they will need to develop the sealing industry in Rigolet. I'm not sure if they did do a marketing plan, I know there's a business plan in the works to be done with regards to the sealing industry in Rigolet. This is something that they've identified as a very important thing, not only for Rigolet, but for all of the coastal Nunatsiavut, for de-fleshing seal skins, for tanning the sealskins with regards to producing materials or product for the craft industry. The market is for the big commercial industry for sealing. I think it's more geared towards the craft industry and the tourism industry, as you know, Rigolet is shaping it's community more towards tourism oriented place, sealing might not be seen as a more tourism attraction but if you tie that into the traditional Inuit way and the traditional way of Nunatsiavut, if you'd sell it that way and you produce crafts from the products that can be produced from machines like this, you will improve the craft industry. This is just one project Rigolet is working on but anyway, to get to your question, I know that there's a business plan going to be done for this, this is something that the community has been working on for years. This is something the community has identified as equipment they need to move forward to develop their sealing industry and, like I say, it's moving towards a more craft oriented business, not a real big commercial business. If the AngajukKak for Rigolet would like to add something to that, if I'm missing something he can feel free to step in.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Yes, the Honorable Minister is right. The community of Rigolet has been working on this strategy for quiet some time. We do have a committee in Rigolet, a sealing committee, I think there's 5 or 6, maybe 10 people, on the committee. We are right now gearing our market towards the sealskin. There is a big market for sealskins, especially the sealskins from the ring seal; the harbour seal from the Rigolet area is the best quality they have out in North Bay, Ontario for auction. There is a tanning place in conjunction with the Provincial Fisheries along with Federal Fisheries doing a marketing program for other products such as tanning seals for instance. We are looking at a bigger program in the long run and I do see this is a worthwhile project to get into, Mr. Speaker. I hope that answers your question Honorable Member of Canada.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Economic Development Fund, 400 thousand dollars. The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: I'll ask the Minister of Economic Development of whether or not, again in relation to the conversation we just had about small business entrepreneurship, that kind of stuff, is this money going to be accessible by individual beneficiaries and if so, how do we plan on distributing that or is this simply going to be another kitty of money used to subsidize the LIDC operation when they have their shortfalls? Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thanks for the question again. There is criteria in place, this \$400 thousand would be added to an existing economic development fund of \$400 thousand that already exists within the Government. Our Department met earlier with the AngajukKaks from all of the communities on the coast to discuss this Economic Development Fund. We told them that there will be a criteria in place and it was for a long term economic development within the communities. Our plan would be that they would apply for this funding through our Department, they would have to meet a certain criteria, be approved on that criteria to ensure that it is for long term employment, long term economic development that will be added to the communities. As far as individual entrepreneurs being, having, access to this funding, right now the only organizations that we have identified to access this funding would be the Inuit Community Government's or other organizations that may help develop economic development within the communities through economic development but the criteria is still yet to be passed through Executive Council. We're hoping to have that done at this sitting but it is for a long term economic development. There's a criteria in place that you have to apply and you have to pass. As far as entrepreneurs accessing this funding, that's something we could look at, that's something we should look at because as I believe later on in the budget you'll see that there is money out there for entrepreneurs for this one sector of industry but there is so many different sectors of the industry that people want to get into that. We must address because small business will make up a large portion of addressing

the need for employment in our communities through small business. We just can't rely on a bigger businesses to take care of everybody. You're point is well taken. I hope I answered it because there is criteria, there is things in place. To answer your question pretty bluntly, it is not a fund for Labrador Inuit Development Corporation.

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

Mr. Russell: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Just out of clarification, so we will be having a 800 thousand dollar pot and your answer referenced the Community Government's, can I assume then that individuals outside of Nunatsiavut and therefore, organizations such as the Inuit Community Corporation of Goose Bay, Mud Lake and North West River, NunaKatiget and Sivunivut, they will not have access to that pot of money, is that the right assumption? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education.

Mr. Shiwak: The short answer I guess, yes, at this point they haven't been identified as accessing this pot, I will ask for clarification from the witness from the Deputy Minister, Tim McNeil, but I'm pretty certain they haven't been identified, but if that's something we can look at addressing as well, but I will ask for a witness at this point to address that.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. McNeill: I guess a very short answer, as Darryl had mentioned, we have had a discussion with the ICG's and our intention for the Community Economic Development Fund is that we would restrict it to the committees. We didn't have the intention of using it to build the economy or the economic development outside of Nunatsiavut, it was intended within Nunatsiavut.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Economic Development. You mentioned criteria for accessing these funds, say, if the Inuit Community Government for instance applied to this fund money program for a program in Rigolet, is there any certainty they will be funded fully or is it going to be like the Provincial Government, give you 5% or 10% of what you're asking for? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education.

Mr. Shiwak: I have to say that it is very difficult to really answer that question right now because the criteria hasn't been passed through Executive Council. The Executive Council needs to look at the criteria and see if this is the way they want this fund to be distributed so I can't honestly answer that question and say yes, this is the way it's going to be because it has to pass through Executive Council, the Executive Council hasn't seen the criteria. We're hoping to get that again through Executive Council at this point.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: I would just like to make a comment I guess for the Executive, that they get criteria out there as quickly as possible. There has been money already in the pot, sort of speak, and in order for ICG's to access this funding we had to follow some criteria and if the criteria is not, if the forms are not sent out as quickly as possible, then I'm afraid the season for construction season is going to be over and done with before we have a chance to even get off the ground. I would advise that the Executive Council, if I may, look at this criteria and get it out to the Community Governments as quickly as possible. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you for your comments. We are pushing the Executive Council to get this out as quickly as we can because we do recognize the need for economic development and employment in our communities, long term employment. So we will be pushing the Executive to get it out as soon as possible. Again, this funding is in place because we want to start building an economic development in our communities, long term economic development. This will certainly have a part in any economic development strategy that we put in place but for now this is the way we will go about it, this is the criteria that we will use and we'll certainly try to get that out as quickly as possible. I assure you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. Trans Labrador Highway Feasibility Study, 80 thousand dollars, any comments? The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think I mentioned to Honorable First Minister yesterday about the Trans Labrador Highway being an important part of our economic strategy for the community of Rigolet. I would like to ask the Executive Council again make haste in getting the feasibility study up and running especially for the community of Rigolet, we have been asking for this feasibility study for the last 10 years from the Provincial Government and the last 2 years from the Nunatsiavut Government. I'm hoping that Honorable First Minister will be working on this project as quickly as possible. Thank you Mr. Minister.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education.

Mr. Shiwak: I guess your comment is directed to the First Minister but I'll try to respond. As the First Minister said, we are in the process of drafting a letter to the Minister of Transportation for the Province to get the process going where we will meet as soon as possible to discuss the extension of the Trans Labrador Highway, the extension of the TLH, into Nunatsiavut and to get this process going where we will take the funding that we have and push them to put their own funding in place to get a feasibility study done for a road into Rigolet. Rigolet has been there for a long time, also the feasibility study for

Postville and Makkovik. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Just to add on to that in conversation I had with the Chair of Sivunivut yesterday that he recognizes as well not only benefit for Nunatsiavut to see that Trans Labrador Highway but where it comes from will also, that area will also benefit, Mr. Speaker, and very good to see and I have to say, Mr. Speaker, that I saw a nod again from the member from Upper Lake Melville and to see him nod in agreement with me twice in one hour is quite something and as well me and Darryl are, sorry to use your name Minister, Minister Shiwak during the week of Expo we will schedule a night to present to the beneficiaries of North West River the transportation presentation that we've already done in three communities in Nunatsiavut.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: I do realize that the Executive Council has to meet and there are 2 subjects just right here from economic development on the Trans Labrador Highway feasibility study, the meeting of the Executive Council and to their recommendations I ask you how'd they go? I guess I'm just wondering when is the Executive Council going to be meeting on these subjects? I hope it's fairly soon?

Mr. Broomfield: The question is out of order. The feasibility study is the issue, not the Executive Council meeting, so the question is sort of out of order. Are

there any more comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: I'd just like to say I welcome this proposal to look at a feasibility study. I believe yesterday the First Minister mentioned that this feasibility study would have to be done in partnership with the Provincial and Federal Government. I'm wondering has there been any talks on this feasibility study with the Innu, given that the Innu are negotiating a Land Claims Agreement and some of this territory may overlap upon their Land Claim Agreement? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The answer is yes, we did have a session with the Innu. We made them aware that we would be seeking funds to do a feasibility study on a road for Rigolet, as well an informal session. I did make them aware during my times as Acting President that we were looking at a possibility now moving forward with a feasibility study for 3 communities. So they are aware, and although we have not, I'm not sure, we have ever received in writing but certainly verbally we did that. Such a thing was acceptable to them and in a meeting that I had with their Economic Development Manager that they're now partners with this Company. I think the name of their company is S&C Innu and they build roads and all kinds of things like that so I think that this is probably, they look at this as an opportunity for themselves as well. Certainly the initial response that we have received from the Innu has been very positive, I can't say because I certainly don't speak for the Innu, but to

me the forecast, member, is favorable. I'm getting cooperation from the Innu with respect to extending the TL into Nunatsiavut.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The subtotal for Economic Development is \$1,852,000.00. The total for Education and Economic Development is \$2,357,000.00. Moving on to Tourism, Culture and Recreation. I think that before we get into that we will recess for five to ten minutes.

Mr. Broomfield: I would like to call the committee back to order. We will resume. The Tourism, Culture and Recreation; Culture Awareness Program Development come to \$100,000.00. The chair recognizes the member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to The Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. I did not have a response to the submission that was requested by the President and I would just like to have an explanation from the Minister if he can tell me why it is necessary to spend \$100,000.00 to develop Cross Culture Awareness programs that have already been developed. Do the Minister not think that some of these models that have already been developed can be adapted to meet the needs of Nunatsiavut and Cross Culture Awareness programs specific for Inuit? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Honorable member for Canada, we are aware that there are some Culture Awareness Programs out there but what

we want to do is expand on them and give the people that are coming into our communities such as the teachers, RCMP, Parks or whomever a better understanding of, like I said, to expand on whatever there is and give them a better understanding of our culture and how we live and basically to understand the communities, our culture and traditions and things that go along with it. I am not sure that answers your question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A comment for the Minister of Culture and Recreation. The RCMP, nurses and teachers, they do have programs already in place for cultural awareness in Nunatsiavut communities. I guess my question is along the same lines as the member of Canada. Why spend more money when there are already programs in place for outside agencies when there already programs here?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I have already replied to the member of Canada, we know that it is there. We want to expand on these. We think that there are some areas that we can improve on and make it a bit clearer to exactly what the awareness and our cultures are really all about. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, my question is directed to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. Can you give me an explanation, Mr. Minister on how you would expand on these programs so that there are more culturally relevant for Inuit?

Mr. Broomfield: The chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are looking for an expert in this field to help develop this. At this point, when we find an appropriate person or consultant, I know that some of you do not like to hear the word 'Consultant', we will look for this person to further develop this and seek his expertise and advise. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you for that explanation, Mr. Minister, but I believe the expertise is already here. The Inuit are the experts and I hope the person you have in mind for this position would be a Labrador Inuk. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Yes, I agree with you 100%, Member for Canada. We do have the expertise here and this person will be a beneficiary and work with the appropriate people. It is a good point and I do agree with what you just said.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Hebron restoration is \$50,000.00, the language revitalization \$100,000.00.

The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Postville.

Mr. Decker: My question is to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. To revitalize the language, what programs would you be putting in place?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We do have a Language Strategy in place. We have the first phase done; the first phase was the scope, the draft and the visions and values of what we would be doing. These funds here would be for phase two and it would be to go into the communities, to make them aware of what we are doing and of course, with the communities engaged they will be the key to some of our decision making. These funds will also go towards a Language Conference which is coming in July. We are hoping to get some input, again from all communities. All communities will be invited to attend and we will get some input and direction, I guess. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, my question is to the Minister of Tourism. I have been sitting on the Language Committee now for a few years. Are there going to be any more monies spent into curriculum, more curriculum for language in Nunatsiavut, because right now there is no curriculum or if there is, I think there is one lot of curriculum which lasts from three to four

weeks. Do you have any plans to try and do more curriculum for language in Nunatsiavut?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the AngajukKak from Rigolet; yes, there are more plans. We will be working with the School Board to sort of develop some kind of curriculum and we do have a coordinator in place so we are working towards the goal of getting more curriculum. Obviously get stronger in our schools. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is also directed at the Minister of Culture. This particular line item of \$100,000.00; was this proposed by Members outside of the Executive Council or was this particular item one that came from within the Executive Council?

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This came from our Cultural Director. It is part of a long term plan. She submitted this proposal for the second phase of our Language Strategy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Is Catherine here? Catherine, would you like to speak?

Mr. Ponniuk: Sorry, I should have asked. We do have, I forgot Catherine

was here. I would like to call Catherine forward to give some more clarification on this as a witness.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. The Chair recognizes the Director of Torngasuk Cultural Centre.

Ms. Andersen: Thank you. We are working on a strategy, a 50 year strategy. We are not quite finished the first phase. We have had two meetings to date. Like Ben said, we have outlined our vision and mission and strategic directions. Our next meeting will focus on a communication plan and the \$100,000.00 that is proposed here is to help us implement the communication plan in our communities. As well, and a part of that, the initial step is to present the job strategy to the Language Conference in July. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. After I have submitted my document to the Executive Council and Members of the House of Assembly, I did have a subsequent conversation with our President where I also put forth a recommendation for \$100,000.00 for language initiatives. The intent of that \$100,000 was to insure that there would be some money available to implement some of the recommendations that will be forthcoming from the standing committee on language to ensure that there are some funds and language development at the public service and at the Assembly level. I am wondering,

was this given any consideration and will there be any other dollars forthcoming to support recommendations at the Language Committee, will put forth to ensure that Inuktitut becomes a working language of the public service and the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. These funds that are being proposed here are specifically to our language revitalization of plan that Catherine had just mentioned, so any other funds that would go outside of this, I think, would have to come from another source and at this point I really would not know where you would access this from but these funds here are specifically for part of the 50-year strategy that we are looking at now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. Language Retention Initiative. Upper Lake Melville and North West River; \$70,000.00. The Chair recognizes the member for the Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. From the \$1.57 Million in recommendations I proposed to the Executive Council. This was the only one I believe I proposed that made it to the table. My original proposal comprised of two parts; part one was this which was to support the Rosetta Stone Resource materials, time and space and dedicated Human Resources in order to deliver more effective offering to the communities. My second part involved land-based immersion by

where individuals could get together with fluent elders, other elders and some youth that do not have means to get out into the country and perhaps get a few fish, get a few birds, get a load of wood, etc. and then in turn deliver that to elders in need who could use it. I was just wondering after hearing the Minister of Health earlier about the importance of land-based healing in reference to the Saputjivik closing. What the Minister of Culture thought was the reasoning behind a land-based Language Immersion program that had benefits of country food and the needy in mind, why that never made it to the table?

Mr. Broomfield: Order please. We are talking about Language Retention Initiative for the Upper Lake Melville and North West River.

Mr. Russell: I understand, Mr. Speaker. I was just wondering why the second part of that item that I had originally proposed was not deemed worthy of making it to the table and I thought the Minister of Culture would have an opinion on that.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: I can only respond to the Assembly Member from the Upper Lake Melville. That is what is on our agenda; the Language Retention Initiative for Upper Lake Melville and North West River. I cannot respond to what the Minister of Health said earlier, if it was here as part of this I would respond to it but it is not a part of this so I have no comment on that. It is not part of this agenda. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Postville.

Mr. Decker: Under this, I guess my question is to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation again. What is really involved there?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: When we are talking about Language Retention, I think it is sort of self-explanatory and as the Member from Upper Lake Melville like he said, it was his submission. What we are going to do here is try to get some of the things in place that we need to bring forward as he mentioned; the Rosetta Stone, easier access, resource material, rental space, computer equipment, people to help do the delivery so basically, it is just to try and move forward the language in Upper Lake Melville as we are trying to do elsewhere in Nunatsiavut. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The sub-total for Culture is \$320,000.00. Tourism, Cruise North investment, \$1,100,000.00. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Makkovik.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I direct my question to the Minister of Tourism and Culture. Just for clarification purposes; with the 1.1 Million dollar allocation to the Cruise North investment, how will Nunatsiavut benefit and what will be gained in the long run? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture and Tourism.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we all know, tourism is a new industry. It is a new department with us. We will benefit hopefully if we do this joint partnership with the other two regions. Eventually, there will be economic benefits. If we do partner with these people, it will create employment. It will draw tourists. What we are hoping for is, I think it really does, I think I would be appealing to the outside world. We are hoping to have an all Inuit cruise and that in itself would be a drawing card. It is going to take time to start showing some profit like any other business or venture or whatever. We do not expect things to start happening overnight. It is sort of a long term investment; we are not sure how long but obviously, the quicker the better. The employment part of it will be as long as we are partnered with them for years. Already they are looking for five beneficiaries of Nunatsiavut to go on the ships, even out of summer. So, already, we are seeing some benefits in regards to employment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Would the Honorable Minister clarify who he hopes to partner with?

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It will be Nunavut and Nunavik, two other Inuit regions. I just like to add, while we are speaking about the economic part of it, as you know Tourism and Economic Development sort of goes hand in hand, Minister Shiwak, myself, the Deputy Minister of Finance and our Chief Negotiator had dome talks with these people late

December, early January and that was the beginning of it and we could not commit anything because we did not know where we were going to get any funds from. So, when this came up we said, well, if there are funds there, at least we will try and where this pot of money came in, a source where we could probably get these funds from. If the Minister of Economic Development has anything to add to that because we are partners in our government with the other two regions. Minister Shiwak, have you anything to add to that?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education.

Mr. Shiwak: I was just going to say; Did the Member for Upper Lake Melville have a question first?

Mr. Broomfield: Yes. I will recognize him.

Mr. Shiwak: Okay. As the Minister for Culture, Recreation and Tourism said, this is a partnership that was offered to us from Cruise North or specifically from Makivik and Northern Quebec. The Nunavik Inuit offered to Nunatsiavut and Northern Nunavut, specifically to Quebec, Qikitani Corporation. They are offering us equal share in this company. It is a new company and I believe it is only four years old. They did not have to offer us an equal share, they were on the road to being prosperous in this company. They would have done well without us but the Executive of Makivik felt that it would be good to have all Inuit regions that they service in on this company to make an Inuit product to really establish how they want cruising to be done in the north. They recognize that Nunatsiavut

is an emerging into the tourism scene that the product we will offer will probably be second to none when the product is finished, so they are wanting us on board but it is a friendly gesture, it is an economic gesture. We realize that there is a hefty price associated with it; 1.1 Million dollars. I am trying to think what else I could say about it, but it is something that we believe. As Ministers, you will not see immediate benefits from it. The benefits will be long term and will be in the way of revenues from this company. They will be the way of employment on the ship and they will be in the way of employment in the communities when this boat does enter our communities. Whoever partners with this company will be an equal partner on the board so they will have a say in how this company comes into Nunatsiavut, how they come into our communities, what is expected of them and what is expected of us when they arrive. It would be a very good partnership to enter into but I guess it is a very touchy time to do it; for us, it would be a very nice thing to get into. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister of Economic Development pretty much answered my question but my concern was; what are we actually getting for our dollars here and I guess, correct me if I am wrong, but it is a 33 1/3 stake and a company that we have no idea what their assets are or what their financial forecasts look like. To me, it is irresponsible to make blind investments like this as a group when we have no

knowledge of what we are getting into; yet, I do support the idea of Tourism but that is a large number and we have no information on that and I certainly did not hear anything about it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When we are looking at 1.1 Million dollars, I do not think that we are going to go into anything like that blind. Our Finance Department checked out the situation in regards to where they are financially. We have that information. I believe that it is their fourth year operating and they are showing a little profit each year. We did not go into this blind, like I said, our finance people checked this out plus our chief negotiator, and if we did not think that it was a good investment and if they were not showing any kind of profit, this would not be on the table today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for the Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you. Minister for his clarification there. My point was not that the Government would hopefully not invest that much money blindly, but the fact that the process we are using to allocate money like this. The Assembly, maybe not the Executive Council but the people on the other side of the table are blind, if you will. Up until you just said that we had no idea of whether or not we have received any information or whether or not the company was in the red or the black, I certainly have never seen anything nor was this process one

that facilitates everybody being involved and having knowledge of such thing. So to me, my comment that the process is blind to the members outside of the Executive Council still stands. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Member raises a good point that you know as a Government, we are expected to support expenditures of 1.1 million dollars into a company we know nothing about. So, when we take on the Minister's word that the company is in good standing and as we move on, we have to take the Minister at his word and that is all that we have at this time. I would like to recognize the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I have a two part question for the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. My first point and pardon the pun, if I missed the boat on your explanation with respect to where this negotiation stands. If you could give me an update on the status of this negotiation. This money is proposed pending the successful negotiation of this deal so you can give me an update on that. You made some reference to the Department of Finance doing some analysis on what the cost may be or the investment return on this 1.1 million dollars. So, if you can answer the question, maybe you can call a witness from the Department of Finance to give this House an explanation on what the rate of return may be for this 1.1 Million dollars that you are proposing to put into a partnership. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I have said earlier, the biggest part of this to me is the tourism aspect, the economic part. Well, I do know a little bit of it all, obviously being involved with, as I have said. When we went and met with there other two with our other two Inuit regions, I do have an idea but the tourism part is going to be the big part where I am the Minister of Tourism; so for me to give out that kind of detail about the financing, I do not think that I would do a clear of a job as would either of our Chief Negotiator or our Deputy of Finance. I guess whoever will feel more comfortable, I think the Deputy of Finance, would be able to give you a clear answer on that. It is like I said, the Tourism part is my main concern. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Prior to calling a witness if you so choose, Mr. Minister, you still did not answer my question and gave me an update on the status of the negotiations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Can you repeat your question, please?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: As was pointed out in your presentation to the Assembly via teleconference approximately two weeks ago, it was stated that these dollars would be spent pending the successful negotiation of this partnership. Can you

give me an update on where those negotiations stand, and how close are you to negotiating and finalizing this partnership agreement? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The negotiations part of it is again more towards the Economic Development of our Government and I say again that I am more concerned with the tourism part. So, when it comes to the funding and economic aspect to it, I would have to pass it over to, I do not know if Minister Shiwak could answer the questions, like I say, there is an overlap here and we are both in on it so there are some things that I can answer and there are some things that are going to have to go to the Economic Development part of this. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education or Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I can sort of add to it a bit. This offer had come to us from Makivik Corporation, Northern Nunavik. They offered this deal to us. We had a meeting subsequently this winter with them where we discussed certain aspects of the company that cannot be revealed until after the deal is done because we have a confidentiality agreement with the company. We cannot further negotiate with the company until we have clarification that we have the money in place. If we go ahead with the deal, then we can negotiate how the company will be structured. I am not sure if that is what you are looking for.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is exactly what I am looking for but I have concerns, Mr. Minister with your response. It seems to me this corporation has you over a barrel and in order for this partnership to be finalized and in order for this negotiation to be concluded they are asking you for 1.1 Million dollars? Please help me understand where you are coming from here! Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education.

Mr. Shiwak: I think that I am sort of clouding over your mind and I am sorry if I am. I have to call on our Deputy Minister of Finance as a witness because I am not explaining myself clearly. I think that he might be able to clear up the situation more than you. My intension is not to make this even cloudier, cover anything or anything like that. I was trying to state something but it is not getting there so if I may call upon the Deputy Minister of Finance to help clarify this situation.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Deputy Minister of Finance and Human Resources.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will try to attempt to answer two of the questions. The Honorable Minister from Canada has asked and I guess I will give a bit of background information and hopefully that will answer the question that he is looking for and any other questions that you guys may have. The first question I think he asked was where

the status of negotiations are. A bit of history, basically the two Ministers have stated, Makivik are the one's who have approached us and they have asked us if we would be interested in it. We did subsequently travel to Kuujjuak, like I say in January I believe it was, had some discussions with them. We did ask for some information, I asked for financial information obviously. For the purposes of the table around here today, the Cruise North Investment is a current arrangement; it has a year end which is on November 30th, so obviously when we have traveled at that appropriate time in January, they did not have their most recent set of documents up to date. We have subsequently received those documents, we are analyzing those documents, we have asked for cash flow projections and we have received those cash flow projections. I can tell you that the Cruise North business has increased its numbers of travel occupancy, the number of people who have obviously taken these trips, even the number of trips these boats are doing has now increased. So, it is obviously moving in the right direction. As the Minister of Economic Development did say, there was a confidentiality agreement that they did ask not to disclose certain information. I am sure that they will be comfortable with us giving some details but not all the details. I can tell you that the sales have increased the expenses obviously, direct operating costs have increased but the regular administrative costs have basically stayed the same. So, they are moving into a, you know obviously. Every year, it has been more profitable, or I say less losses, because the first year, there were losses and so was the second year. So, basically, the investment for them is starting to come around. How the 1.1 Million dollar was

calculated, just so you know, Makivik does have a long term debt loaned into this business equaling 3.3 Million dollars. So our 1/3 is basically, we assume, 1/3 of the debt. That is basically how it works. I think that the return for us is, and this is no sight to anyone within the organization, our return is; right now, the Cruise North is operating, making a trip within Nunatsiavut, as well as making more trips in the north. We made it know to them that it was our intention that we would like to see more trips within Nunatsiavut. They understand that and they appreciate that. The geographic area that we have is second to none and it is prime for tourism. They want to harness opportunity so they want to be involved in that, so they were more than willing to discuss looking at a number of trips in and around Nunatsiavut as well as accessing the park, etc. so we think that is where the potential is. I would be incorrect if I did not say that we suspect that the return for us is going to be later, obviously, but I think the returns in terms of what we are seeing already, in terms of the employment opportunities that can be made available on the boat. We do not have anyone who knows the cruise industry. That is not something that we have knowledge of and obviously, it was felt that Makivik Corporation has been involved in the cruise now for four years. This is their fourth year and we felt that our return would be getting into partnering with another Inuit company who is starting to learn the industry. Obviously, we would be fool hearted to get into something that we do not know anything about so we think that our return will be coming back. As well, in terms of building the cruise industry within Nunatsiavut with partners who know the industry. So, in

terms of negotiating, back to that. I guess a little bit is that we have analyzed the statements. It is obviously becoming a very viable operation. Obviously with the losses it has, it has to pay those back, so that has to be repaid, obviously. They offered us to take, originally it was 25% or 1/3 of what Makivik has so we obviously had to arrange a price and obviously had to agree on shared prices and that kind of stuff. That is where the negotiations are. Trying to analyze those shared prices but the 1.1 Million was calculated based on a debt that Makivik has into this and we have taken 1/3 of it. I hope that answers the two questions. I am not sure if there are other questions for me, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. 1.1 Million dollars is a lot of money to be invested in someone else's debts. That is just a comment. But my question is to the Minister of Culture. How long will the boat be in Nunatsiavut and how many trips will there be in Nunatsiavut?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Deputy Minister just eluded to, they do have a schedule that is going now and I believe for this year, there will be two trips but if we do form a partnership, we will be looking for more. Your second part was? Sorry.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Sorry, Mr. Speaker. My first question was how long will this

boat stay in Nunatsiavut once it comes here and how many trips, I think you answered the how many trips part but I am asking those trips; how long will they be in duration?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: I take it that you are asking in each community. Okay, that is yet to be decided. They will not be stopping in every community, it is just the time frame is not there and that is something that we are going to have to work out with them. If we partner, we will be on the board and, obviously, we will have more say in when and where they will be going and the times. The details will be worked out when we actually partner with them, if. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Culture as well. What Corporation or wing or arm of this Government will hold title over that 1/3 stake? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I have said earlier, the tourism aspect of it is my main concern and I think Minister Shiwak would be the more appropriate person to answer that question. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education or Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Seeing this is a partnership in a corporation, the only Corporation that we do have that would do this partnership would be the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: I appreciate the Minister of Culture's comments out of the aspect that his most concern is with tourism, but we have to call a spade a spade here. This is a business opportunity. This is using money to acquire a stake in a business. This is business, although it happens to be tourism. We cannot call this tourism; we have to call this Economic Development or business as such. For example; Post Mill Lumber is a business. Just because they are into trees does not mean that they are in forestry. This is a business and I would just like to caution this Assembly that we are in the dark here. We have no indication as a Deputy Minister and as the Minister eluded to earlier that we do not have the ability to put numbers in front of this group right here and justify this and talk about exactly what the profitability potential of this company is, what those cash flows happen to be. Again, it looks like that we are in the dark acquiring some else's debt for potential related to tourism and I understand that we will and we need to be in tourism but to me, I would just like to caution this Assembly of actually how much of the money we are talking about here or there. It is going to be in some way, shape or form funneled into the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation. This Assembly's main focus should not be to subsidize

companies that are amalgamated into one group that cannot work. I just caution us loosely to throw around our votes here today to things that we do not understand and if such a proposal was ever put as it was to us to bank or to a lending institution for 1.1 Million dollars. You would be laughed out the door. Thank you very much.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair Recognizes the AngajukKak for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Now, my question is again to the Minister of Tourism. Which communities are going to be left out of this cruise and how will you call it a tourism package for Nunatsiavut if you are leaving out communities in Nunatsiavut? Every community in Nunatsiavut is gearing up somewhat toward this tourism and if you are investing 1.1 Million dollars into a Cruise ship and it is going to leave out communities, how could you call it a Nunatsiavut cruise?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the AngajukKak from Rigolet, there will be no communities left out. What I has said was that they will not go to each community, every community every time. If they go to Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet the first trip, they will hit Hopedale and Nain the next trip or vice versa. They would not be left out. It is just that they would not get five of them at once on one trip and this is something that we, if we go that far, it is something that we will have to talk about with them, which one is best, which one is to go when and these details will have to be

worked out but there will be no community left out, no communities left out. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: My question is directed to our witness while we have him at the table. This 1.1 Million dollars for a 1/3 stake in this company, this particular vessel is the long term debt associated with Makivik Corporation in relation to the purchase of that vessel or is this a lease vessel and then, therefore; that debt because of losses? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Deputy Minister of Finance and Human Resources.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I am able to, I will answer the Honorable Member from Upper Lake Melville, but there are a couple of comments that I wish to add to if I am allowed, but I will start with the question that the Honorable Member from Upper Lake Melville asked; the debt that is the inside or the rest inside Makivik. It is a leased vessel. The \$3.3 million is associated to operating costs as we stated. The key point to this operation has been showing huge increases in revenue potential. I can tell you that the long term goal of Makivik Corporation is for us to be involved as well as to own the vessel. We have made that interest because you want to have access to assets and that is part of the negotiation, to ensure that all parties on the table are on the same operating assumption. It is no good to go into a partnership arrangement where one party feels the ways to move in one manner and another

party wishes to follow in another manner. That is not going to work and that is part of the negotiations. If I could add a comment to the question from the Member or the AngajukKak from Rigolet. The point is that we have asked about tourism in the communities and the stops in the communities. That is what peaks our interests in being involved in the cruise industry. When we are involved in the cruise, we have some say as to where the vessel stops and when they stop. If we do not have an ownership, we do not have a stake. Then we are at the will of the other owners and they may wish to stop in Rigolet or Nain, or they may wish to stop anywhere. They want a say as to the Cruise Industry in the Northern regions. That is their whole thought of partnering with us and Qikitani. The Inuit have a say as to how the Cruise Industry operates in the North, not somebody else and that is the idea that we like. We want to have a say and we cannot have a say if we do not know that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Well, more of a comment and may be a question to anyone who wants to answer. It's clear then, we are buying the losses in a very young company. I believe that the Minister had told us the company was approximately four years old. In three years, they have lost, or at least, they have 3.3 Million Dollars worth of long term debt unsettled because of our investment of 1.1 Million Dollars. With all the cautionary flags that were thrown up by the Deputy Minister and his presentations of activities of the Labrador Inuit Development

Corporation with the support of the Minister, we see mounting losses. We do not see many lights at the end of the tunnel. I find it hard to support the fact that we finally get the 12 Million dollar windfall and we want to invest more in LIDC which is losing money and worst of all in an investment that is in the hole. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that there are some questions here that are not really questions but sounds like a question. I am not meaning it as one, but who is going to develop the Tourism Industry in the North. Are we going to be reactionary about this and let others come in from Canada and the United States and bring their cruise ships with them and profit off the resources of the North? Or are Inuit from Nunavik, Nunavut and Nunatsiavut going to stand, step up this time? We are committed to that and in their early years, the Member who is a very intelligent and finance minded guy that you know, when you invest in something the profit is not immediate. If it is immediate, then it is usually harder and more expensive to get into. This is a venture, not only about cruise, but it is about taking control of resources in the North. The Ministers have not mentioned this but certainly was a part of this discussion. It is being here, being the Government's of the North and having control, having control of water and land, and we even have to look at bigger agreements about marine and about taking control of shipping through the Northwest Passage, shipping that takes place adjacent to Inuit Nunat. So, it is about those kinds of things. I

hope that Members will agree that the 1.1 Million dollars in getting control of a huge growing industry in the Arctic and around the Circumpolar, as well. This seems to be where the cruising industry and the tourism industry are expanding into the north very much so and it will enquire some investment. It is about having control and I think that there is more information that could be made available to members. The last year of this venture, Makivik made a small profit. Correct me, witness; Mr. Speaker, if the witness will confirm what I believe here. In fact, Makivik made a profit last year, given a very small one. This is about taking control of something that is growing. We see in the National Park this year looks like what I have seen. There is a boat owner from St. John's that is going to depart Nain every couple of weeks with tourists on board and again, it is someone from St. John's that will benefit from this. There are other cruises in the North that come from overseas like the German companies. They do cruise to Greenland, Alaska and along Northern Labrador as well. What do we want to have a control of? Be a part of it or again let someone else develop an industry for us in our land and profit?

Mr. Broomfield: I would like to recognize the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Actually, I think the First Minister answered what I was going to say, so I will let you move on to the next individual. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: I would like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to expand on what the First Minister said. I agree 100% with what he said about taking control of our own resources, our own land in the North. As a department, we are getting phone calls and emails from outside companies and they are wondering what is going on. If we do not start taking control of these ourselves, they are just going to move in left and right and take over like it was in the old days. We have to say that we are doing our own and we are trying to strategize for ourselves. Some are saying that we are going to have to get back to them or they will get back to us. I believe that we do have to make the move now or they are just going to start coming. This is just a comment. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Let me pay the First Minister with a compliment as he gave one to me. Nobody can dispute at anything that you are saying, First Minister. When you speak to things like this you have quite a talent for speaking well and saying what everybody would love to hear about the Inuit stepping up and about us taking control. What I would just like to say is that, although well said by the First Minister does not nullify the fact that we still have no information in front of us. We have no idea anything about this company nor does 1/3 in a company may or may not, maybe I don't know cause we don't have money, make money, sometime in the future maybe and may include maybe some communities or all communities of Nunatsiavut and we may be able to lobby to have more presence down Nunatsiavut as opposed to the North. It

does not dispute the fact that we are still in the blind here and are being asked to put a large sum of money again, as so many of these items in this proposal happen to be towards LIDC. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Tourism Development Fund; \$925,000.00. The Chair recognizes the Member of Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: My question will be directed to the Minister of Culture, again with these items being lumped under tourism. I am seeing we are starting to blur the line between Economic Development and Tourism and rightly so in some cases. Tourism is showing off at what we have, what our assets are as being from Nunatsiavut, our people and our culture, our resources, our hunting, our fishing, and all of that but there is a dollar side to it, of course as well. This particular Tourism Department Fund; Am I right in assuming that this will be accessed by the Inuit Community Governments as opposed to small outfit ventures, outfitters, entrepreneurs, as was the last development fund for Economic Development?

Mr. Pottle: Point of Order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Member for Canada will state his Point of Order.

Mr. Pottle: I do not mean to interrupt the Member for Upper Lake Melville, but we seem to have moved into Tourism Development Fund from Cruise North Investment and I do not believe that that debate has been concluded. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. As the Chair of the Committee, I did conclude the debate. The issue was going back and forth with the same answers coming back and I felt that we needed to move on as a Committee and address Tourism Development.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. Speaker: Before you move on, I would like to propose an amendment to the Cruise North Investment that is why I believe it was not finished and I did not hear you, as Chair, say that debate was concluded on Cruise North Investment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Before we deal with an amendment to the previous clause of the Bill, given the fact that I did not officially recognize the debate to be closed, we will take a short break and recess for five minutes.

Mr. Broomfield: Good morning. I would like to call the Committee back to order. I will just make a ruling on a Point of Order raised by the Member for Canada. His Point of Order is well taken. We will revisit the Cruise North Investment that we were discussing. Are there any more comments? The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: My comment that I like to direct at Minister of Tourism and Culture. This 1.1 Million dollars that you are investing to pay off or help pay off a debt to Makivik. Was there any thought in investing a cruise ship or a boat for Nunatsiavut? Was there any thought of investing that 1.1 Million dollars in our vessel for tourism?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regards to investing 100% Nunatsiavut owned one at this point. No, there was not. This opportunity came up and as we had said earlier, we think that it would be a good investment each year as the Deputy Finance Minister said. Some people have a problem with investing in some debt and think that it is going to be there forever but, as the Deputy Minister of Finance mentioned earlier, each year it is more positive and maybe later on down the road when we can stay with this one, maybe we will start investing in our own then and some of the smaller operators within Nunatsiavut. We had a tourism conference awhile ago and they are talking about getting bigger vessels and getting into it themselves and to me, that would be just as important for individual operations from Nunatsiavut as it is for the Nunatsiavut Government itself. I say that because whether they are employed with the Nunatsiavut Government or whether they are self-employed, the monies will stay in Nunatsiavut. We will get revenues from these people and jobs whether they are with a partner or with our own individual beneficiaries. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Minister. Are there any more comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Just a point of clarification, Mr. Speaker. You are asking for comments and I said before that the House recessed. I do have an amendment to propose. I would like to know whether or not this is a time, or would you like me to hold off until you

receive any more comments from the House? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: An amendment can be proposed at any time in the Committee or during the second reading, so if the First Minister has an amendment to propose he can propose it at any time. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In point of clarification, I am not the First Minister as I believe the First Minister is going to point out. I am the ordinary Member for Canada. I would like to propose an amendment to this Bill. Mr. Speaker, I moved seconded by the AngajukKak for Rigolet that the schedule to Bill 2008-04 Supplementary Budget Act 2008 be amended under the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation and that this clause be deleted in its entirety and that the 1.1 Million Dollars proposed to invest in this initiative be reverted back to a Constituency Fund so that there are dollars available for future tourism and economic development. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, and I apologize for referring to you as the First Minister, it is my mistake. The motion to amend Tourism, Culture and Recreation, Cruise North to delete the Cruise North Investment of 1 Million 1 Hundred Thousand dollars is in order and I would offer the Member for Canada an opportunity to make his opening remarks.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I have listened to the rationale for this proposal and I am not comfortable with some of the responses that I have had

with that. I cannot, in all consciousness, approve that 1.1 Million dollars to be given to the Makivik Corporation who demanded that investment in order to conclude the negotiations to this proposed partnership. Mr. Speaker, I believe that, as elected officials of this Assembly, we have a duty to ensure that dollars are spent in a fiscally responsible manner. I do not see this as being fiscally responsible as the Minister for Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the Minister for Education and Economic Development has reiterated, they believe that this is good idea. Ideas come and go. We all have ideas from time to time but I believe those ideas should be more substantive and have more depth and clearer answers before we commit to spending 1.1 Million dollars in giving control of Inuit dollars to a company like the Makivik Corporation when the Nunatsiavut Assembly or the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism will have no say on how these dollars are to be spent. There is no guarantee that this cruise ship owned by Cruise North will come to Nunatsiavut and spend time in Nunatsiavut. We are giving control to the Makivik Corporation vis-a-vis Cruise North to make that decision which they believe would be in the best interest of the Labrador Inuit without the Labrador Inuit having a say on the matter. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I hope, and it is my wish, that each and every Member of this Assembly can vote with a clear conscience so that you can go home and sleep tonight knowing that the dollars that you are proposing to give away to a Corporation like Makivik is out of our control. I have a duty and an obligation to the Inuit of Nunatsiavut that the dollars that we spend, as I previously said, is spent in a fiscally responsible

manner and I do not see this proposal as so. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The floor is open to debate. Each Member will have an opportunity to speak once if they wish to do so. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Nain.

Ms. Erickson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker: I support the Cruise North Investment as one of the communities in Nunatsiavut that see the cruise ship come in, and have spoken to some people from Cruise North and what they do. I think that this is a worthwhile investment. I can go home and sleep at night knowing that I voted to invest in Cruise North because that means bringing business into our community and another avenue that we can show just what we have in Nunatsiavut. Another outlet for our people in our communities is to show what they have to offer to the people that come in on these boats. It is an investment, and I think that it is an investment, not only in the company but it is an investment in our communities and the tourism industry that it would bring in.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. From, I think that it is somewhere around fish Cove Point, but it is Inuit land from that particular point; the Southern area of Land Claims Agreement, along the whole coast of Nunatsiavut, around Cape Chidley, all around Ungava Bay, all that Northern Quebec land that is controlled under the Land Claims Agreement. At this time the Land Claims Organization for that

area, because they do not have self Government, is Makivik Corporation. As well, in the Eastern Arctic, Baffin Island, that whole area is land that is under a Land Claims Agreement. The Land Claims Organization in that area is Nunavik Tungavik Incorporated. So, between the three groups, potential shareholders in this agreement and in this Cruise North venture, the land controlled by the three Land Claims Organizations, and there is no other ports anywhere else that cruise ships could come to visit without coming to an agreement. So, there is some monopoly there for Inuit and some opportunity for us to take control of an industry, a rapidly growing industry that has already started to show profit and great potential. As well, Mr. Speaker, it is not a habit of the Governments to bring to the table the full-blown in proportions, the negotiations. Some of them have to be done in confidence and I am sure that members agree that many times, the negotiations are done in confidence and there have been some sharing of that. Members should also remember that this negotiation is not yet complete. How much control we will have from our percentage is still not determined. Be assured that from what we have heard from both Ministers, partnerships will be equal and we will have just as much say at the table as Makivik and NTI. There is no reason to suspect that we will be under the control of Makivik. I think the Member for Canada's fears are ill-founded. We have a relationship with the Inuit of Nunavik and Nunavut and this has become one of positiveness and working together to accomplish things for the North for our people as Inuit of Canada. I rave that we are on the right track in moving forward with such ventures. I believe that, Mr. Speaker, it

is an opportunity. Members want to stand up for Nunatsiavut and stand up for the Inuit of Canada. They should only see this as a very positive step forward in supporting this venture. This is not about paying off the debt of Makivik Corporation. This is about a partnership, and through the negotiations it was determined what the investment would be. Makivik wanted nothing more than to recover their loss in this investment. Perhaps they could have asked for more, but they are anxious to partner because they see the great tourist potential of Nunatsiavut. To be a part of that, we have so much more to look at than Nunavik where there are a lot of bald rock along their landscape but how beautiful Nunatsiavut is compared to much of what you will see in Northern Quebec and Nunavut, not to mention the communities and the culture that we have that is similar but different to Nunavut and Nunavik. How we have moved forward is important. The people of Makivik have been around for awhile and they have made many successful ventures. It will make this venture three times as strong when you have a control of land and being able to determine what rights cruise ships will have and what they can do, and how we will support them when they arrive in Nunatsiavut, and that is there for us. I also believe the \$1.1 Million is a small investment in this potential to build our tourism industry. I think that to support the amendment, Mr. Speaker, would be a reactionary move. Our people have gone into this negotiation for over a year. Makivik is not asking that we make a contribution before the negotiation can reach the final stage but they want to understand that we are serious in moving forward. They want to be certain. They are wasting their time and they do not have any

money. What is the purpose of furthering this negotiation? Now, we are able to say 'yes, we have the money', and should we reach a successful negotiation we will become a partner. By saying yes to this 1.1 Million dollars, this Assembly is not saying yes to an agreement. What you are saying to the Minister of Culture, Tourism and Recreation is 'yes, the money is there'. Should you achieve a successful negotiation, the Assembly will be made aware of that successful negotiation. We will say that today, Mr. Speaker before the Minister signs off on that successful agreement, we will make aware to the Members of the Assembly the Terms of the Agreement. The Agreement is not concluded but this gives the opportunity for our negotiating team to move forward and to tell Makivik and NTI that we are looking forward to coming to an agreement, we are looking forward to developing the Cruise Industry in the North, in the whole land of the Inuit to Eastern Canada and Nunavik and we look forward to having control. I think that it is a huge step forward and that we can enjoy another agreement among Inuit. I have to say, Mr. Speaker, that there are so few that we have ever come together on. I can think of one that we did come together on.

Mr. Broomfield: I will ask the Honorable Minister to conclude his remarks.

Mr. Andersen: Okay. I will, Mr. Speaker. Just to give one example of how we came together on the North Warning Radar sites. The Early Warning systems are on Inuit land across the North and they were controlled by the Department of Defense and companies from the outside. We came

together as Inuit from Canada and said that we were going to take some control over this and we did. We demanded the Government of Canada that we share the profits since they were using Inuit land. The Government of Canada listened and each region now profit financially to the tune of just less than a Million dollars a year. Somewhere along those line, the many jobs and the training opportunities have been made available to Nasittuq. That is an example of Inuit coming together and taking control. Here is another opportunity where we may do so, Mr. Speaker. I ask members to defeat this proposed amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The First Minister said a lot that what I was going to say. The one thing that the Minister for Canada, the representative from Canada, said was that they will not come into Nunatsiavut. We partnered with them and they have no other choice but to come into Nunatsiavut. About giving control to Makivik, Makivik will not have control. If we are partners, we have to have some say in what is going to be going on. Looking at this from an economic point, the craftspeople in all the communities will benefit and the local shops will benefit. The overall economy, jobs on the vessel itself, these are all positives and I always said ‘where can we create employment? What can benefit the communities?’ I think that this is a good thing. As the AngajukKak from Nain said earlier, she is more than glad to see something come into her community and show what our communities are all about. As I said,

when we can benefit from this through economic development and jobs on the vessel and the shops in town, I cannot help but support it. Obviously seeing that I am putting it through. Thank you very much.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to just say that when this was to come about, Minister Shiwak called me up and asked me if I would like to take a cruise with Cruise North up from Resolute Bay up to Ungava Bay and he kind of explained what was happening there. We were looking at venturing with Nunavut and Nunavik. I accepted and we went up and met with the guys on the ship. We came down from Resolute right on through and saw their part of the world for the first time. They explained what everything was about and it was a good experience. It was something that Inuit, for the first time in my life or being with Nunatsiavut that I saw potential that all of our groups could work together. The comments that the Inuit had from the tourists was unreal. They would sit at a gathering after the events of the day and a lot of them were good remarks. A lot of Inuit people spoke and the tourists could not wait to book for another year because of Inuit presence on this ship. They said this was one of the best and to have your people on this ship and speak to other cultures. They really could connect with the Inuit and have thousands of questions. Darryl can tell you that it was something that the Inuit people who were on that ship could tell you that it was something that the Inuit people can do. We can make this

happen but we are not going to make it happen if we do not work together. The other thing is, when this cruise ship is finished in the North, this does not mean that we are not going to make any money off of it, because from there she goes down to Antarctica where she does the cruise lines. It is a year-round basis thing. Even though they are not in Nunatsiavut or in the North during the winter months and if this comes into effect, we will then be making money from South America or Antarctica. This is a good potential and it is time that we start, as Inuit people, to start taking control of the things that we can. This is our land. That is all I have to say for now. I really support and believe that this is a good investment. Thank you.

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

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No doubt we all have pride in our communities. That is evident by everything that we hear every day by everybody around this table. Everybody is proud of their communities. We all have culture in our communities and as the First Minister said, this is a very small investment. Various people speaking, various Ministers talking about economic opportunities, small investment jobs. I must remind this room that we have no information on what the potential is, none at all absolutely nothing. And when we talk about a third of the stake in any corporation, you talk about a third of the access of jobs. You talk about a third of the profits and you talk about a third of the control over the entity that it is, and also we'll have the control over a third of the amount of stops that this vessel

makes. Then, all of the five communities within Nunatsiavut will have to pit themselves against what the offerings of all the communities of the North are available. Then that will determine how many stops that boat makes and how many people get affected. If we have shown anything with our track record of Economic Development within the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation, we have shown this: We have shown that we have uncanny ability to make everybody else rich besides ourselves and we have the uncanny ability to make sure that the jobs that we do get for the Inuit are the cooking and the cleaning, not the good jobs. I will tell you that right now and I have seen it time and time again. You mentioned the North Warning System. Where is the control in our company Nasittuq? It is not by the Inuit. We have created an illusion if we think that. Who are the Management of Pan Arctic Inuit Logistics (PAIL)? Who are the Management of Nasittuq? Only by me screaming as a Director of PAIL before did we even get somebody in management, finally. Only one individual, only one young person. So, let us not kid ourselves. The First Minister speaks very well. The AngajukKak from Nain speaks for concern of her community. All very well. Everybody understands that and nobody can debate that. This still does not address the fact that we have no real information about this. It is up to each and every one of us if you solely want to take the word of those that represent Labrador Inuit Development Corporation, then so be it. For me, I have no confidence there, none. I have seen it, have seen the inner workings. I have seen that we have been exploited. Take the Voisey's Bay Construction

Project. I have seen massive amounts of revenue and profit come from our joint venturing process when we engage with other people. What happened? They get the lion's share; we get to scrape the bottom of the barrel for what is left. We certainly do not get all these jobs and this is not one big magical love-in as it appears to be by the story telling that we are hearing around this table. That being said, we do not have the information to make a good decision here today. I will tell you that, and I will go back to my earlier reference about the fact that, if you come in with this much information looking for 1.1 Million dollars from any other official source, you would not get it. You would not even be close. You would be sent back and request information like the forecasting that our Deputy Minister of Finance talked about, like projections and like what are their plans. The AngajukKak from Rigolet asked how can we, what kind of assurability do we have when these boats are going to come into these communities on a regular schedule, and that they will be making stops, and we will have equal say. That is unknown at this point, too many unknowns. When I look at all of the proposals that we have made on this Bill today, all the one's that came from the Executive Council, I am not seeing that big of a commitment to the youth, the elders, to helping people in need. I am not seeing that. We are speaking about an economic opportunity and we have spent millions and we are proposing today to spend millions to pour back into the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation when the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation is not working. We can talk about all the lovely benefits all we want. We are pouring money back into the Labrador Inuit Development

Corporation on a risk for a third of control, for a third of the debt as was clearly illustrated by the Deputy Minister of Finance, and me, for one, I agree in supporting communities, I certainly do and I agree in jobs and there are ways to do that. You get the right people in the right positions in this Government and the right people hired in the positions in the civil services and you can have that without taking on risk and without having to make blind decisions in the dark as we are going to do here today. I can in no way shape or form support this and, first and foremost, let me say one thing in closing, Mr. Speaker. I would love to work with everybody within Nunatsiavut and outside of Nunatsiavut in order to better things for the Inuit, but the people that elected me to this position are from outside of Nunatsiavut, from Upper Lake Melville; from Mud Lake through Goose Bay, through on to North West River. We have seen no investment there. We are not even with what I approximate to be a third of the total membership of Labrador Inuit, we are not even included in the tourism strategy with the beauty and the pride that we have in our communities and the culture that we have to offer. We're not even included in this tourism strategy. So, on the financial side, this is a complete unknown. I have no figures and nothing in front of me to make an educated decision on this issue. Secondly, ...

Mr. Broomfield: I would like the Member to conclude his remarks.

Mr. Russell: In conclusion, secondly, when we are not taken into all beneficiaries best interests in account in a tourism strategy that only adds to the fact and compounds to the fact that I

cannot support blindly allocating 1.1 Million dollars towards something when we simply can't. We have no wiggle room to even support the elders, and the tourism and the economic development opportunities of the third of the Inuit in Upper Lake Melville. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education.

Mr. Shiwak: I appreciate all the comments that are made around the table and I see the frustration with regards to Economic Development. I would like to make some clarifications. I think that I made a few remarks earlier that confused some people. With regards to who would handle this investment, I said the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation. The Nunatsiavut Government would not enter into an investment like this because of their own source revenue and because it is paying taxes on it. You will more likely be the new capital strategy trust that would invest in this or some form of it. Another clarification. Makivik did not demand 1.1 Million dollars from us. It was estimated by our Financial Department that 1.1 Million dollars was 1/3 of the debt of Makivik into the company and that we would need 1.1 Million dollars. We would need the assurance that we have 1.1 Million dollars for the negotiations with Makivik to conclude the deal. They are not demanding that we have our 1.1 Million dollars. We only have 1.1 Million dollars to further the negotiations with Makivik. I support this deal with Cruise North. I think that this is a good deal for the Inuit of Nunatsiavut. We are investing in the company and we will

become owners with the company. We will have a say in how it comes into our communities, how it comes in Nunatsiavut, how we interact with the communities. It shows that it is a partnership with the company that has already started, that they care about the communities, and how tourists and cruise ships come into the communities. The cruise ships are coming but they are coming on their own terms. This gives the Inuit a chance to show and set a standard on how we want cruising to be done in the North from Nunatsiavut up to Nunavut. I would just say that I support a partnership with Makivik, Quebec and Cruise North and I think that we should further our negotiations into this company and try to get a deal done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think it was the Minister of Health who said that the tour boats or the tourists on the boats came into our land and said, 'Oh, what a beautiful land we have.' Greg, that land is going to be there for another 100 Million years and it is still going to be more beautiful. My point, and I am supporting this here, is that there are communities in Nunatsiavut that are not even geared up to help or get into the Tourism Industry. I will take my community, for instance. We do not even have accommodations in our community to take in tourists. Nunatsiavut beneficiaries are crying out, asking for help financially to get into the tourism business and what you are saying is 'no'. We have no money for you to start up businesses but we do have money to give to other Inuit

organizations outside of Nunatsiavut. We have money for them, but what about the beneficiaries in Nunatsiavut? Who are they to turn to? They cannot turn to the Provincial Government, the Provincial Government will not help them. The Nunatsiavut Government, as far as I could see in all this, are hiring more consultants. The consultants are getting more money. Every time you turn a page, we are going to get a consultant. We are going to get a consultant for this. We are going to get a consultant for that. Why can't the Nunatsiavut Government say to the beneficiaries, after all this is the beneficiaries' money and not the Nunatsiavut Government's money that came out of royalties from the Voisey's Bay Nickel. We asked for 20 to 30 thousand dollars from the Nunatsiavut Government to help with tourism. They said, "Nah! We cannot do that. We would rather give it away." Give it to a consultant to see if he can get into tourism, give it to someone else. That is the way it is and that is the way it has been, not just with the Nunatsiavut Government. I think with the Provincial Government. The Nunatsiavut Government is taking a page right out of the Provincial Government as far as helping Northern Labrador. Northern Labrador has always struggled and I am seeing the trend again today that we are still going to be struggling. 12 Million dollars is a lot of money and this money came out of the Voisey's Bay Nickel Company from the royalties. It was earmarked for the beneficiaries but the individual beneficiary cannot get anything, not a cent. How is putting 1.1 Million dollars into a cruise ship that we do not know about, going to float, pardon the pun, in another 2 to 3 years? Did the Nunatsiavut beneficiaries

accumulate this debt that Makivik has? I do not think so. Are we giving Makivik these 1.1 Million dollars so that we can negotiate in good faith and so that we can get a deal with them? My bottom line is; if you are going to invest in tourism or whatever it may be, for example the Economic Development, give the beneficiaries a chance to get into the tourism business. 1.1 Million dollars could do a hell of a lot. Excuse my language, Mr. Speaker. This could do a lot for the five communities, even the whole Nunatsiavut beneficiaries to get into business be it Tourism or Economic Development. This is like being shot down again. That is what I feel like. The beneficiaries in Nunatsiavut are going to say, "Where's my money for tourism, how can I get into the tourism business, I cannot get any money?" We gave it all away to the consultants and to all outside communities and outside interests hoping the they will come into our communities and spend \$10 to \$20 a head on a pair of slippers. It is so hurtful. It hurts me and it is going to hurt a lot of beneficiaries in Nunatsiavut or the beneficiaries of the Land Claims Agreement and I cannot and will not support Cruise North Investment of 1.1 Million dollars when the Nunatsiavut beneficiaries are out there crying for help. I cannot do that. Thank you very much.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, each member has an opportunity to speak once if they wish to do so. The Chair recognizes the President.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have been listening to those arguments and comments for the last half hour or so. I think Economic

Development in our region is one of the things we need most. Since 1949 when we became part of the province of Newfoundland, there had not been any improvements in our areas at all in any region. I think it is about time to take control of our own destiny. We have to take risks and start spending money. If we do not start taking risks in things, we will not get anywhere. We will be in the same boat we were always in. We have operated as the Labrador Inuit Association since 1974 and there have not been any real improvements or anything really happened. They did not have the money to do anything. We have the money now to start doing things to improve the lives of our people, our beneficiaries. As Danny said about someone spending \$20 on a pair of slippers, I think that is great - putting money into a community and putting money into the people's pockets. Consultants are required so that we can make sure that we are doing the right thing. We have been operating for the last 40 years without consultants and where are we? We are no further ahead than we were in 1949. This opens up the whole region, the whole of Labrador, the whole world. Let the world know who we are, what we are, what we have, bring people in; spend their money in our communities. I think the Economic Development is one of the major things that we have to look at as a Government. I certainly support the 1.1 Million dollars for the Cruise North, any Economic Development, whether it is big or small. We would not be putting this forward if we did not think it was the right thing to do. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. President. I will offer the floor to the

Member for Canada to make his concluding remarks.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I, like the President, had for the last half hour had the ability or had the opportunity to listen to people's opinions as varied as they are on this matter. Mr. Speaker, I am still not comfortable and I have no assurances from our Ministers and their experts that this investment of 1.1 Million dollars will guarantee a return on that investment. This proposal, Mr. Speaker, is to assume debt and give control to an outside agency. Negotiations are intended to be entered into in good faith without conditions attached. There is an attachment here. Albeit. A Minister will give you one side of a story and another Minister will give you another side of the story. There seem to be very contradictory answers and opinions to questions that are asked by Members of this Assembly. We have heard some people in this room who are very good at spin doctoring and mincing words. There are more to words. There are more to glorifying and opinion. There needs to be substance to the proposed use of these 1.1 Million dollars which I have not heard and have not gathered enough information. I also have not been given enough answers from the people who are proposing this use of 1.1 Million dollars to give me the comfort level that I need to say yes to this. As the AngajukKak from Rigolet stated and as the President stated, there is a need for Economic Development. There is a need for Economic Development in Nunatsiavut. I believe that if this 1.1 Million dollars was air marked, as the AngajukKak for Rigolet said, the ability for beneficiaries to put tighter proposals to access this 1.1 Million dollars. I believe that this

money should stay and be spent in Nunatsiavut. The Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation at one point state that he cannot assure that this cruise ship will come to Nunatsiavut minimally other than one time this year. Mr. Speaker, I ask this Assembly, how is this one cruise ship, one visit from a cruise ship to Nunatsiavut going to give you a return on 1.1 Million dollars when there may be a handful of tourists coming into our communities, as the AngajukKak for Rigolet stated, and paying you a token \$20 for a pair of slippers. That \$20 is not going to go very far, Mr. Speaker. It may buy the artisan a litre or two of milk, it may buy the artisan 5 lbs. of potatoes. What do they have in return for that? A return to a need and a longing and a desire for more than that which is, I believe Mr. Speaker, the right of each and every Inuk. We talk about investing money that the Inuit are now parted to for giving away a portion of their land visa via Voisey's Bay Development Project. These dollars should go to benefit the Inuit of Nunatsiavut and this money should stay in this Land Claims area for future investments that cannot be proven that our economically viable and fiscally responsible than this eerie furie for a lack of a better word, Mr. Speaker, proposed use of spending 1.1 Million dollars. Why not let the Inuit of Nunatsiavut be the consultants? Why, as the AngajukKak for Rigolet stated, should we time and time again give away our dollars to people from the outside who will continue to come in and say that they know what is best for us Inuit? That tells me that these people believe that we do not know what is best for us. It is still a colonial attitude taken by the Kablunat from outside of Nunatsiavut, a continued oppression of

our people. Our people should be given the opportunity to stand alone and once and for all prove to the outside world that we do have the ability to stand on our own two feet. Mr. Speaker, in conclusion again, I reiterate that I see this 1.1 Million dollars be spent frivolously and without any clear plan for investment or a return on those investments. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask each and every Assembly Member to give this thought, deep thought. Think of the implications of the decision and the choices that you are making. The 1.1 Million dollars could be better off invested so that there is, as the AngajukKak from Rigolet stated, an opportunity for beneficiaries to the Nunatsiavut Land Claim Agreement to access some of these dollars that are rightfully Inuit dollars for the trade off, for the land that we have given and for the development of the Voisey's Bay Project. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. We have heard the motion come forward, we have heard the debate, and we have heard the concluding remarks from the Members. It is very clear to me that consensus will not be unanimous. Before we have a vote on the Motion, we will break for lunch and return at 1:30 p.m. and when we return, we will vote on the Motion on the floor. So, we will reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Broomfield: Good afternoon, everyone. I would like to call the Committee back to order. The first item that we have to address is the Motion introduced by the Member for Canada that was seconded by the AngajukKak for Rigolet. The Motion proposes to delete the Cruise North investment of 1 Million, 100 Thousand dollars and this 1

Million, 100 Thousand dollars be reverted back to a Contingency Fund to ensure that there are dollars for future tourism initiatives. By a show of hands, I would like to know the number of Members in favor of supporting this Motion. Thank you. By a show of hands, I would like to know the number of Members who do not support this Motion. By a vote of 5 Members in favor of the Motion, 10 Members opposed to the Motion. The motion is not carried. Thank you. This will conclude the debate on Cruise North investment. We will move on to the Tourism Development fund, \$925,000.00. Are there any comments? The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Postville.

Mr. Decker: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. This Tourism Development Fund. Is this for new business, people getting into the tourism business or existing business?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. These funds are for people that are already in business or that want to start up. This came up very strongly at a tourism conference that we had earlier this year and the entrepreneurs asked if there was anything that we were going to do to try and help them along with their businesses or help them get started up. It came out very strong so that is why we have this proposal to try and help them. I guess to go a little further with that, a couple, and the Cruise North investment ones, a couple of people brought up ‘What about businesses and whatever for the communities?’ I wish this one

proposal would have gone before that one because, obviously, you guys would have been aware that there are funds there for new businesses, whether it’s tourism, but there is an Economic Development one also. So, there are funds there for existing businesses or others that would like to start up. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question also directed to the Minister of Culture. For this particular item, are the beneficiaries from Upper Lake Melville excluded once again from accessing these funds? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: As we have stated in our Tourism Nunatsiavut Plan, there is one thing there; that the goal is Economic Development opportunity for people in the communities of Nunatsiavut, including Postville, Makkovik, Rigolet, Hopedale, Nain, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, North West River and Mud Lake. So, it is in there and the door is open. Thank you.

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

Mr. Russell: Thank you for that answer, Mr. Minister. I guess the Tourism Development Fund does not, correct me if I am wrong, allow for the Inuit Community Governments and Community Corporations to access funds for infrastructure to support

tourism access or tourism activities.
Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: As I have just mentioned, the Strategic Plan is open for Upper Lake Melville, North West River and Mud Lake. To what the details is the specifics? I cannot say if it is for infrastructure or if it is just for getting a business started. I will have an answer for you when I find out the details.
Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Any more comments? We will move on to the boardwalk in Rigolet, \$44,000.00. Any comments? We will move on to Rigolet Inuit Community Government; Pamphlets Signage, \$3,500.00. Any comments? Rigolet Inuit Community Government; Environmentally Controlled Units, \$43,000.00. Any comments? Sub-Total for Tourism, \$2,115,500.00. Youth, Elders and Recreation, Hopedale Arena, \$945,000.00. Any comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: I direct my question to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. If you could possibly give me an explanation or an answer to how this \$945,000.00 is intended to be spent if this does come to fruition. How does the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation or the Community of Hopedale intend to offset the operating cost of such a facility? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we all know, the Hopedale Arena was in the works for a few years. They did a lot of work themselves through a Committee and the town. They received funds from the Trust and Corporate Sponsorship from the province, some in kind support. This \$945,000.00 we believe would finish the project and the second part of your question is how and where will we receive the funds for the ongoing operating costs? They will look for other sources for this. The biggest one they had so far was that they would go to their local trust and the local trust is very supportive of this. Last year, they had their outdoor rink up and running. They said that they noticed a big difference in the trouble that was going on in the community. I did receive comments from the youth, their parents and other adults as well. They were making very good use of the rink. They were out there even after dark skating around. Usually after dark is when idle minds or whatever works so that kept a lot of them out of trouble. That in itself, to me and a lot of other people, was a very positive thing. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to add on to what the Minister for Tourism and Recreation is saying. Just to add on a bit for your information. I guess the Hopedale Arena Committee has monies committed. They have close to 1 Million dollars now and probably the AngajukKak can speak about it a little bit later, too. Basically, this \$945,000.00 will ensure that the Arena

comes to Hopedale and hopefully, have it done this fall. For the other part of your question, I think also, and maybe the AngajukKak could speak a little bit more on it, that they are a committee. The Arena will be controlled by the elements besides just a heated room for changing and a bathroom facility. So, the costs after it is up and running is not extreme. It is basically paying a light bill and a few odds and ends and no high costs involved like some other facilities would take on. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Hopedale.

Mrs. Dicker: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, we have \$139,000 in the bank and the Trust has put in \$100,000.00 or the commitment is there for \$300,000.00 and \$300,000.00 from the Province and \$225,000.00 from the Kamatsiatet group, our local group that issues the money from the \$100,000.00. The Town and the Kamatsiatet Committee are the ones that has agreed to do the upkeep of the building and paying the Hydro bills. The ice surface is going to be natural, so we will just need, like the Minister of Health said, the lights and the heat for change rooms and the washrooms. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Are there any other comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of clarification. Between the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, the Minister of Health and Social Development or the AngajukKak for Hopedale, can you give me a total of

those figures? I did not get all the figures that you just shared with the Assembly. It seems to me that what you already have in the bank, in committed investments, would be enough or nearly enough to complete this proposal project. Why is there a need for another \$925,000.00 to support this initiative? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Hopedale.

Mrs. Dicker: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The total of this Arena/ Rink is going to be approximately 2 Million dollars, so we have about 1 Million dollars raised. The amounts that are in the banks are \$139,000.00. From the Trust we have \$300,000.00. From the Province, we have \$300,000.00. From the Kamatsiatet Group, we have \$225,000.00. The last three are committed amounts. Also, the Town is doing the Water and Sewer to the Lot and the Lot is being developed. I cannot give you a price on it because there is a lot of blasting involved so I do not know that is going to be. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Are there any other comments? We will move on to North American Indigenous Games, Contingent \$20,000.00. Any comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Culture, Tourism and Recreation. Is this \$20,000.00 enough to bring the representative to the games, or is this \$20,000.00 a partial support to bringing the delegation to the games?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is not enough to cover the full costs, but we are approaching the Province. We are working with the Province as we are going as a team from Newfoundland and Labrador. There will be some fundraisers. We probably could have gotten enough money to cover the whole costs but we do not want to get involved in setting a precedent that when a team or individuals travel, they are going to get everything paid for. We are thinking that we should give them some responsibility and helping themselves. We will be working with the Province in organizing fundraisers and Corporate Sponsorship. We just want to put some one or the athletes themselves to let them know that everything is not free, to let them know that they have to do a little something, too. It is not a free trip and I know that a lot of them will appreciate that they have to put something into it rather than just 'Here it is, we are fine.' Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Minister for that response. I believe that you already have begun to set a precedent here. You have made reference to the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism yesterday to the hopes of Nunatiavut delegation in the future. What is your answer to this delegation? Again, the next time that there are games, will you have any money to support them in the future or will you outright say no to

them the next time there is a request?
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good question Member for Canada. We will not lie saying an outright 'No'. As you recall, we had an aboriginal hockey team from the province that traveled to the National Championships. We found other sources of money for this, namely the Trust. They are very supportive of the youth, of youth and elders, and we have looked for things for culture and language, that sort of thing. They are very supportive. Let us go back to the youth. Like I said, let us say that when we do go to this Trust for money or monies for any kind of youth trip or project or whatever. It is not a given or neither anything else that they go the Trust for. They are very supportive. As a matter of fact, they give us quite a bit of funds for the eight boys that represented the Newfoundland and Labrador Hockey Team. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Are there any more comments? We will move on to the Multi-Purpose building. Feasibility Project, \$100,000.00. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Nain.

Ms. Erickson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in regards to that money. The Community Government and the AngajukKak, in particular, just do not sit around and talk about how nice their communities are and what wonderful people they have. They actually do work and one of the things that we, as a Community

Government, have been working on over the past five or six years are Multi-Purpose buildings. We have our feasibility projects done, we have our designs done, and this week we had a meeting with Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the Minister. We discussed taking that money and using it in a different cause towards the design and someone to find funding for the building. What is your take on amending that?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Mr. Ponniuk: I am not sure that was a statement or a question. I really do not...

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Nain.

Ms. Erickson: I will put this in the form of a question. I guess the question is; would the Minister propose amending the title of those funds to read 'The Coordinator and a Funding Person' instead of a 'Feasibility Study'?

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, AngajukKak from Nain. I guess that I was at that meeting the other day and as mentioned by the AngajukKak with the Recreation Directors present, these feasibility studies are, and I go back to what I believe what the Member for Upper Lake Melville mentioned, a lot of these consulting and feasibility studies are going on and the money is going elsewhere other than into our

communities. Thank you, Sarah. We will be looking into hiring a staff person to help out with this initiative. In regards to amending it, I am not sure what the procedure is. I do not know. What would be the procedure be to amend or re-word it?

Mr. Broomfield: For your information. Any member would need a Motion to Amend a Clause of the Bill, with a Secunder for that Motion and state exactly what they want to amend. You have that option during the Committee. You also have that option during the Second Reading of the Bill which will follow the Committee Stage. You will need a Motion with a Secunder, and then the issue can be debated by the Assembly. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Nain.

Ms. Erickson: I have a Motion with a Secunder.

Mr. Broomfield: I would advise you to prepare a Motion first. We can do that for the Second Reading. Do you have one prepared? Okay. A Member can introduce a Motion at any time. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Nain.

Ms. Erickson: I move, Seconded by the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, that the funds allocated for the Multi-Purpose building Feasibility Project be reallocated to hiring a coordinator to oversee finding funding sources to act as a liaison for the projects of the Multi-Purpose buildings for all of the five communities.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Motion is in order. Before we proceed any further, I would like to see the

Motion so that I could read it out myself to be clear with it. We will recess for a couple of minutes.

Recess.

Mr. Broomfield: I would like to call the Committee back to order. When we recessed, we had a Motion on the floor. After speaking to the Minister introducing the Motion and a Secunder, I have a clarification to share with the Assembly. I would like to recognize the Member of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. After some consultation, we had a bit of review of her motion. We find that there is enough flexibility in the way it is worded to take care of what her intent was of changing the wording of the motion.

Mr. Broomfield: Are you referring to the AngajukKak for Nain?

Mr. Ponniuk: Yes.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Nain.

Ms. Erickson: Before I rescind the motion, I just want to confirm that there is enough flexibility in there. The Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism said there is enough flexibility for a consultant to be hired to find funding sources for our buildings. That was a question.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Mr. Ponniuk: Yes, there will be funding there. I hired a..., I would not say a consultant..., it probably means the same thing...but I will say a staff person to help with this initiative. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKak for Nain.

Ms. Erickson: Given the information from the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, I would like to rescind my motion.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Motion is rescinded and will not be debated by the Assembly. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I guess this is more of a statement of concern than a question but I do have a question related to my concern. I see another \$100,000.00 to be proposed for another study to determine whether or not Multi – Purpose facilities are feasible in the communities of Nunatsiavut. The Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism just stated that of the proposed \$100,000.00, there will be a person to look for money to support the findings of, I believe this is a study, I stand to be corrected on this. There are no guarantee's that this staff person will find the available money at this point and time, is unknown to the Assembly of what the cost of a Multi – Purpose facility would be for each community and a total overall for the five communities of Nunatsiavut. Are you taking a major risk here and making an assumption that there will be dollars to support Multi- Purpose facilities for each

of the communities? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said earlier, we did have meetings with the AngajukKak and the Recreation Directors. There were feasibility studies and other studies done over the years and I will just give you some background. There were a lot of studies and this stuff done over the years and it was all over the place. Makkovik had, as their Recreation Director said, over \$200,000.00 worth of consultant fees. Postville had some. Rigolet had some. Each community had some, and everything was so inconsistent. What we are trying to do now is to get everyone in the same page in regards to what these Multi-Purpose buildings will look like. We are hoping not to have them exactly the same but pretty close to what will be spent, sort of the layouts of these buildings and sort of a new start so we can all start out at the same level rather than Makkovik, Hopedale, Rigolet or other communities coming up with something. They are all up and down and no consistency at all. In regards to taking a risk, I do not feel that we are taking a risk. At this meeting, we had the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs from the Province sitting with us and we had good discussions. We found that if we could come up with five proposals at this point and, if everyone would be on the same page, she mentioned that it would be a lot easier to go to the Provincial Government to get some money for this type of thing if it was consistent throughout, rather than come with five

different proposals. It would be easier to access funds. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, my question is to the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Thank you for sharing that information and that background information but I still have concerns, albeit. If this feasibility study finds that there is a need for Multi-Purpose facilities in our communities, there is still no guarantee that the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador is going to give you the money to put up that building. This is purely speculation and an assumption that the money will be there. There is no commitment made from the Province at this time from what I hear you saying. I believe that the province is asking for a proposal or a plan. Once they have that in their hand, then they will make a decision on the matter. There is no guarantee that this study will produce anything other than a document that comes out with recommendations and no way of funding. The recommendation that would be found in such a study. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The first thing that I would like to say is, you mentioned if the study is done and if there is a need for Multi-Purpose facilities. Everyone here knows that there is a need for Multi-Purpose facilities in our communities. I just want to get that out of the way. So if there is a need, there is a need and we all know

there is a need. In regards to funds from the Province, in speaking with Minister Pottle, it is an ideal time to go to the Province with something like this. There are some 90-10 funding there, 90% from the Province, 10% from us whether it is through the Trust or some other source. It is not 100% guaranteed. There is nothing 100% guaranteed, but I am 99% sure that if we come through with this study, when I will not say, we are sure that there is a need for these buildings. We can go to the Province with the funding subsidy they have in place. To me, it's a given. I am very confident in this. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Minister, again, for that response. I am glad that you do have confidence that there would be money there but I caution you that there are five communities in Nunatsiavut. There are, I do not know how many other communities are within the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, that we would be looking to access these dollars. I can say that it would be 90-10 contribution, 90 by the Province and 10 by the communities. There is nothing to say and I do not dispute the fact that yes there is a need for Multi-Purpose facilities in each of our communities. There is no guarantee that a feasibility study is going to come out and say that, what is being proposed or what the findings of the study would say, it is cost-effective to put these high cost facilities in each of the communities. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to speak in support of the Minister. Clearly as he said, there is a need and we are all aware of that, Mr. Speaker, recognizing that need and trying to respond to it. We are under some pressure to respond. Anyone who has attended youth symposiums in the last five years will agree with me that we are under tremendous pressure from the youth to respond, as well from other groups in the communities, for such Centres. However, we want to move forward in a very responsible way to make sure that these buildings are feasible and when they are built, there will be adequate staff. There will be resources within the communities to support the upkeep and programming that goes along with such buildings. So, I think that what the Minister is proposing is responsible and I hope that the AngajukKak has agreed with or had some understanding from that session this week. As well as part of this feasibility project, this will determine levels of need in the communities and I hope that it will set priorities. It is a project that could take some time before we see actual community Centres in each and every community, but I think it is a start. It is a good start where the towns or the Inuit Community Governments will work with the Minister and his department to ensure that we respond to the needs of each and every community, respond to the youth ensuring that these buildings are put in place; and that communities, Inuit Community Governments or Recreation Departments have resources, not only to pay for the light bill and the upkeep of the buildings, but to ensure that there is

staff that can advance recreation programs within communities. So, I think, Mr. Speaker that pretty much is the plan. This week, the Minister was looking for support from the Inuit Community Governments in moving that plan forward. I agree with the Minister for Canada that there is no absolute guarantee that these things will get funding from the Province or Canada or private companies, but we will have a plan in place. We will address the needs of our communities and work towards that end.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Are there any more comments? The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Chair. There is one thing that I would like to add. In speaking with Minister Pottle earlier this week, we realize that there are some royalties coming from the Province. Last year, I would have sort of had a little more doubt but there are approximately 290 Million dollars coming from royalties from Voisey's Bay to the Province and as I said to her, that much money coming from right on our doorstep. There is a better chance for them to give support than there was before Voisey's Bay was on line. Like I said, they are taking 290 Million dollars from right there and she said 'yes, that is right' and they are willing to put funds back into the communities. They are taking this out, so they are willing to put this back. I know that it would not be the full amount by no means but it is more that we would have expected on this project. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Again, I thank the Minister for his response as well as the First Minister for his comments on the matter. I do not want to seem that I am in disagreement with this. I am not. I want to air on the side of caution and make this Assembly aware of some of the things that you may be faced with in the future. On the statement, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, you just referenced 290 Million dollars in mining royalties that are possibly coming to the Province. For what year is that? There is no guarantee, Mr. Minister, that the price of nickel is going to stay where it is. The price of nickel could plummet and, this 290 Million dollars that is being projected if this is based on today, there is no guarantee that in a years time that money is going to be there. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Mr. Ponniuk: I was sort of waiting for a question but it was more of a comment. I realize that everything came up today. You mentioned caution. We are being cautious but we cannot stop. We have to pursue some of these things in regards to the royalty being there. We know that it is not going to be the same every year. We do know this; the Bill here with the 12 Million dollars. This is not going to be the same next year. If we could get an x number of dollars from the Province this year when this comes out next year, we will pursue it again like the same things that we are saying now about this 12 Million dollars that we are getting. That could be \$18 Million next year or that could be \$6

Million. As you alluded to these prices, they may go up or down depending on the nickel. So, I do appreciate your concern over 'the being caution part' of it and I do appreciate your concerns and comments. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Are there any more comments? I would like to recognize the AngajukKak for Nain.

Ms. Erickson: I just have more of a comment and I am going to speak from the Nain Community Government, not all of the Inuit Community Governments in general. The Nain Community Government and various organizations within the community have been working on a Multi-Purpose building plan for years and years, but we have never been able to move forward with it because we do not have the resources to put time into finding funding to get it to the final stage and also to get it ready to be built. Part of the work that we have done over the years is to look at the operating costs because we are a responsible Government. As a Community Government, we know that when we had put up a building we do not expect it to run itself. So, when we are looking at putting up a Multi-Purpose building, we look at everything included in that. We look at who can use the building to help pay for the operating cost, we look at who will be using it, we will look at what we will be putting there, and overall we look at what the benefit it will bring to the community and have Nunatsiavut come to us and say that they want to help us move forward with our Multi-Purpose building. We look forward to that and we want to move forward with that. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Are there any more comments? We will move on to the Elders and Youth Conference, \$100,000.00. Any comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question after my brief statement will be directed at the Minister of Culture and Elders. We were tasked with putting together our list of priorities. I am not sure what process anyone else used, but I went into the communities and talked to youth, the average person on the street and specifically a lot of elders to see what they figured were priorities. As we have sat in this House, we have heard various Members get up and talk about the struggles of elders in communities, about elders being cold, as the Minister of Health put it one time, not having enough heat, not having enough food, and having to solely depend as much as possible on community freezers. We have talked about all of that. It occurred to me last night as we walked out of last nights sitting and walked around. An elder so intoxicated, lying in the middle of the road here in Hopedale that he could not walk. As the Chair of the Sivunivut Corporation I picked him up, it occurred maybe I should ask this question in relation to the \$100,000.00 that we had budgeted for our Elders and Youth Conference. So, therefore without any further ado, I will ask my question. It was my finding that one of the biggest priorities should have been to support of our elders, those that paved the way for us. Does the Minister of Culture and Recreation, Youth and Elders, think that this \$100,000.00 proposal for a conference represent the best use of such funds, or any funds for

that matter, as a support for our elders? Is this the right thing? We just had 12 Million dollars. Should we have a conference? This will be the second part; since we have allocated all of this money, what if the conference determines that elders need support and they will require funds in order to accomplish something. How will we address that then? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We had just finished our Youth Symposium. It came out very strongly that they did want more interaction with the elders. I will go back to last year when they had a conference in Hebron. The youth were there and a couple of elders also were there. The elders were speaking with the youth one on one and telling stories. The youth got a lot out of this and before we left Hebron, we said that we should get together with the elders. There were two elders there and about two dozen youth. They would like to see more of this with an equal number of youth and elders at a conference. This is so that they could get more out of this and learn from the elders. It was amazing to see. I will just use the person that is here now. John Jararuse was telling stories about his time in Hebron and the youth were so captivated by it that they want to interact with older people. That is a big part of why I think that the Elders and Youth Conference should go. There were some feedbacks from the elders. They would also like to pick something up from the youth. This was one of the big reasons that we would like to get a Youth and Elders Conference because it came out. It also

came out at the Youth Symposium in Rigolet. They had asked specifically if there was anything done since the conference in Hebron and we said 'yes, we are working on it.' Hopefully, it will be in the in the spring of 2009 and we are looking for an elder's conference in the latter part of August. The youth and elders are asking for this and I think that the youth who are our future and elders who, as you mentioned took us to where we are at. The least that we can do is to do this for them seeing that they are asking for it. Your second part of the question was...

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The second part was more or less. Since we have elders in all of our communities that are barely surviving, freezing, starving and living in substandard living conditions, do you think as Minister for this Department that a \$100,000.00 allotment for a conference represents acknowledging elders as a priority of the Executive Council and their proposal and specifically your department for allocating only \$100,000.00 out of 12.1 Million dollars for elders? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This \$100,000.00 is meant to get the youth and elders together. Before this conference is over, we will get feedback from the elders. This \$100,000.00 is not enough, as you put it earlier, for housing and programs and this and that or other things. This \$100,000.00 is to get them together, to get their thoughts, to get

them to tell us, to give us some direction and we will take that and get our committee or the appropriate people together and to try to satisfy their wishes or demands or whatever you want to call it. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I just want to ask the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Will any of this proposed \$100,000.00 go to support bringing elders and youth to Nunatsiavut from Canada? I have seen time and time again conferences aimed at beneficiaries who live in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville to conferences and there is never an opportunity to bring in elders and youth from Canada who may have some very valuable contributions and recommendations as to how youth and elders in other parts of Canada work together to achieve a common goal. I am just wondering. Will any of these funds be used to support bringing in elders and youth from Canada to contribute what you will be hoping to achieve in this conference? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During the planning stages of this, it was overlooked in regards to funding for these participants. As of last week, we are looking for alternate funding sources to get these people in. We are hoping to rectify this situation and getting funding from other sources to make sure that this does happen. Right now I cannot promise, as you used the term earlier in

another discussion, that there is nothing guaranteed but I can guarantee you that we will try our best to find funding for elders and youth from Canada to participate. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Correct me if I am wrong, Mr. Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, but I believe that you just answered 'no' to the question that I previously asked. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: I do not know if I answered 'no' to the question, but the only response that I could have to that is... I guess you can interpret it in your own way. Like I said, all I can do is promise that we will do our best to get these people in and I personally think that it will happen. Thank you.

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

Mr. Russell: Again, directing the question to the Minister of Culture, Youth and Elders. Seeing that we are spending millions here today on heavy equipment, consulting studies and less than 1% of the total additional mining royalty revenues on elders from Inuit perspective, do you think that this is the right thing to do? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you mentioned spending 1% out of this fund that is here today, I do realize that is true but this 1% to get the youth and the elders together will eventually lead to, like I said to the Member for Canada, see what the direction from the elders and the youth will be and in the future there will be more than \$100,000.00 there to hopefully take care of some of their needs. This is the first step in bigger things to come. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: If I could address the Minister of Culture one more time and if I can request it so. Can I have a 'yes' or 'no' answer? Do you think that it is the right thing to do for the Executive Council to propose less than 1% of this money to go towards elders? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: I will answer your question as plain as you asked. At this point, yes.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is just a comment on the Member for Upper Lake Melville's question that is somewhat misleading. When he mentions that it is, I do not know what he said the figure was, 1% or .1%. That is perhaps the figure of the elders and youths conference. Many of those things in this budget, Mr. Speaker, are for the benefit of the elders. Even

the use of heavy equipment in a community is often used to make life easier for elders, including walkways and that kind of thing. Certainly, they were recipients of some of the funds that are now being contributed to the Nunatsiavut Inuit Health Benefit deficit. They do access that program, elders as well as the rest of us, as well as some of the language initiatives. They will likely be very much a part of those. In fact, some of them will gain financially from it. Some of the travel that takes place as well, Mr. Speaker. So, just to point out the question. It was perhaps just a little misleading, if you will, and in fact much of this spending is to benefit elders.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: I appreciate the tough answer from the Minister of Culture and I appreciate the First Minister's statement and, yes, there will be indirect benefits from many of the things in here to elders, certainly. In my own defense, I was trying to process in my own mind as to why the Executive Council would not support my proposed initiative to access the elders, find out how and where they are living and perhaps throw a few dollars out of so many dollars towards them to make their lives a little easier. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have to say that we are concerned about the elders and we show that concern through programs. A lot of them are delivered through Health and Social Development, in our own home care, topping up dollars wherever we

can. In this budget, there is some funding to top up those programs that are targeted towards elders. We, through Torngat Housing and the Minister that works with Torngat Housing, are trying to look at ways to deliver better housing for elders in our communities. Even to the point now that we are in discussions to talk about, somewhere in the near future, getting homes, specifically for older people. So, I think that we are trying very hard in different ways to address those, Mr. Speaker. At the same time, we have to govern and we cannot spend all of our money on elders as much as we would like to. They are very much a part of our communities and, I am sure the Member will agree, that most of the time they want us to spend the money on the future, and they care even more about the future than they do about their current situation. We have to be cautious. You have raised some very good points and you remind us that they cannot be forgotten. Too many times in the past, they were neglected and we are in a position now to change that. I very much appreciate your comments with other members of the Executive Council. We are not the Government of Newfoundland, we are the Government of Nunatsiavut and we will make sure that the needs of elders are addressed at all times. We appreciate your input.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I would like to recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the First Minister for his response. Just to clarify my own position on it. The elders that I am speaking of are our beneficiaries of our Land Claims Agreement. They have a right to the programs and services that

are provided for by the Government and that is one thing. I was looking for a gesture, if you will, of thanks that goes beyond that and perhaps this Government is not in a position or does not find itself ready to do something to that effect at this point in time. I will end at this point, Mr. Speaker. I do not want any confrontation on the issue and I want to make my own personal opinion known. I will not belabor the point of when we had an opportunity with so much money and, as the First Minister said, we are not the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. We do not want to see them forgotten. In my own opinion and not to start a confrontation, First Minister, I believe that we have forgotten them with the opportunity that the additional mining royalty revenue could have provided. That is my final statement there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: We will move on now as a Committee. Sub-total, Youth, Elders and Recreation; \$1,165,000.00. Total for Culture, Recreation and Youth; \$3,600,500.00. Total Expenditures for all departments; \$12,252,622.00. With that, I will dissolve the Committee of Consensus and before I give leave to the Minister to proceed, we will take a short break and reconvene as the Assembly.

Recess.

Mr. Broomfield: Good afternoon. I would like to call the Assembly back to order. Before we proceed any further, I would like to make a few comments about the Committee of Consensus. First of all, I would like to thank the President for calling the Assembly to a Committee of Consensus. In the Committee, there were a lot of questions

asked of the Bill that, normally, Members would not have had an opportunity to ask. The purpose of the Committee was to find answers and I think that from what I have seen and I cannot speak for the other Members but I am probably 99% certain that the majority of the questions were answered. I think it was a very successful venture for the Assembly and I thank the President for introducing the Bill so that it could be debated. So, now we will move on and I will ask the Honorable Minister of Finance to do the Second Reading of Bill 2008-04.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Member for Hopedale, Greg Flowers, that Bill 2008-04 Supplementary Budget Act.

Mr. Broomfield: Excuse me, Honorable Minister. You need to seek unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed to the Second Reading.

Mrs. Gear: Sorry, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: I would like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Finance and Human Resources.

Mrs. Gear: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waive standing orders 118 and 120 to proceed with the Second Reading of Bill 2008-04 today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed with the Second Reading of Bill 2008-04. Does the Minister have unanimous consent? Aye. Proceed, Minister.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, Seconded by the Member for Hopedale, Greg Flowers that Bill 2008-04 Supplementary Budget Act 2008 be read for the second time.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The Motion is in order. The Assembly will now do a review of the Bill and we will go through each Clause and the Schedules of the Bill. We will begin on page 1. Nunatsiavut Assembly. All in favor? Okay. I hope everybody is on the same page. This Bill will approve additional expenditures under the budget for 2008-09 and authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to spend sums of money not to exceed \$12,252,622.00 from the Nunatsiavut fund for the purposes set out in the Schedule. All in favor? Aye. Page 2. We get into the Clause of the Bill. Clause 1; Short Title. This Act may be sited as the Supplementary Act 2008. All in favor? Aye. Clause 2; Interpretation on this Act, unless the context or otherwise requires, "Budget" means consolidated financial plan referred to in Section 3 of the Budget Act 2008. "Nunatsiavut Fund" means the Consolidated Rescue Fund of the Nunatsiavut Government established and maintained in terms of Chapter 8 of the Labrador Inuit Constitution and "Supplementary Budget" means the supplementary appropriation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 under Section 3 of this Act. All in favor? Aye. Supplementary Appropriation 2008-2009. Clause 3; Appropriation in addition to the amounts set out in the Budget Act 2008, IL-2208-01, the Nunatsiavut Treasurer may spend from and out of the Nunatsiavut Fund sums of money not exceeding \$12,252,622.00 in

respect of the period from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009. "Authorized expenditures"; the sums of money appropriated under Subsection (1) may be spent only for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Nunatsiavut Government and for other purposes connected with the Nunatsiavut Government as set out in the Schedule and in accordance with the Financial Administration Act. All in favor? Aye. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to go back, if I may for a minute, to Clause 3; Appropriation, Subsection (1). I just wanted to know if there is a typo in the Act Inuit Law or the Inuit Law 2208. I am wondering if that should be 2008. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Yes. I see that, too. I assume the budget that was passed in March was 2008-01, so that 22 would be 2008? Okay, so we will make that correction for the record. It should read 'Inuit Law 2008-01.' Thank you, Member for Canada, for noting that mistake in the Budget.

Clause 4. Consolidation of Budget and Supplementary Budget; The Supplementary Budget shall be consolidated with and included in the budget.

All in favor? Aye.

Commencement; Clause 5. This Act is considered for all purposes to have come into force on April 1, 2008. All in favor? Aye.

Page 4. House of Assembly; Extending Contract for the Electoral Officer. Amount, \$50,000.00. Total House of Assembly, \$50,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Page 5. Nunatsiavut Secretariat; Secretary to the Executive Council Strategy Plan Development, \$140,000.00. Sub-total Secretary to Executive Council, \$140,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Page 6. Nunatsiavut Affairs; Implementation Assembly Building Land Development. Amount, \$1,700,000.00. All in favor? Aye. NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation; To purchase food for the community freezer, \$13,200.00. All in favor? Aye.

Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation; Youth Programs, \$21,500.00. All in favor? Aye.

Sub-total First Implementation, \$1,734,700.00. All in favor? Aye. Membership; Membership Enrolment Coordinator for one year, \$65,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Training Membership Committee; \$50,000.00. All in favor? Aye. Sub-total for Membership, \$115,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Total First Minister, \$1,849,700.00. All in favor? Aye.

Page 7. Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Status of Women, Finance; Support to Upgrade Finance Software, \$ 75,000.00. All in favor. Aye.

Nain Inuit Community Government; Engineering Fees Water Supply, \$400,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Nain Inuit Community Government; Loader Acquisition, \$300,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Hopedale Inuit Community Government; Building Acquisition, \$56,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Postville Inuit Community Government; New Cemetery, \$150,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Makkovik Inuit Community Government; Development Bulldozer Acquisition, \$200,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Sub-total for Finance, \$1,181,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Human Resources Review of Salary Scale and Northern Benefits, \$45,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Upgrade Website to Accept Online Applications, \$10,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Summer Student Additional Funding, \$75,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Sub-total Human Resources, \$130,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Information Technology; Software License, DHSD, PSSSP, IP, \$160,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Disaster Recovery Plan; Offsite Storage, \$80,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Sub-total Information Technology, \$240,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Status of Women; Self-Defense Training For Women in Communities, \$18,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Craft Shop; Purchase Materials, \$11,422.00. All in favor? Aye.

Safe House; Security System (Hopedale and Nain), \$10,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Extension to Hopedale Safe House, \$50,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Sub-total Status of Women, \$89,422.00. All in favor? Aye.

Total for Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology and Status of Women, \$1,640,422.00. All in favor? Aye.

Page 8. Lands & Resources; Renewable Resources. Torngat Fish Producers Co-operative Subsidy, \$300,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

One Fishing Entity Consultant, \$140,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Replace satellite phones, \$10,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Replace obsolete Ground Positioning Systems, \$3000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Replace old snowmobiles, \$24,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Counting Fence (Nain and Rigolet) and Boat, \$147,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Oil burner Mechanic Travel, \$8,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Nain Char Project, \$8,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Sub-total Renewable Resources, \$640,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Environment; Professional Fees for Lower Churchill, \$50,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Sub-total Environment, \$50,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Total Lands & Resources, \$690,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Page 9. Health; Nunatsiavut Inuit Health Benefit deficit 2007-2008, \$725,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Nunatsiavut Inuit Health Benefit deficit 2008-2009, \$1,000,000.00. All in favor? Nay.

Mr. Broomfield: We have a Nay. The process, when we have a Member not supporting a Clause, is to call the issue to a vote. Before we do that, we will take a temporary break.

Break.

Mr. Broomfield: Good afternoon. I would like to call the Assembly back to order. At this time, I would like to recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, Seconded by the Chair of the Sivunivut Inuit Corporation, that Schedule to Bill 2008-04 Supplementary

Budget Act 2008 be amended under the Department of Health under the NIHB deficit 0809. I suggest that that be deleted and replaced with the At Risk Homelessness Initiative totaling \$500,000.00, the Elders Assessment Initiative totaling \$300,000.00 and Land-based Language Initiative of \$100,000.00 and \$2,000.00 for the Old Moravian Cemetery Cleanup that I had originally proposed to the Executive Council for a total of \$902,000.00. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Motion is in order. The floor is open to debate. Each Member can speak once to the issue for 15 minutes if they wish to do so. Does any Member wish to speak? The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Russell: Point of Order.

Mr. Broomfield: The Member for Upper Lake Melville will state his Point of Order.

Mr. Russell: Mr. Speaker, I was of the understanding that as the mover, I was supposed to open the debate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Member's Point of Order is well taken. The Member has the floor to offer his opening remarks.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to say that I would like to ask the Assembly to honor the direction given by the Executive Council for the purposes of the Supplementary to this Bill to deal with issues in this given year. In my opinion, the anticipated

deficit is not fully recognized and accounted for and, therefore, is a future item to be dealt with at a later date. Therefore, I am moving that we make these amendments in an amount less than what was proposed to cover off that deficit. I believe that we can make initiatives to address that deficit when that time comes as well as take advantage of any additional revenues in order to address that deficit. I believe that we have to deal with issues in the current year as per the recommendation or recommendations of the Executive Council. Of the items that I proposed in the amendment, possibly read from my original proposal to the Executive Council as to give a breakdown of what I proposed, the At Risk Homeless Initiative totaling \$500,000.00; my summary stated that we have many beneficiaries who are in need of help and services that we focus on from the Department of Health's programs, including counseling, life skills, addictions services and employment and training initiatives. At present, we have many individuals who are living in the care of several private facilities which have been criticized numerous times for quality of care in living conditions. We have seen through Pine Lodge sprinkler system problem just how many people depend on these privately owned accommodations. There are also many individuals who are from the communities within Nunatsiavut that are making Upper Lake Melville their place of residence and depend on Nunatsiavut to help them get their lives back on track. Through consultation with constituents and others in the communities that I represent, I believe that it is time that we consider making an investment in the well being of these individuals in need and develop a

housing initiative, whereby we can monitor the individuals making use of these facilities and better connect them with the support services that they need in order to make positive steps so it is to change their lives for the better. What I believe we need is assisted living units that are maintained by the Nunatsiavut Government, that can be monitored in conjunction with support services that can help people get on their feet with a real chance of becoming productive members of society. At present, there are four facilities owned by private owners offering accommodations, so there is a demand for these types of housing arrangements. I would suggest that we would have live-in staff management in order to monitor the effectiveness of these programs and the quality of care that could be provided. The fact that Social Services, in most cases, pays for these accommodations allow us to generate enough revenue to maintain and increase the quality of care and effectiveness of the clients' success in getting their lives back on track. I believe that it is time that we help people succeed and not just merely survive. The second part of the Language land-based initiative that I wanted to propose, as an amendment, would propose regularly scheduled land-based activities whereby competent outdoors people, elders and youth can come together and get out on the land in order to begin Inuktitut speaking as it relates to hunting, fishing, trapping and traveling in general. I believe that we can reestablish connections with the land that so many of us who have the means to do take for granted. There are elders and youth that do not have the means to get out and enjoy the activities that Inuit have used as a means of sustenance in the past. These activities are a way of

identifying who we are and where we come from. We can begin the healing process for many, as well as the learning process of languages as with a combination of these outdoor activities and immersion that could start from words and phrases and eventually lead to immersion in an advanced form for the duration of the activity. In the end, we get people active and speaking our language and with any luck, have fish and game for presentation to the elders in our communities or that could be contributed to support community freezers. The other part of the amendment that I proposed is an Elders assessment and Housing Initiative, more or less a 'thank you' to those who have paved the way. We have many elders who need assistance and help from time to time. We need to organize a funded effort to assess how our elders are getting by, to see what we can do to say 'thank you' for what they have done and give them a helping hand. We need a dedicated resource to locate our elders, take a first hand look to gauge how our elders are coping and whether they are in need. In all communities, we know of those who need help and are just surviving. We need to make an effort to help our elders and make sure that they are not desperately in need for anything such as housing, housing improvements, safety and disability issues and any other issues as they might need. I proposed we make a one time effort with this additional revenue that simply says that we care about our elders and we would like to say 'thank you' for everything they have done for us. Next would be the Old Moravian Cemetery Clean Up on Grenfell Street in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Simply a show respect, it is run down and needs a little help. It is non-denominational, it is not Inuit

specific, but there are many Inuit ancestors laid to rest there. I have had several elders request that with very little money. We can show respect and bring the Committee together to do something worthwhile. With that, I will open up the floor to anyone else who wishes to speak on that. I would just like to say that this represents some of the things that are considered priorities in my community according to the liaising I did with the elders. With various Members of all three communities that I represent: Mud Lake, Goose Bay and North West River, I felt that this was an opportunity to have some of these addressed that did not seem to make it into the proposed budget from the Minister of Finance. The total I believe, if anyone is wondering, is \$902,000.00 as opposed to the Million that I am requesting to be deleted. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I apologize to the Member for getting ahead of myself and not allowing him to introduce his opening remarks. The floor is now open for debate. Each Member has the opportunity to speak once if they wish to do so. I would like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. Sorry I forgot to stand, your Honor. The points that the ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville are very valid. We need to help where we can. As you know, as we discussed yesterday, the Non Inuit Health Benefit deficit for this year is \$725,000.00 and that is with the dental services that we are doing this year. Next year, we are projecting a deficit of 1 Million dollars.

The \$300,000.00 that we got from Health Canada will not be there next year and that is why we are looking at a 1 Million dollar deficit. The review of this deficit will only start in December 2009/2010. Coming into effect, whatever we negotiate in 2011. We have two or three more years of a deficit that we incurred from day one, when negotiations were done on the Health Department or during Land Claims negotiations. It may have been overlooked. Maybe, people did not know that we would have these many beneficiaries coming on. Basically, this is where the problem lies. Nobody foresaw what was going to happen in Non-Insured Health. Non-Insured Inuit Health Benefits include everyone, every beneficiary from Nunatsiavut who live outside or whatever. If you want to delete the 1 Million dollars NIHB money for 2008/2009, then you will have to come to this table and existing programs will have to be cut or money will have to fall out of the sky. The bottom line is, that deficit is not going to go away. We are looking at different ways of cutting costs. One of the options has been to have our own Pharmacy. That was one of the first things we did while I was the Minister of Health and Social Development. We are always looking for cost-saving measures. This is not going to go away in the near future. Hopefully, in the next two or three years when we start negotiating, we will make sure that there is enough money for Nunatsiavut Inuit Health Benefits for the next time around. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The Chair recognizes the Chair of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation.

Mr. Tuttauk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During these debates and discussions, we were all reminded that this money was intended to be spent on projects for this year. We have also been reminded through our debates or discussions that we were relying on money from Voisey's Bay royalties. With the assumption that the Voisey's Bay royalties will be at or near below the funding we got this year, I feel that the 1 Million dollar deficit for 2008/2009 can be presented then. Thank you very much.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I would like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Finance and Human Resources.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Member of Upper Lake Melville. The \$2,000.00 to upgrade your cemetery was not put into this budget but it will be taken out of our Finance Department. It will be done then.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I would offer for the Member of Upper Lake Melville to present his concluding remarks.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister of Health has also made some valid points in regards to deficits. I thank the Minister of Finance for the additional information that should have been on the documents that we have received over the past day or so. I would like to quote the Minister of Health in saying 'in order to address the NIHB deficit in the future, money may have to fall out of the sky.' Well, our Finance Department did not anticipate this additional royalty so, in a sense, it did fall from the sky. As the Chair of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation

said, it may fall out of the sky again next year in a similar amount which may be more than enough to address the deficit at that time. As far as my role in Upper Lake Melville is concerned, during this whole process, I went into the homes of people, I phoned people I knew, I talked to people I did not know, I talked to people I did not even get along with, but I respected their opinions as being vocal advocates for their communities and I solicited everything. What I put before the Executive Council as a proposal was not from Keith Russell and Keith Russell alone, but suggestions compiled by many, many people that I represent. I did not get these in the proposed Supplementary to the Bill when we were asked to do so. I felt that it was my responsibility to do everything possible to try and represent those individuals, beneficiaries in our communities as best as I can and get some dollars for the things they felt are priorities in our communities and that I feel, as well, are priorities in our communities. I do not want to have anyone walk away from this Motion, this proposed amendment thinking that NIHB are not appreciated and are not important. We have to address these deficits in the future and I am sure we will. It is my sincere hope, and I will direct that to the Minister of Health, that we do have money falling out of the sky at all points in time during our Government and their present administration. In closing, I am doing what I feel is right. I am representing my elders and the communities within Upper Lake Melville. I sincerely feel that we should adhere to the Executive Council's recommendations of dealing with issues in this current year. I feel that money may fall out of the sky to address the deficit and when the time comes to do an accounting of that deficit

and it can be confirmed to me what it happens to be. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I have a Motion on the floor. The Motion proposes to delete the 0809 NIHB of 1 Million dollars, to replace it with a \$500,000.00 initiative for the ‘At Risk Homelessness’, \$300,000.00 for an ‘Elders Assessment, \$100,000.00 for a Land-Based Language Initiative’, and \$2,000.00 for the ‘Moravian Cemetery Restoration work.’ By a show of hands, I would like the number of Members approving the Motion to Amend. By a show of hands, I would like to know the number of Members not in favor of the Motion to Amend. Thank you. By a vote of 12 opposed to 3 in favor, the Motion is not carried. We will continue with the NIHB deficit for 2008/2009; \$100,000.00. The consent is not yet unanimous, so we will call the issue to a vote. NIHB deficit 0809; 1 Million dollars. Members in favor, raise your hand.

Mr. Pottle: Point of Order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Member will state his Point of Order.

Mr. Pottle: I would just like clarification on what this vote is. I was under the understanding that we had just made a vote on the issue of the 1 Million dollar deficit for 0809. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Yes, the Member’s Point of Order is well taken. We had a Motion on the floor previously. The Motion was not carried so that NIHB deficit for 0809 stands as is. Given that there was a ‘Nay’ when I asked for

unanimous consent, we are now calling the issue to a vote and to pass this clause to have it included in the Bill overall. This is why I asked for a vote. Again, by a show of hands, the number of Members in favor of supporting NIHB deficit 0809; 1 Million dollars, raise your hand. By a vote of 12 in favor and 3 opposed, NIHB deficit 0809 has passed the majority vote so it is included in the Second Reading of the Bill. Home Support Seniors; \$100,000.00. All in favor? Aye. Special Needs Children; \$100,000.00. All in favor? Aye. Total Health; \$1,925,000.00. All in favor? Aye. Page 10. Education and Economic Development. Post Degree Social Work program; \$205,000.00. All in favor? Aye. Additional Training Funds/Inuit Pathways; \$200,000.00. All in favor? Aye. After School Mentoring Program; \$100,000.00. All in favor? Aye. Sub-total Education; \$505,000.00. All in favor? Aye. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is just a point of technicality. Again, to ensure that the House Members knew what they were voting on or agreeing to with respect to the first line item under Education. I believe, again and am asking for details, that this should be a Post Degree Social Work program as opposed to a Post Degree Social program in which there is a major difference. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. So, that would be a Post Degree Social Work program. That is noted on the record.

Sub-total Education; \$505,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Economic Development.
 Capital Equipment TUC; \$602,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Capital Equipment Postmill; \$625,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Economic Development Consultant; \$60,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Rigolet Seal Project; \$85,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Economic Development Fund; \$400,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 TLH Feasibility Study; \$80,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Sub-total Economic Development; \$1,852,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Total Education and Economic Development; \$2,357,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Page 11. Tourism Culture and Recreation: Culture.
 Cultural Awareness Program Development; \$100,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Hebron Restoration; \$50,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Language Revitalization; \$100,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Language Retention Initiative ULM & NWR; \$70,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Sub-total Culture; \$320,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Tourism. Cruise North Investment; \$1,100,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Tourism Development Fund; \$925,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Boardwalk in Rigolet; \$44,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Rigolet Inuit Community Government Pamphlets Signage; \$3,500.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Rigolet Inuit Community Government Environmentally Controlled Units; \$43,000.00. All in favor? Aye.

Sub-total Tourism; \$2,115,500.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Youth, Elders and Recreation:
 Hopedale Arena; \$945,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 North American Indigenous Games Contingent; \$20,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Multipurpose Building Feasibility Project; \$100,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Elders and Youth Conference; \$100,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Sub-total Youth, Elders and Recreation; \$1,165,000.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Total Culture, Tourism, Recreation; \$3,600,500.00. All in favor? Aye.
 Total Expenditures for All Departments; \$12,252,622.00. All in favor? Aye.
 The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before we proceed any further, I would just like clarification on the bottom line \$12,252,622.00. Going back to the insert between page 3 and 4 of the Schedule, I would just like an explanation that the total amounts that we received from the mining royalty is \$12,168,932.00. If you do the math on that, it shows a deficit of \$83,690.00. I do see a couple more of line items there and I would like to have a clarification from the Minister of Human Resources and Finance for \$41,845.00 for April and for May. It seems that the total is \$83,690.00. I'm making the assumption and if you do the math again and that's why I ask for clarification of what these dollars are and if that's a positive figure as opposed to a minus figure? You add that to the total amount, it balances this to the amount received or the amount to be 12, 252,622.00. I hope I've made myself clear Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: We will have recess while the details are worked out.

Mr. Broomfield: Good evening. I would like to call the Assembly back to order. The page that the Member for Canada referred to is not an official Schedule of the Bill. I would like the Honorable Minister of Finance to offer an explanation.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We apologize for this. This is not supposed to be part of the Bill. For your information, it was interest that was gathered on this 12.1 Million dollars; \$41,845.00 in April and \$41,845.00 in May. That was up to the end of May. We have no amount yet for the end of June but there will be more. I know that by the end of June, all of this money will be spent and, hopefully we will have more interest gathered. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. That concludes the Clause by Clause review. Does the Minister wish to conclude the debate?

Mrs. Gear: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I wish to conclude the debate.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. That concludes the debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2008-04, the Supplementary Budget Act? Aye. Accordingly, with the unanimous consent of the Assembly, Bill 2008-04, the 'Supplementary Budget Act 2008' has had the Second Reading. I would like to call upon the Honorable Minister of Finance to introduce the Second Reading of Bill 2008-05.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 118 and 120 to proceed with the Second Reading of Bill 2008-05 today. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Honorable Minister of Finance is seeking unanimous consent to proceed to the Second Reading of Bill 2008-05, 'Torngat Loan Guarantee 2008.' Does the Minister have unanimous consent? Aye. Proceed, Honorable Minister.

Mrs. Gear: Mr. Speaker, I Move, Seconded by the Member for Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak, that Bill 2008-05 'Torngat Loan Guarantee 2008' be read for the second time.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The Motion is in order. The procedure for the Second Reading will be a Clause by Clause review of the Bill. If you go to the sixth tab of your booklet, 'Bill 2008-05'. Is everyone there? Page 1.

A Bill for the Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantees Act, 2008: This Bill would authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to guarantee an operating loan of up to \$750,000.00 to the Torngat Fish Producers Cooperative Limited for the current fiscal year. It would also repeal the Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantees Act, IL-2007-04. All in favor? Aye.

Page 2. An Inuit Law to authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue a loan guarantee to support commercial borrowing by the Torngat Fish Producers Cooperative Society Limited for the period from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009.

Whereas section 8.6.2 of the Constitution enables the Assembly to

authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to provide loan guarantees to third parties;

And Whereas section 80 of the Financial Administration Act enables the Nunatsiavut Government to provide loan guarantees when authorized to do so pursuant to an Inuit Law.

Now therefore be it enacted by the Assembly as follows;

Clause 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantee Act, 2008.
All in favor? Aye.

Clause 2. Definitions. In this Act:
“Act” means an Inuit Law and includes this Inuit Law;
“Assembly” means the Nunatsiavut Assembly;
“Auditor” means the Auditor for Nunatsiavut appointed in terms of the Constitution;
“Constitution” means the Labrador Inuit Constitution;
“Controller” means the officer of the Nunatsiavut Government appointed pursuant to section 12 of the Financial Administration Act;
“Fiscal Year” means the period beginning on April 1 in one year and ending on March 31 in next year;
“Fund” means the reserve of money in the Nunatsiavut Fund set apart in the accounts of the Nunatsiavut Government as the development fund referred to in section 44(1)(e) of the Financial Administration Act;
“Minister” means the member of the Executive Council responsible for economic development;
“Nunatsiavut Fund” means the consolidated revenue fund of the Nunatsiavut Government described in part 8.1 of the Constitution;

“President-in-Council” means the President of Nunatsiavut acting on the advice of the Executive Council;
“Torngat Co-op” means the Torngat Cooperative Society Limited, a legal person existing under the Co-operatives Act of Newfoundland and Labrador; and
“Treasurer” means the Nunatsiavut Treasurer as described in subsection 5.1.1(c) of the Constitution;
All in favor? Aye.

Clause 3. Conflict with Inuit Law: If there is an inconsistency or conflict between this Act and the provisions of the Financial Administration Act, this Act prevails to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.
All in favor? Aye.

Clause 4. Authority to guarantee the payment of Torngat Co-op’s obligations: Subject to this Act, the President-in-Council may authorize the Minister, on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government, to enter into agreements with any of the chartered banks in Canada, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Torngat Co-op or any other person concerning the guaranteeing of the payment of obligations of the Torngat Co-op for the purpose and subject to the amount set out in section 5.
All in favor? Aye.

Clause 5. Maximum amount and purpose of loan guarantee: subject to this Act, the President-in-Council may authorize the Minister to guarantee a loan by a chartered bank of Canada to Torngat Co-op in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 for the purpose of paying Torngat Co-op’s operating expenses during the 2008-2009 fiscal year, and to enter into such further

agreements as the President-in-Council may be advised are necessary or prudent in order to protect and secure the interests of the Nunatsiavut Government with respect to the guarantee and any prior loans made by the Nunatsiavut Government to Torngat Co-op.

All in favor? Aye.

Clause 6. Term of guarantee: The maximum term of the loan guarantee under this Act shall be before March 31, 2009.

All in favor? Aye.

Clause 7. Security required for guarantees: This Minister shall require that the Torngat Co-op provides security with respect to the loan guarantee and all indebtedness of Torngat Co-op to the Nunatsiavut Government in such amounts and of such nature as the Minister considers prudent before providing any loan guarantee to or for Torngat Co-op or Torngat Co-op's bank.

All in favor? Aye.

Clause 8. Access to financial records: The Minister shall require as a condition of the loan guarantee provided to Torngat Co-op that the Auditor has access to all the financial books, accounts and other records of Torngat Co-op during its normal business hours after giving reasonable advance notice.

All in favor? Aye.

Clause 9. Additional terms and conditions and recovery of costs:

- (1) Without limiting anything in section 6, 7 and 8, the Minister may require such additional terms and conditions as may be prudent or consistent with good business practice before providing a loan guarantee to Torngat Co-op under this Act

and shall recover from Torngat Co-op all costs and fees incurred by the Nunatsiavut Government in relation to the guarantee.

- (2) Costs and fees recovered under subsection (1) shall be paid into the Nunatsiavut Fund.

All in favor? Aye.

Clause 10. Payment of guarantee: Where a guarantee has been given by or on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government for the payment of a debt of obligation of Torngat Co-op pursuant to this Act, any amount required to be paid by the terms of the guarantee may be paid out of the Nunatsiavut Fund.

All in favor? Aye.

Clause 11. Borrowing to pay guarantee: Where, the Nunatsiavut Government has guaranteed the payment of any debt or obligation of Torngat Fish Producers Co-op pursuant to this Act, the President-in-Council may borrow such amount as is necessary to discharge the liability resulting from the guarantee for the purpose of discharging the liability of the Nunatsiavut Government.

All in favor? Aye.

Clause 12. Guarantee to be charged on development fund: All guarantees made under this Act shall be a charge upon the development fund referred to in section 44(1)(e) of the Financial Administration Act to the amount of the guarantee from time to time outstanding.

All in favor? Aye.

Clause 13. Acquisition and alienation of property given as security:

- (1) The Executive Council may authorize the Minister to purchase or otherwise acquire any property that is the subject of a mortgage, charge or security, whether general or specific, in respect of any guarantee made under this act.
- (2) The Minister may sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any property acquired under subsection (1) for such consideration and on such terms and conditions as the Minister deems advisable.
- (3) The proceeds of any sale, lease or disposal made under subsection (2) shall be paid to the Treasurer and be credited to the Fund.

All in favor? Aye.

Clause 14. Execution of instruments: All agreements, guarantees and other instruments whatsoever relating to any guarantees made under this Act may be executed on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government by the Minister and the Controller.

All in favor? Aye.

Clause 15. Repeal of IL-2007-04: The Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantees Act, IL-2007-04 is repealed.

All in favor? Aye.

Clause 16. Coming into effect: This Act comes into effect immediately upon its registration pursuant to the Inuit Laws Registration Act.

All in favor? Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: That concludes the Clause by Clause review of Bill

2008-05. Does the Minister wish to conclude the debate?

Mrs. Gear: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I wish to conclude the debate.

Mr. Broomfield: That concludes the debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2008-05 'Torngat Loan Guarantee 2008'? Is the Assembly in favor of approving this Bill? Aye.

Accordingly, with unanimous consent of the Assembly, Bill 2008-05 'Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantee Act 2008' has had its Second Reading. At this time, I would like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources to do the Second Reading of Bill 2008-06.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Orders 118 and 120 to proceed with the Second Reading of Bill 2008-06 today.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with the Second Reading of Bill 2008-06 today. Does the Minister have unanimous consent? Aye.

Proceed, Honorable Minister.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I Move, Seconded by the Member and AngajukKak Judy Dicker for Hopedale, that Bill 2008-06, 'A Bill for an Act to amend the Labrador Inuit Lands Act IL-2005-14, to be read for the second time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The Motion is in order. The procedure for the Second Reading debate will be a Clause by Clause review of the Bill. Each Member may speak up to 15 minutes on a clause if he or she wishes to do so. If you go to tab 7 in your booklet, you will come to Bill 2008-06. Page 1. Bill 2008-06, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Labrador Inuit Lands Act, IL 2005-14. This Bill would amend section 4.3 of the Labrador Inuit Lands Act to make Inuit Community Governments or Inuit Community Government corporations eligible to hold Inuit Freehold title to Labrador Inuit Lands. It would also amend part 7 of the Labrador Inuit Lands Act to allow the Executive Council to transfer the administration and control of Labrador Inuit Lands to Inuit Community Governments, and to clarify the effects of a transfer of administration and control to the Crown or an Inuit Community Government under part 7.
All in favor? Aye.

Page 2. We will now get into the clause of the Bill.

Be it enacted by the President of Nunatsiavut and the Nunatsiavut Assembly as follows:

Clause 1. Section 4.3 of the Labrador Inuit Lands Act is deleted and is replaced with the following;

4.3 Only an Inuk, Inuit, an Inuit Community Government or an entity that is at all times wholly owned and wholly controlled by an Inuk, Inuit or an Inuit

Community Government may hold Inuit freehold title.
All in favor? Aye.

Clause 2. Part 7 of the Labrador Inuit Lands Act is deleted and replaced with the following;

Transfers of administration and control of Labrador Inuit Lands to the Crown or to Inuit Community Governments.

Limitations on Transfers to Crown;
7.1 The Nunatsiavut Government may not transfer the entire estate of the Inuit in any Labrador Inuit Lands to the Crown except under an Act made in accordance with part 4.18 of the Constitution.
All in favor? Aye.

Transfers with consent of Executive Council;

7.2 The Minister may, with the consent of the Executive Council, transfers a lot of Labrador Inuit Lands to the administration and control of the Crown or to the administration and control of an Inuit Community Government and the transfer may be made subject to section 7.6 and to any other conditions, restrictions or limitations that the Executive Council considers necessary or advisable.

All in favor? Aye.

Transfers that are Subject to the Consent of the Assembly;

7.3 Transfers under section 7.2 must not exceed, in aggregate, 10

All in favor? Aye.

Issuance of Leases and Permits to the Crown;

7.4 Nothing in section 7.2 prevents the Minister from issuing a lease or a permit to the Crown in accordance with this Act.

All in favor? Aye.

Issuance of Interests in Labrador Inuit Lands to Inuit Community Governments;

7.5 Nothing in section 7.2 prevents the Minister from issuing Inuit freehold title, a lease or a permit to an Inuit community Government in accordance with this Act.

All in favor? Aye.

Effects of Transfers of Administration and Control;

7.6 A transfer of the administration and control of Labrador Inuit Lands in accordance with section 7.2 does not confer or create a private interest in Labrador Inuit Lands and does not give the transferee a right to create or convey any interest in the Lands pursuant to a law of general application.

All in favor? Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: That concludes the clause review of Bill 2008-06. Does the Minister wish to conclude the debate?

Mr. Barbour: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to conclude the debate.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. That concludes the debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2008-06, and Act to Amend the Labrador Inuit Lands Act IL-2005-14?

Is the Assembly in favor of approving this Bill? Aye.

Accordingly, with the unanimous consent of the Assembly, Bill 2008-06 has had the Second Reading. We will recess for a couple of minutes.

Recess.

Mr. Broomfield: Good evening, folks. I would like to call the Assembly back to order. Mr. President, the Assembly has approved Bills 2008-04, 2008-05 and Bill 2008-06 and wishes to present them for assent.

Mr. Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hereby assent to Bills 2008-04, 2008-05 and 2008-06 and sign them into law.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. President. Before I adjourn this sitting, the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources wishes to indicate that he would like to make a brief presentation to the Assembly.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is very brief. While we have the subsidy of \$300,000.00 for Torngat Co-op and the loan guarantee of \$750,000.00 for same at the Executive Council meeting, I was given the

authority of dealing with the media by the Executive Council. Because of the sensitive nature of where Co-op is at the present time, I hope that I am the only Assembly Member who is speaking to the media on this issue. I request that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The past two days have been very busy. We have dealt with some very tough issues as a Government. Because our process allows us to move forward, we have found a way to work through them. Granted, not each member did not always get what they wanted but the process allowed us to move forward and debate the Bills in a democratic process. That, in and of, itself is a successful achievement for each member of the Assembly. Having said that, I will now close this sitting and the Spring Session will now close. We will probably resume again when our Fall Session begins in September. I would like to say a big 'thank you' to each Member at this sitting and to wish everyone a safe and happy summer. Thank you.