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*March 5-6, 2008*

Speaker: Honourable Todd Broomfield

**In Attendance:**

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

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

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**

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 Tuttauk**

*Note taker: Debbie Dicker  
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### **Call to Order**

**Mr. Broomfield:** I must apologize for rushing ahead of myself and I thank the Honorable Member for Canada for bringing that to my attention. Before we move on to our agenda, we will open our session with a prayer from the Clerk of the Assembly.

### **Prayer**

**Mary Jane Sillett (Clerk of the Assembly):** Recites prayer.

### **Announcements and Recognitions from the Chair**

*\* Refer to next statement*

### **Tabling of Documents and Petitions**

**Mr. Broomfield:** Moving on in our agenda to announcements, there are no announcements from the Chair at this time. Tabling of Documents, there are no documents to be tabled. The next item is Member's Statements. The normal process for this is to give the Ministers an opportunity to make a statement first if they wish to do so. Are there any Members who wish to make a statement? The Honorable Member for Canada.

### **Members' Statements**

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to give a brief statement and I guess a informal report to Members on the activities of the Opal Gasoline Committee. I still sit on that committee

as does the Minister of Health and Social Development and his Deputy Minister Michelle Kinney. Our committee is still quite active, the Opal Gasoline Committee at this point in time Mr. Speaker. We have just brought on technical people to support the work of the committee, there is a Masters student in engineering working with the committee and she is being supervised by two engineers from Memorial University.

They are looking at several technical components related to moving the opal gasoline issue forward namely the process for blending the gasoline here in Canada and looking at a couple of issues related to increasing the vaporization levels and cold weather starts. We hope to have that technical components worked out over the next 3 or 4 months, we do have a timeframe in mind Mr. Speaker with respect to some of the testing to start with in the next year and hopefully our aim is to have at least the project piloted in one of the communities. Probably Hopedale Mr. Speaker and in conjunction with the Innu in Natuashish, this hopefully will happen within 2 years and if we're successful we're hoping that the role of opal gasoline on a trial basis at least can begin in 2011.

That's where we're to at this point in time and I'd just like to let the, let the Assembly know that this is still a work in progress and we're quite excited about it and the technical people believe that this can be achieved in the timeframe that we're working from, thank you Mr. Speaker.

## **Oral Question Period**

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you. We will move on to Question Period. The Member for Canada.

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. I direct my question to the Acting President, the First Minister, Tony Andersen. I'd just like to know if the President can give a quick update on the internal investigation of the \$5000.00 and whether or not a decision has been made to compensate those members who were members on May 26, 2004 whose names never appeared on the ratification voter's list for various reasons, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The Acting President.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Member from Canada has had conversation with me regarding the issue around discussion regarding members of the LIA or who were members of the LIA on May 26, 2004 but whose names did not appear on the ratification voter's list at that time.

Maybe the Member from Canada knows my position and my intention to bring that, to raise that at with the Executive Council. Sadly to say Mr. Speaker that the time that we have had so far the for Executive Council meeting in Hopedale that is one of the several agenda items that we have not yet had the time to deal with. I want to assure the Member from Canada that I have, it is on the agenda.

I intend to speak to the issue of the review which the Executive Council has not heard from at this point in time. They will hear later today or this afternoon or this evening or tomorrow

morning or what time we can fit the Executive, the conclusion of the Executive Council meeting in. I will, again I assure the Member that I will raise that with the Executive Council. As I said to the Member from Canada outside of this House as the Acting President it is my intention that this government walk a path of fairness when it comes to dealing with our beneficiaries and to give them some assurance that we'll try to deal with those kind of issues in a manner that is fair to them. It's not to say that there are no rules and we can do things as we see fit but always that we have to see that how we deal with our beneficiaries we deal with fairness and respect for them and the matter will be dealt with before we leave Hopedale. But at this time I cannot answer your questions fully until we reach that agenda item in the Executive Council. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Michelin:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Lands and Resources. I'm somewhat confused, which is not strange, but last night when the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation was here I brought up the fact that the community of Rigolet was interested in economic development such as a water bottling plant. So I asked the Deputy Minister of Lands and Resources what would the community of Rigolet have to do? Mr. Speaker, I was told that the problems of Newfoundland and Labrador has the last final say on resources in Labrador Inuit Lands. I was wondering if that was correct, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

**Mr. Barbour:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. In terms of a water bottling plant that issue of a business plan I think has to go to the Minister of Economic Development as we have been discussing the uranium mining issue on Labrador Inuit Lands.

What I tabled yesterday was a moratorium on resources taking or development of, development of, development, major development before Land Use Plan. Now that's before the House now, we've had first reading on that. I make reference to you, your statement of Labrador Inuit Lands, okay? We do have water lots, in terms of, in terms of where I would have to check the agreement.

In terms of water resource taking, actual, the water resource we do have water lots. We need to check that out, I will have my department and officials check that out. But, I think the bottom line is, is this, until we see a proposal we cannot deal with and if and maybe and I think that's where it's at right now, if and maybe see a proposal to want to take a resource then we will fully consider. That's the answer I can give at this time. In terms of a water resource, and we do have water lots then but we need to check that out in the agreement to see what we can and cannot do. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

### **Written Questions**

*Refer to next statement*

### **Report of Standing and Special Committees**

*Refer to next statement*

### **Notice of Motion**

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### **Notice of Motion for First Reading of Bills**

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you. Are there any other questions at this time, if not we'll move onto written questions. Are there any written questions to present? We will move onto item 9 "Report of Standing and Special Committees" I think that was pretty much addressed on our agenda yesterday. Item 10 is "Notice of Motion". We will move onto number 11 "Notice of Motion for First Reading of Bills". Bill 2008-01 *The Budget Act*, I would like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Finance and Human Resources.

**Mrs. Gear:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I seek wave unanimous consent to wave Standing Order 95 48 hour notice to proceed with Bill 2008-01. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The Honorable Minister of Finance is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with first reading of Bill 2008-01 today. Does the Minister of unanimous consent?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Proceed Minister.

**Mrs. Gear:** Thank you Mr. Speaker I would like to present to the House of Assembly the Nunatsiavut Government

balanced Budget for the fiscal year April 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009.

Our finance department in consultation with various departments' officials, committees, and individuals has prepared this budget.

Mr. Speaker this budget is comprised of two sections Nunatsiavut Government Administration (shown as Section 1) and Fiscal Financing Agreement (listed as Section 2). The breakdown to the Budget Act 2008 is attached at the back of the Budget Bill I have presented here today.

Mr. Speaker included in this budget is items which will assist the Nunatsiavut Government to achieve our goal of implementing the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Mr. Speaker the Department of Finance has a mandate to oversee the financial operations of the government. As well Mr. Speaker our department must perform a balancing act of providing funding to operate for today as well ensure there are funds available for the future.

Mr. Speaker if you can remember when I stood here approximately one year ago and presented the Budget Act 2007 I had informed the assembly members the Nunatsiavut Government budget would be increasing by approximately \$2.5 Million or a 29% increase for the 07-08 fiscal year. At that time Mr. Speaker I had informed the assembly members that if alternate revenue sources were not identified the Nunatsiavut Government administration budget would be frozen. Well Mr. Speaker I can stand here to today and state that our Government has finalized the GST agreement with the Government of Canada. As well Mr. Speaker the Nunatsiavut Government is receiving on a regular basis mining

royalties from the Province of Newfoundland & Labrador. I would like to note these mining royalties contributes to 20% of the Nunatsiavut Government administration budget. Unfortunately Mr. Speaker this increase in revenue base is still insufficient to cover all requests submitted by departments, organizations, and house of assembly members sitting around the table here today. However Mr. Speaker this budget does give rise to areas within the Government where we feel amendments need to be achieved. Mr. Speaker the budget presented here today gives rise to 10.5% increase in the administration portion of the budget or a total of \$ 22,065,168 as well a budgeted expenditure of \$29,169,430 under the Fiscal Financing Agreement. For the benefit of the assembly members here today the budget as presented will see Nunatsiavut Government spend \$51,234,598 during the 08-09 fiscal year.

However Mr. Speaker I also have to say that unless additional revenue is achieved such as increasing employment in Nunatsiavut and therefore collecting personal income tax or the increase spending of dollars within Nunatsiavut so Nunatsiavut Government can collect GST revenue this budget will also remain frozen for years to come. Mr. Speaker our finance staff has done the analysis and if the Nunatsiavut Government budgeted expenditures was continue to increase at a rate of 10%, based on the revenue we currently receive the NG will run a deficit just six years from now. Therefore Mr. Speaker the responsibility is on all of us sitting around this table to be prudent and fiscally responsible.

Mr. Speaker the Nunatsiavut Government will receive approximately \$ 6 Million in interest revenue on the Labrador Inuit Land Claims money, \$2.8 Million from Personal Income Tax agreement with the Government of Canada, \$830 thousand from GST agreement with the Government of Canada, \$2,650,000.00 from Mining Royalties, \$1,306,000.00 from Fiscal Financing Agreement and approx \$430 thousand from project dollars. And finally Mr. Speaker the Nunatsiavut Government will draw down on the Land Claims Agreement FDIPI dollars approximately 8 million dollars to help construct the Nain administration building.

In addition to this revenue the NG will receive under the Fiscal Financing Agreement \$29,169,430 as I mentioned earlier.

Mr. Speaker I would now like to highlight some of the points included in this budget.

Mr. Speaker the Nunatsiavut Government recognizes the importance of language revitalization to our beneficiaries and is recommending the Language Co-coordinator position currently funded out of Government of Canada program dollars become a core position within Nunatsiavut Government. This budget will see a Director of Lands hired to help facilitate lands transfer, assist in developing a Land Use Plan and monitor activity on lands for years to come. In addition Mr. Speaker this budget has allocated funds on a 3 year term basis to hire on contract basis an assistant in our environment division to help keep up with the on going mining exploration activity currently on going within Labrador Inuit

lands as well the Labrador Inuit Settlement area.

Mr. Speaker it is our intent to hire a web developer. This position Mr. Speaker will assist in designing, upgrading and maintaining our website. As well Mr. Speaker this position will also help to maintain our new databases that my department has been facilitating over this past year. Mr. Speaker we are about to launch the two new databases one for membership along with the Non-insured Health Benefit. In addition Mr. Speaker the Nunatsiavut Government will be installing a new database at the Post Secondary Student Support office in St. John's. These new databases will integrate with each other and give each office an ability to monitor crucial information of our beneficiaries such as status of their membership, are they are eligible for health benefits or Post Secondary Student Support. This database will also integrate with the new accounting software being implemented within Nunatsiavut Government. The Nunatsiavut Government understands the important role the internet has on communicating with our beneficiaries and hopes this individual will work along side our resource centre and communications department to ensure information is passed onto our beneficiaries in a more effective manner.

This budget will see a full-time position created within the membership office to assist with the day to day operations and up keep of membership files which is the core of our land claims agreement. It is the intent of this government to hire on an annual basis a law student to assist in research requirements and requests made by speaker of the house on behalf of the

assembly members as well requests made by senior management.

As you heard me speak earlier Mr. Speaker I notified there are insufficient funds to grant all requests. Well Mr. Speaker without additional revenue the Nunatsiavut Government will be unable to expand programs and services and enhance the lives of our beneficiaries. It is our intention Mr. Speaker to hire a Director of Economic Development to help government in realizing additional revenue. Mr. Speaker no government including ours can exist unless we have some type of economic development. This position Mr. Speaker will help draft policies around economic development as well encourage economic development within our communities.

For the first time in history Mr. Speaker it is our intentions to have a family reside in Hebron and the surrounding area for a period of three months this coming summer. This family we will consider to be a caretaker, to protect the various artifacts which are indicative of our rich culture. It has been long known that cruise ships have been visiting this area and removing such precious items. Having this family here will also allow us to gather information on the number of visitors attending this area. We hope the information gathered will assist our Department of tourism in implementing the tourism strategy for Nunatsiavut.

Mr. Speaker, this year the Nunatsiavut Government will commit funds for community enhancements projects for the Inuit Community Government however Mr. Speaker these projects will have a long-term focus in order for the Inuit community governments to receive such funding. The department of

Education and Economic Development in consultation with executive council and Inuit Community Governments will draft guidelines that the community governments will have to abide by to access such funds.

Before I move to items within the programming side of this budget Mr. Speaker, I would also like to highlight items recommended by the Member Services Committee that has been included in this budget. This budget Mr. Speaker sets out a 3% increase in pay calculated on the base salary of assembly members which in this case would be \$1800.00(\$60,000 multiplied by 3%). The member services committee is recommending the 3% increase would be adjusted every anniversary date of taking office and be retroactive to the first Nunatsiavut Government general election. The member services committee is also recommending the 3% increase be paid every year up to a maximum of 4 years. Once a member reaches this 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary the individual will stay at that level until such time as the House of Assembly decides to change this format. Having an increase paid on an anniversary date as well a cap out at 4 years is same format used for the senior management as well a similar method for our civil service.

Mr. Speaker this budget also includes the recommendation from the member services committee a severance package that will be paid upon termination of assembly member holding office, one month's salary for every year served calculated on the base member salary. In addition the member services committee is recommending members pay into a defined contribution plan currently used by the Nunatsiavut Governments' civil servants. The plan will see members

contribute 5% of their base member salary of which 3.5% is locked in and the other 1.5% be considered a voluntary contribution. The Nunatsiavut Government will match the assembly member's contribution up to 5% of base salary income.

Mr. Speaker I would now like to focus on the programming side of this budget. All funds listed here Mr. Speaker comes from the Fiscal Financing agreement and is highlighted as Section 2 in your attachment shown on page 8. Please note Mr. Speaker the Fiscal Financing Agreement which is a five year agreement between the Government of Canada and Nunatsiavut Government. I would like to inform the members here that this 08-09 fiscal year represents the fourth year of the five year agreement. It is the intent of this government along with the government of Canada to start the renegotiation process during this year.

The fiscal financing agreement will see funds spent to a total of 29,169,430. The funds will be allocated as follows. Operation of the Inuit Community Governments \$ 3,644,880 and Capital works for the Inuit Community Governments \$ 3,290,941 which represents a 4.3% increase over prior year. Funding to the Dept of Health & Social Development of is \$12,783,000 or increase of 1.2%. Funding to PSSSSP is approximately 2.35 million. Funding to Torngat Regional Housing Association has also increased by 4.3% and will be just under 1.9 million. Funding to the College of the North Atlantic is 100 thousand dollars as well Funding to operate the cultural centre will be approximately 109 thousand dollars. Funding to offset ongoing self

government costs of Nunatsiavut Government 1.3 million. In addition to this Mr. Speaker Funding to enhance education within our schools and to our beneficiaries will be split into two categories. Funding to the schools within Nunatsiavut just under 2.5 million and for the first year \$328 thousand will be spent on curriculum development.

Included in this Fiscal Financing Agreement is \$654 thousand for the Canadian Aboriginal Economic Development Strategy otherwise known as CAEDS as well \$230 thousand for subsidy of the English river project and our full time conservation officers.

Mr. Speaker I would like to point out that all increases noted under the Fiscal Financing Agreement is part of the contract and there are no funds being used from administration to offset the costs I have listed here as Fiscal financing agreement.

I trust Mr. Speaker I have the support of the Executive Council and all members of this house to pass this bill known as Bill 2008-01 Budget Act for the fiscal year April 2008 to March 31, 2009. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mrs. Gear:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by the Member for Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak that Bill 2008-01 *Budget Act 2008* be introduced and read for the first time, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, the motion is in order. The floor is open for debate, debate to the principle to the Budget

Bill. Each Member will have an opportunity to speak for 15 minutes if they wish to do so. If no Member wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to conclude debate?

**Mrs. Gear:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, yes.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Honorable Minister that concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2008-01 The Budget Act?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Accordingly, with unanimous consent of the Assembly, Bill 2008-01 has had first reading. Before we get into discussing our motion we will take a quick recess.

*Break*

**Mr. Broomfield:** I would like to call the House back to order. We'll proceed with item 11 on our agenda "*Notice of Motion for First Reading of Bills*". I would like to recognize the Member for Canada to introduce Bill 2008-02 "*The Code of Conduct Act*".

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to introduce to the Nunatsiavut Assembly Bill 2008-02 "*A Bill for the Nunatsiavut Code of Conduct for Elected Officials*". Mr. Speaker on behalf of the Code of Conduct Committee, including myself as Chair, the Honorable Max Winters, the Honorable Ben Ponniuk, the Honorable Judy Dicker, and the Honorable Diane Gear, it is again Mr. Speaker, my honor to explain why Bill 2008-02 should be supported and enacted as Inuit Law.

Whereas Mr. Speaker, the Labrador Inuit Constitution Section 422.2 requires that the Nunatsiavut Assembly must establish a code of conduct including a code of ethics and conflict of interest guidelines for elected officials and whereas Mr. Speaker the Nunatsiavut Assembly has struck a standing committee to develop a code of conduct for elected officials and adopted a resolution for a zero tolerance policy for alcohol and drug use to apply when the Assembly is in session and whereas Mr. Speaker the report on alcohol and drug hearings which was tabled and accepted in this House in December 2006 resulted in the striking of a standing committee on alcohol and drug abuse.

To make certain Mr. Speaker that the recommendations outlined in the report on alcohol and drug abuse are implemented. The Code of Conduct Committee Mr. Speaker believes that the Nunatsiavut Assembly has a responsibility that the end result of the aforementioned processes in the enactment of Inuit Law is a means to address complaints relative to elected officials conduct.

Mr. Speaker, given that the founding principles of the Labrador Inuit Constitution including Sections 1.1.3 (g), which recognizes that the Inuit of Labrador share a responsibility for the well being, safety, security, good conduct and freedom of all Members of Labrador Inuit society and share a particular responsibility for the protection and well being of Labrador Inuit children, elders and members who may be vulnerable and helpless. And Mr. Speaker, Section 1.1.3 (n) of the Constitution provides for the understanding that the status, powers and

functions granted to leaders and representatives of the Inuit of Labrador are entrusted to them for the benefit of all Inuit of Labrador in the expectation that leaders lead lives deserving of respect, be respectful and considerate of all people, give guidance, act wisely, fairly and surely in the exercise of their powers, seek balance and agreement in their decisions, avoid conflict and serve without showing favor or prejudice and without using personal gain.

Mr. Speaker the recommendations from each of the communities where alcohol and drug hearings were conducted clearly proposes that leaders must be role models. Mr. Speaker to act contrary to the founding principals of the Labrador Inuit Constitution and to engage in activities that is not considered role modeling is tandem out to misconduct. Mr. Speaker, the Code of Conduct will be a tool based on Labrador Inuit values, beliefs and traditions as a mean, as a means to address complaints relative to the carrying out of the responsibilities and duties of elected officials in fulfilling their roles.

Mr. Speaker, as elected officials, once must remember that he or she is not above the law and one is expected to impart their duties in a manner that reflects clear thought and sound judgment. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by the Member for Upper Lake Melville, the Honorable Ben Ponniuk, the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism that Bill 2008-02 Code of Conduct be introduced and read for the first time, nakummek Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, the motion is in order. The floor is open for debate if Members wish to speak on the Code of Conduct Act, any debate has to be relevant to the principal of the Bill itself. Each Member is entitled 15 minutes to speak if they wish to do so. If no Member, oh sorry. Cut me off there Keith. I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville.

**Mr. Decker:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, with this Bill, I, hopefully I'm speaking in the right terms here. I noticed that Inuit Community Governments are under this particular Bill, I presented this to them. I haven't had no feedback so, you know, I don't know what else, you know, I could do really in regard to getting the message out there that as elected officials that you are now under this regulation, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, I think what you are referring to is 4221 of the Labrador Inuit Constitution and that the Code of Conduct established applies to elected officials of the Assembly, the Inuit Community Corporations and the Inuit Community Governments. So, it applies to all those elected officials, and that's laid out in our Constitution. I'd like to recognize the Chair of the NunaKatiget Corporation.

**Mr. Winters:** Thank you Mr. Chair, as a Member of the Code of Conduct Committee, I would like to encourage the Members to support this Code of Conduct so it could become Inuit Law, thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would stand at this time Mr. Speaker to commend the Member of the Committee and I would suggest Mr. Speaker that what this Bill does for Nunatsiavut is that it will give a sense of confidence to our Beneficiaries.

It'll bring some respect to this Assembly, it'll give meaning to young people, Mr. Speaker, that we recognize that among those other important things such as the conflict of interest and, but it surely reflects Mr. Speaker what I believe to be Inuit values. It goes so far as to mention respect for others and for all, for elected people, Beneficiaries and our public service as well and it is, I think it's something that not only the Members of this House can be proud of what I believe the Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and certainly the people of Nunatsiavut can be very proud of and I too Mr. Speaker urge Member of the Assembly to vote in favor of this Bill.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

**Mrs. Dicker:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, as elected officials we do need guidance and the people who elected us look to us as role models and I think that we should act in a positive and respectful manner at all times. In February of 2007 I was appointed to sit on the Code of Conduct Committee, after a lot of consultations through emails and face to face meetings, we covered from courtesy and respect to zero tolerance for alcohol and drug abuse. I'm hoping today that you will consider this Bill and make it into Law.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Finance and Human Resources.

**Mrs. Gear:** I'd just like to say that we, when we started at this Code of Conduct it seemed like such a big task ahead of us. But after doing some research and with Danny's help, this is what we've come up with and I'm sure that it's something that we're all going to be proud of and our constituencies can be proud of as well, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you; if no other Member wishes to speak...cut off again. I'd like to recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also just want to fall right in line and commend everybody for our hard work. It's a heck of a document and I think it's going to do a lot of good. It couldn't have been easy and I'd just like to say that it's long overdue and I just hope that everybody from the people around this table right down to the last person in each community can benefit in some way shape or form from this and I think that we've done a great job, thanks.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, any other comments? Last chance. I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Culture.

**Mr. Ponniuk:** As being part of this Committee, I feel I have to say a few words. There was a lot of time, effort put into this with the leadership of, well Dan took the lead role in this and like I said we've put a lot of work into it and I think it's a very, very fine document and I'll reiterate what most of what the other ones said, it's only for the betterment of

all. Not only just us here but for the whole of, for the whole of Nunatsiavut and I as others said, hopefully everybody will agree with this and make it into law, thank you.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Honorable Minister, if no other Member wishes to speak, does the Member for Canada wish to conclude debate?

**Mr. Pottle:** Yes Mr. Speaker, I wish to conclude debate on the introduction of this Code of Conduct for first reading, thank you.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Honorable Member that concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2008-02?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Accordingly with unanimous consent of the Assembly, Bill 2008-02 has had first reading, thank you. I'd like to extend a thank you to the Code of Conduct Committee for all their hard work. They have a very impressive document to present to the Assembly. At this time I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

**Mr. Barbour:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all Mr. Speaker, in introducing a Bill I wish to seek unanimous consent to wave *Standing Order 45* a 48 hour notice to proceed with first reading of Bill 2008-03.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Mr. Minister, is that *Standing Order 95*? It's *Standing Order 95*.

**Mr. Barbour:** Yes, that is correct. It's *Standing Order 95*, I wish to wave that.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Honorable Minister. The Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with first reading of Bill 2008-03 today. Does the Minister have unanimous consent?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Proceed Honorable Minister.

**Mr. Barbour:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Now when we go back to October 2007 I introduced a motion to ban uranium mining on Labrador Inuit Lands. After I introduced that motion back in October, we also, the Assembly struck a Committee of the Whole being the Assembly became the committee and also with technical support.

We, I have decided to introduce a Bill that looks slightly different then the motion that we have been discussing up to yesterday. Now, this is after consideration of listening to all members of the Committee of the Whole. Basically what I have done is I've added another section to that Bill based on the original motion.

This Bill would have legal effect where the motion, the original motion had no legal effect. The addition that I'm proposing makes for a moratorium of 3 years on uranium mining and development and after a 3 year moratorium in would require that the Assembly review the moratorium after the 3 year period being specifically that the Assembly would be required to review the moratorium after 3 years

whether they let it stand or whether they wish to lift it.

Now, this Bill will enable the Assembly to reconsider the moratorium based on a finalized Land Use Plan, provide that Nunatsiavut Government the time needed to enact environmental assessment and environmental protection legislation and put a fee structure in place, give my department the time needed to get the lands administration system up and running. Now the difference between having a moratorium for 3 years and having no development for 3 years before the Land Use Plan is done are that we just would not accept any development on uranium for 3 years. During a land use, we don't have total control over the Land Use Plan but with the *Lands Act* we do. A 3 year moratorium will cover off the concerns that we have about the effects of uranium mining until we are certain which area of land will be protected by the Land Use Plan and which will be opened to development. At that time, we will be more prepared to make a decision that is better informed, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Do we have a seconder for the Bill?

**Mr. Barbour:** Okay, when I make the motion Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by the Member for, Ordinary Member for Postville, the Minister of Finance, Diane Gear that the Bill 2008-03 *An Act to Amend the Labrador Inuit Lands Act* be introduced and read for the first time.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Honorable Minister, the motion is in order. The floor is open to debate; Members may speak to the motion for 15 minutes if they wish to do so. Any debate should

be geared toward the principle of the Bill itself. Are there any comments? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville.

**Mr. Decker:** I guess I'd just like to say that you know, representing my community here today I don't think that really that I am in favor of that Bill.

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

**Mr. Russell:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, we've had much debate already. Not in a formal sitting of course but I too feel as the AngajukKâk for Postville does. I think we're kidding ourselves a little about exactly what we can't stop here and about the benefits to all beneficiaries everywhere that may come from such a development. I understand the need for additional legislation and Land Use Plan and other things but I have to represent my constituency and the majority of the people just about 99.99% of all that I've talked to on the issue would not be in favor of a moratorium and therefore I also say that I cannot support this at this time, thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, when we met yesterday in an informal session to discuss the motion that have been put forward October last, I noticed that there is now some, some change in there regarding the length of the moratorium.

For a number of years Mr. Speaker, exploration companies have come to Nunatsiavut and have tried to set the agenda for us. We were a brand new

government and we're being told not only by exploration companies but governments as well "Get your act together, look progress is here any you guys are unprepared".

I think at least what this, what this Bill says Mr. Speaker is to send a message to exploration companies, mining companies and other governments is that look, we are in charge here in Nunatsiavut Mr. Speaker. We are the decision body, we will make the rules that apply to our land. It is our land and we will continue to protect it and we have newfound powers that we will use to ensure that development that takes place will be done so on our terms Mr. Speaker. I can support, although it was not when I spoke yesterday informally, I can support that the Minister has saw fit to introduce in his motion some, some security for me that makes me believe that even though it is only a 3 year moratorium at this time that must be reviewed again by the Assembly in 3 years, it gives some comfort to me that some of the questions that were not answered up to this point by exploration companies or by our experts or the experts that we heard as a Committee of the Whole that were not addressed, no assurance given and as I said yesterday for me nothing had changed. My opinion hadn't changed, nothing that they had told me.

Exploration companies wanted to or threatened or suggested to us the they were ready to register their project and yet they had no idea whatsoever, not a clue and you would think if they were so, so sure that they, that they could have a project they could not even hint to us how tailings could be disposed of on Labrador Inuit Lands. Not even close.

They said things like "Well, we'll use the most modern techniques". What are they? "Well in this part of the world it's this and this in this part of the world". Clearly, many of us in Nunatsiavut saw that those techniques did not give us the assurance for our lands. Our land is unique. It is not western Canada and it's not Australia. That assurance was never, ever close to being provided to us.

I would like to say though Mr. Speaker that I think that perhaps during this 3 year moratorium it should give the mining companies a little bit of, the ball is clearly in their court. Let them go do their work now. Let them find the techniques that will give us the confidence that perhaps, someday, uranium mining could be accepted in Labrador Inuit Lands. But clearly not at this time, I am, I am pleased that the 3 years could give some comfort I believe to a lot of, to many of us who oppose uranium mining on Labrador Inuit Lands. Clearly, it put the ball, it has put the ball in the court of the mining industry and the exploration companies Mr. Minister, thank you.

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

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker, just like to I guess reiterate what the Acting First Minister has said. Yesterday, in the Committee of the Whole the Honorable Minister of Land and Natural Resources asked for some feedback from Members to gage whether or not he had assurances that if this Bill was introduced for first reading that it would not be accepted.

At that point in time Mr. Speaker I did speak to the fact and assured the

Minister of Land and Natural Resources that I too object to uranium mining and or development on Labrador Inuit Lands. After having time to review the new motion presented by the Minister of Land and Natural Resources it too gives me some assurance Mr. Speaker that the new section added a section 1.9 to the Labrador Inuit Lands Act do give me some assurance at this point in time Mr. Speaker that the mining companies should go away and do more work. This will give us a 3 year period to continually ensure that Labrador Inuit Lands are protected and preserved for future generations.

I look forward Mr. Speaker to March 31, 2011 when this issue will be reviewed again and if I see nothing in that 3 year period Mr. Speaker to give me greater comfort to ensure that Labrador Inuit Lands will be protected for generations to come I will let my feelings be known then Mr. Speaker and I hope that the mining companies do go away and they can provide us with some assurance that if development do go ahead, our lands will not be adversely effected, thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Russell:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Let me first say that I do respect the opinions of everyone in here and I also respect the opinions of beneficiaries outside of this Assembly and I'd just like to point out that yesterday in an informal session, where we did entertain the opinions of 6 beneficiaries from the 2 communities clearly that were the most adjacent to these uranium finds and I found one recurring theme throughout

everything and it's that we all are not opposed to development but we still would not accept development at any cost and I think that anybody could really say that.

We want to respect our, you know, the health of our children in future generations. We want to make sure that, you know, we do not destroy and completely contaminate all the land around these finds. I can understand that but we did talk about people who are looking for change. They wanted new developments, they wanted, they want new developments, they want revenue. We talk all the time how we are continually facing a deficit in this government and we have an opportunity in front of us. I really think it's an opportunity and with this moratorium I feel that we will prevent and delay an environmental assessment which is where I think we should be allowing companies that, you know, put your money where your mouth is. Prove it. Prove that you can do it safe until the communities are satisfied and I don't think, I think we're hindering that process. I don't think we're letting them get to that, that point and really I don't think the, you know, even though there is a sunset clause that's been added to the proposed it's still, you know, it'll be reviewed by the Assembly in 2011 as the Honorable Member from Canada had said but I don't believe there will be environmental assessments at that point which will change anybody's minds so I believe that things will stay the same.

So, we've heard today, we've heard talk of Pine Lodge and how people from Nunatsiavut have to come down to Upper Lake Melville to, you know, take advantage of the services that we have

down there, the medical care things like that and yet, you know, we know we have a recognized need for housing. We have a recognized need to get people off welfare.

We have people, as you know, the Honorable Minister of Health and...had said before we have people freezing in our own communities! And yet we're going to try and stand up and stop a development which could be in the words of people in this room potentially up to 10 times the size of Voisey Bay. We missed, I think we missed the train of, you know, in terms of getting in and getting the maximum value for the Inuit. And I mean I say all of this because I am pro-development but I'm also still here, you know, with development not at any cost. You don't want to see anybody hurt by this but I think that this process is preventing the companies and there are many who want to tap into our resources. It's preventing them from proving that it can be done in a safe manner and pushing it back and pushing it back and I think that the immediate effect of that will discourage people from coming in and exploring what we have to offer and generating those jobs in the local communities and, you know, coming in and buying from local businesses and training people. I, you know, and but that's how I feel at this time. I just wanted to point that out.

There is a lot of call for change. Most people that I've come in contact with are pro-development but not at any cost as am I. I think that this process prevents us from letting them prove as the Acting President had said, what are those modern techniques? What are those best practices? I believe they will be identified and outlined in an environmental assessment and from my

limited understanding of the entire process I think we're hindering that, the ability to let these companies prove it, and prove that can be done safely, thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Flowers:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, when this Bill was first introduced before the sunset clause I was totally in favor of the Bill because I cannot see how we can have uranium mining on Nunatsiavut land at this time. And when the sunset clause was put in, or whatever you wants to call it, I guess it's sunset, Tony said the sun don't set so...anyway, I had little bit of difficulty with it this morning and after talking to a few different people and talking to the Minister of Lands and Resources it kind of cleared up some of the, you know, some of the thoughts or some of the things that I was afraid would happen.

So, right now the way I feel is I think I would have to support if this is the best that we can do. So, I say that I support it and yes Honorable Minister for Upper Lake Melville, we do have a lot of problems in Nunatsiavut. We have a lot of consent, we need a lot of infrastructure, we need a lot of dollars. But, to me, I can't, I can't support the uranium mining. If the dollars was coming from there I don't know, I don't know that but I know one thing that we do have to find other ways to help our people.

It's the bottom line this is Upper Lake Melville, like you said. I mean I'm sure you would like to have them Upper Lake Melville people what's in the Paddon

Home in their own communities if we can do it and at this time we cannot, we cannot and yet they're going to close the doors by 4:30 tomorrow, Friday afternoon. So, to me, I honestly don't know how I'm going to react when I get to Goose Bay because, you know, I...

**Mr. Broomfield:** Order, order. Please keep our debate relative to the motion.

**Mr. Flowers:** Okay, alright but the thing going back to that. It is, you know, it is monies yes that we could have but at this time I'm not supporting a Bill on uranium mining.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Do you support the Bill as it is?

**Mr. Flowers:** Yes, I'm going to support the Bill as it is now.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Okay. I'd like to recognize the Chair of the Sivunivut Corporation.

**Mr. Tuttauk:** Thank you Mr. Chair. After much debate and listening to what everybody has said about this issue, I respect what everybody say, I too see this as a opportunity. As words of the Honorable Speaker said in his presentation earlier Aboriginal people have been put down long enough. I see this as an opportunity for us to say okay, this is the way we're going to do it, this is what we're going to do, this is what you have to do. In discussions this morning about projected deficit on the horizon it's a scary situation and if it's done right I think we could do alright, I think we could do it. So, right now, I can't support your motion. Thank you.

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

**Mrs. Erickson:** Thank you Mr. Chair. It's been...it's been a lot of headache, a lot of heartache trying to deal with this motion. There was a lot of emotion. When the initial, the initial motion was tabled I had difficulty saying I would support it. I know all the work that's gone into the whole hearings, bringing the presenters in. The presenters that we had in yesterday were outstanding. It was really good to hear from people outside of the, the experts and ourselves cause we've all heard what each other have to say.

Given the sunset clause that Minister Barbour has put into his, his Bill, I have no problem supporting that Bill because it gives us, like he said, it gives us time to get his staff to get the environment protection act and the environmental assessment business done. Our land use plan will be done and it gives the companies that may want to come into Nunatsiavut time to sit back and say okay we need to get something done before we get in there. So, Minister Barbour I will support your Bill, thank you.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you. I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

**Mr. Barbour:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, maybe in my introduction of the Bill maybe I was not fully clear but the AngajukKâk for Nain has made it more clear and more understanding possibly to the Assembly Members.

What this 3 year moratorium would do and it would be an absolute moratorium

based on the Lands Act if amended is a 3 year moratorium. This Assembly could not reopen until March 31, after March 31, 2011. They would have to review it then. They can hold that moratorium if they wish to but up until March 31, 2011 but up until then that moratorium could not be repealed. That was my addition to my original motion that I introduced in October.

Again, as the AngajukKâk for Nain has pointed out it gives my department especially, the badly needed breathing space that we don't have at present time. I point out to those that are pro-development that I did consider what I heard in the pro-development side, on the pro-development side. I point out that under the exploration standards that we have as law today and the provincial government has as law today, exploration will continue. Will continue, yesterday I signed off another approval for Aurora Energy, another one to continue their exploration program, so the exploration would continue. What this does and again, I, as the Minister, as in introducing the Bill I've had the privilege and the liberty of adding on if I wanted to.

That was my absolute privilege, my staff and legal council had no choice but to listen to me when I said we need to add on. We cannot have a blanket statement of moratorium forever and hold it there. We need time, we need time for both sides to play this through and as the Acting President pointed out it also gives those mining companies out there for them to prove to us what is safe potentially.

At present time I'm not, I've seen nothing in terms of a solid plan, nothing. So, this what, this really does is give us, my department especially the breathing

space that we badly need and with the moratorium they would back off but continue exploration and hopefully if they get to a development stage and get there they still have 3 years to prove (inaudible) and I just want to point out the one reiterate that I've been hearing out there. Ten times the size of Voisey's Bay? Ten times the size of Voisey's Bay totally rhetoric, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Mr. Minister. I agree with you, any other comments? If no there Member wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to conclude debate?

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

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you. As we do not have unanimous consent, I will check with legal council before I proceed to see if we have to vote to approve first reading of the Bill. I will double check to ensure we are on the right track so we will recess for 5 minutes.

*Break*

**Mr. Broomfield:** Good evening, I would like to call the house back to order. It's clear from debate on first reading of Minister Barbour's Bill that we will not have a consensus a, or unanimous consent to approve first reading so I'd like to hand the floor to the Acting President.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I agree that it is clear that we do not have consensus on the Bill forwarded by the Minister of Lands and Resources. So, I request of the Speaker, I request of you Mr. Speaker, I apologize

for that, I request of you Mr. Speaker to call a vote on the first reading of this Bill.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Mr. Acting President. I will be looking for a show of hands for Assembly Members in favor of approving first reading of Bill 2008-03. By a show of hands I would like to know the number of Members in favor of approving this Bill for first reading. Thank you. I would like a show of hands to those who are opposed to first reading of Bill 2008-03. Thank you.

By a vote of 11 in favor and 4 opposed Bill 2008-03 has had first reading in the Assembly. I'd like to thank the Assembly Members for the work we've done today. As the hour is getting late, I will adjourn this sitting for tonight and we will reconvene tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. and continue on with orders of the day, thank you.

*Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.*

*Assembly reconvenes on March 6, 2008 at 9:15 a.m.*

### **Notices of Motions**

**Mr. Russell:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to move the following motion.

“Whereas the goals of the Labrador Inuit Constitution include Labrador Inuit Democratic values and social justice for Labrador Inuit and whereas Section 1.2.1 of the Nunatsiavut Constitution Act Schedule A prescribes the process that must be followed to amend those provisions listed on Schedule 1A of the Constitution and whereas Section 3.3.7

of the Constitution prescribes the eligibility requirements to be elected as President of Nunatsiavut and whereas one of the eligibility requirements for election as President is contained in Section 3.3.7 which states to be eligible to be elected as President of Nunatsiavut a candidate must be able to see, be able to understand and speak Inuktitut. Now therefore I move seconded by the Honorable Member for the Canadian Constituency that the Nunatsiavut Legislative Assembly supports deleting Section 3.3.7 (c) from the Labrador Inuit Constitution.” Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you. The motion is in order. All Members have an opportunity to speak to the motion for 15 minutes, for a period of 15 minutes. The floor is open for debate. The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. First, I'd like to start off with a little bit of clarification about the terminology used in the motion. We talk about the word deleting that section from the Labrador Inuit Constitution; it is not our intent and our ability to just tear that out as an Assembly. I want to clarify that because this is a means to get to referendum, to allow every beneficiary of our Land Claims Agreement to come out to a pole and have a say on what they think so then it doesn't become the political agenda of all of us around this table.

We don't go for or against, we become a beneficiary that's able to vote on this issue and we can go to the poles and say what we like then. I mean, it's the intent of this is so that everybody here gets a say.

We've talked many, many times with people in this room, people in the gallery, elders and youth from all the communities and we keep seeing a recurring theme of the need for change. And I mean we've had one on one, we've had group consultations by phone, by e-mail, sitting in the living room of elders, talking about this and the message is simply the same. We need some change and it's very important...

*Disruption from a member of the gallery.*

**Mr. Broomfield:** Order! Order!

**Mr. Russell:** We, it's important for me to say that we have all made a commitment by being sworn into office to try and help to revitalize the language. We have to really try and make that distinction here today that this is not about the revitalization of the language but this is about leadership. It's simply, this, this criteria simply diminishes the pool of candidates that we have available to us as Labrador Inuit as leaders. So, I mean, this is not an attempt to destroy the language, to, to hinder its' revival. It is simply to allow a larger group of people access to nomination as President and hope I mean, you know, I feel that being able to speak your language is a blessing and a privilege that unfortunately in my family never made it from my grandparents to my generation for whatever reason and, you know, I think that now is the time that we have to stand up and say what's best for everybody.

In recent statistics that were provided to all of us by the Labrador Inuktitut Language Coordinator, approximately 13% of beneficiaries I believe as of 2001

say that Inuktitut is their first language leaving 80% to be unilingual English and unable therefore to seek nomination as President. Therefore many of our beneficiaries and I mean many are questioning as to whether or not the current criteria discriminates against unilingual English beneficiaries.

The current criteria does not reflect the reality of Inuktitut use in the general population at this time. We have 13% say it is their first, 87 that 87% of our 6,000 plus beneficiaries are unable to throw their name into the hat for nomination as President.

I believe people have to stand up now, we've had enough support. This all originated from one on one consultations with people, many of whom are sitting around this table about the need for this change and the support that they have given me, the mover of this motion has led me to bring it to the House.

To me, I think the biggest problem we face are biggest shortcoming is leadership and to be bound only to that 13% is too risky in my opinion and the opinion of many others. It's not for me to get up and say that this is how it should be and this is what we have to do. All I'm saying is that if we are going to represent our constituents in the best possible manner then give them a say, put this issue to bed. Let them go to the poles and let them say by referendum as fast and as quickly as possible how they want it, how the general populations wants it then that is how we proceed and go forward. So, saying that I believe we have to urge the President, the Acting President and the Executive Council to go to referendum as promptly and quickly as possible and as correctly as possible.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Order! Order!  
Referendum and plebiscites are subject to the Election Act so those guidelines have to be followed.

**Mr. Russell:** Yes, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** If it gets to that point.

**Mr. Russell:** If it does get to that point, exactly. Basically again just to restate it in closing in my opening statement here it's not for me to decide directly. It's not for just us around this table to decide directly, I believe this issue is so important that we have to go to the general population. We have to allow everybody to go and have their say and then no matter how I feel personally, no matter how anybody else feels personally then we have to live with the results of what the entire results of what the Labrador Inuit feel on this subject, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you. The Member for Canada.

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker, as a seconder to this motion I would just like to reiterate what the Honorable Member for Upper Lake Melville has just stated and I want to assure this House Mr. Speaker that this is not about Danny Pottle or Keith Russell or any member wanting to put themselves forward for the office of President.

Mr. Speaker I want to make it clear to this Assembly today if this language requirement was changed I would personally not be seeking the office of President. I have been asked by beneficiaries Mr. Speaker, "If this language requirement was changed

would I seek the office of President?" Mr. Speaker my response to beneficiaries is "no, I would not". This is not about Danny Pottle, this is not about any other Member putting themselves in a position where they should be nominated or seek the office of President but the opportunity Mr. Speaker if one so chooses.

As the Honorable Member for Upper Lake Melville has stated Mr. Speaker, our, this is about leadership. Potential for leadership, if you have a leader who is in support of as we all are in this Assembly Mr. Speaker moving forward with the preservation of Inuktitut and the promotion of Inuktitut, I believe that that can be achieved with or without a President who has the ability to speak Inuktitut. And I would encourage Mr. Speaker if anybody if this do go to a referendum and if it was supported in a referendum that I would recommend that anybody who's seeking this office as President must do their utmost to ensure that they learn and speak Inuttut.

At this point in time Mr. Speaker the Nunatsiavut Government including the Torngâsok Cultural Centre is working on ways to revitalize the language with the support of this Assembly. The Nunatsiavut Assembly has struck a committee on language, we Mr. Speaker as I reported in the last session in December 2007 to this House this committee has been inactive for quite some time for reasons beyond our control.

We do now have a full slate of committee members and this committee will work towards revitalizing putting forth recommendations to this Assembly on how Inuktitut can become the

working language of this Assembly and the civil service.

I'd just like to close by saying that as elected officials, we are expected to act and move forward issues that have been brought forward to us by our constituents that we represent. To do that Mr. Speaker and not to do that Mr. Speaker we could be in a position where beneficiaries and constituents will say you're not doing your job, you're not doing what we stood, what we elected you to do.

So this Mr. Speaker is simply moving forward. The feelings and the sentiments of beneficiaries not only in Nunatsiavut, Upper Lake Melville and Canada this is for we believe Mr. Speaker the betterment of the Nunatsiavut Government by providing and opportunity Mr. Speaker for each and every beneficiary. To seek the office and be nominated for the President of Nunatsiavut.

In closing Mr. Speaker, this is not about language. This is about leadership and the rights as per the Labrador Inuit Constitution as per our founding principles that each and every Inuk should have the right to seek political, to seek participation across all milieus including the political milieu. Mr. Speaker, I hope that other members of this Assembly as the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville has stated that we've all had this discussions, many times. Not only with elected officials but with members of our own families, constituents we represent from youth to elders and by having this provision in the constitution still there severely diminishes our leadership potential, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you.  
Recognize the Acting President.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I guess Mr. Speaker under the, under our Land Claims Agreement and our Constitution we are sitting around this table recognized by Canada and Newfoundland as Inuit but I am, I am from the old school Mr. Speaker. I have always believed myself to be a Kablunângajuk of Inuit and European descent. And I stand before this, this Assembly Mr. Speaker to say that I don't even come close to understanding and speaking Inuktitut.

I am the first, I am the first generation of a people who proudly spoke and believed that they were Inuit. And it's always been for that reason Mr. Speaker that I have had great difficulty in saying that I'm an Inuk. Even on our newfound rights and recognition by Canada and by Newfoundland. I'm very happy to hear the words "leadership" Mr. Speaker that both the members who spoke before me talked about.

For a very long time, I've been very proud to say that although I am not a Inuk, I'm a Kablunângajuk and I have been a leader and I am a leader. And I take that, that stature very seriously Mr. Speaker and I think Mr. Speaker that as well as leaders we have to step forward and we have to recognize the rights of people.

We have to stand in defense of the downtrodden. We have to stand as leaders in defense of a people who have been kicked, relocated, been told for since the days since when Canada was recognized as a country, since the days

when Newfoundland was recognized as a province in 1949.

But they had no rights to govern themselves to determine whether or not they lived in the north or if they lived in communities. Whether they lived on the land, whether or not their children were allowed to learn the ways of the people or whether they had to go to white schools, residential schools. Those decisions were all made for them Mr. Speaker. It was not until the late 60's and the 70's that movement started across Canada that, you know, we are a proud people. We were once very proud.

Since the Europeans came to North America a lot of our rights have been eroded along with our language, our rights to govern ourselves, our rights to even speak freely and to say that we are a people. Even to call ourselves by our own name, Inuit. It wasn't that many years ago Mr. Speaker we were called something else, our people.

Sadly to say Mr. Speaker that earlier I identified myself as Kablunângajuk. Sadly to say that many of our Kablunângajuk people as well did not want to be a part of the Inuit movement in the early days. Did not identify themselves with Inuit but identified themselves as for what we were, Kablunângajuk. And yet Mr. Speaker there was a time as well when the Inuit of Labrador joined the national movement to identify themselves as a people.

To fight for recognition started what we know Mr. Speaker as the Labrador Inuit Land Claims movement. Kablunângajuk in the early days of that were not members of the LIA. They were members of the Newfoundland and Labrador Native Association.

However Mr. Speaker, the Inuit of Labrador in recognition of those Kablunângajuk they said, they said, those people they live among us. Most of their ancestry is Inuit ancestry. They've married or women, our sisters. They've married our brothers, our children.

They live like us, they try very hard to learn our language. They've brought some contribution here but in most cases they accepted and learned from us, our traditions and it became part of Kablunângajuk tradition and culture as well.

I suspect Mr. Speaker that is very, one of the very good reasons why we did not have a very hard time convincing Canada, excuse me, we did not have a very hard time convincing Canada that in fact we walked and talked and looked and hunt, carry on the traditions of Inuit to Kablunângajuk. Canada didn't have any problem recognizing us as Inuit. Inuit did not have any problems welcoming us and agreeing with Canada and Newfoundland. That yes, Kablunângajuk could be called Inuit, no problems.

And yet Mr. Speaker, to this day we sometimes stand and pat ourselves on the back and say that "oh yeah, we are making efforts here to preserve the language, we are making efforts here to promote Inuit culture". I think as leaders, we have to stand and be honest that the efforts that we have put towards language and culture in Nunatsiavut have been minimal. Perhaps there are reasons for that, we just didn't have the resource or we could not get the support from Canada and Newfoundland. But since December of 2005, Mr. Speaker, I think we have a lot more resource. We have a lot more control over these matters.

The day will come when we have our own Nunatsiavut school board. You know, I am one of the older people here Mr. Speaker in this room but I still very much believe that in my time that will happen and I look forward to that day. When we will have that control and we will start to introduce more Inuktitut into classrooms and things like that.

I'm not watching my clock here Mr. Speaker and I don't want to go on forever. But it for me Mr. Speaker, this early, this early a year and a half. If it is already a year and a half since we became a government that already today sadly to say that again there is a motion tabled before this Assembly to further erode, further erode not only the language but the culture of the Inuit people of Labrador. I t is a step in my mind Mr. Speaker that this is a huge step in saying and I, you know, I am lost for words but I have to say that this is a huge step into saying goodbye to Inuktitut in Labrador. Simply saying to say that it is well, you know, it only applies to one person every 4 years but now there for young people, you we know, and I think that all members recognize that we have seen during the time leading up to the ratification of our Land Claims and since then tremendous movement by our youth. Not only Inuktitut speaking youth but by all youth in all communities. Unilingual, English speaking youth from our communities that are so proud and so proud to call themselves Inuit and how much pressure have they put on us to do more for the language. To do more for the culture, unbelievable pressure that we, you know, we just don't have the resources to meet their demands.

We have to try to find ways Mr. Speaker to meet the demands of those youth. I believe that to, to delete, to delete this clause from the Constitution would be, to delete this clause from the Constitution Mr. Speaker would severely set back any efforts that our government has done since 05 and what any efforts that the LIA had done in the 30 years before that to promoting and retain the language and to move forward and to see that 13%.

Perhaps in 10 years it becomes, you know, 20% maybe it becomes 30. But I believe to do away with this not only, not only effects the office of the President but it effects Inuktitut and its' very survival in Nunatsiavut. I, I've run, I've run out of words Mr. Speaker and because and it is an, it is an emotional motion and I appreciate that the Member who introduced it acknowledged that but I will take my seat Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

**Mr. Barbour:** (from Inuktitut to English) I think it would be better if the members at the table put their headphones on as I'll be speaking in my own language. Mr. Speaker, I will give a brief presentation in Inuktitut. The first thing that I will say is when I got into this position in October of 2006 as part of the Assembly, the first thing that I said was we have to follow the Constitution. I have always been in a position that our Constitution cannot be changed and changed anytime we feel like it. Mr. Speaker, there is a motion on the table right now to amend and delete a part of which is in the Constitution. We have Inuit in our communities who can't

speaking the English language, we have children who want to speak to their parents in their mother tongue without the use of an interpreter.

The Constitution that we go by now Mr. Speaker, when I was the President of the L.I.A, we visited the north coast communities from Nain to Rigolet, Happy Valley-Goose Bay and even St. John's, at that time the question was how will the Constitution look like, after all the work, will it be passed by the membership? Up to this time, we have heard more than once, can the Constitution be amended?

I have never in my time with the organization, heard that the Constitution has to be changed, that was never mentioned before. Our Constitution was passed unanimously by our members, it was what they wanted. Today, there is a motion on the table to delete a section of the Constitution. In listening to Representatives Keith Russell and Danny Pottle, it seems like they want to run for presidency, all I can say is learn the Inuktitut language first. In closing Mr. Speaker, I would like to add onto what the Acting President commented on, I was in High School in North West River and also in Corner Brook for nearly five years, in those five years while in school, I nearly lost my Inuktitut language because I was not speaking it, but today I am speaking it fluently. So given that, in regards to the Motion that is now on the table, I am not in support of the motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Mr. Minister. I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Mrs. Erickson:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I'm going to try and do this

without getting emotional. Unlike William unfortunately I can't get up here and say it in Inuktitut and, and I really apologize for that. The Member from the Upper Lake Melville and Canadian Constituents said they're, they're tabling this motion so that they can bring up a referendum because they feel we're limiting our people that we can get qualified to run for the Presidential position.

This has been in the Constitution through every presidential election. Like William said, if somebody want to be a leader of the Labrador Inuit then take the leadership role, get out there, learn the language then become our leader.

This language clause in the Constitution is as important as the leadership qualification is. By deleting this clause from our Constitution every bit of pride that we're bringing into our young people right now is going to be gone. I grew up in the age where it wasn't cool to be Eskimo, it wasn't cool to speak Inuktitut that's why I don't have it right now.

Our kids that are growing up now have that pride back, they're proud to go to the speak off and speak Inuktitut. They're proud to greet you on the road and say "ullâkut, Kanuiven?" They're very proud of that, they're proud of their culture. With the youth we have our elders who in are, in the communities in Nunatsiavut still use Inuktitut as their first language. They may not even understand English.

My Dad was one of those people he, he could speak English and understood English but Inuktitut was his first language. If he wanted to go talk to the President and have a comfortable conversation he can do it in Inuktitut or he could do it Inuktitut and we still have

people in our communities like that that are our elders that we have to respect and we have to stand up for. So, I absolutely, absolutely do not agree with this motion regardless of the premise of going to referendum behind it, thank you.

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

**Mr. Flowers:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I, I'd just like to start off saying, yes, I grew up in the age around the same age as Sarah and I was born in North West River but I've lived in Hopedale all my life. And when I started school we learned pretty quick who we were, and we were called Kablunângajuks right off the bat and it was a battle a lot of times. I mean we had, I guess like in every community on the North Coast. It wasn't Nunatsiavut at that time it was North Coast, and that's, we were from the north. And, you know, we had our storms, we had our fights, we had the upalongs or downalongs the whole, the whole thing and, you know, I grew up with it.

I got some, some of my best friends and I was raised by my grandparents and my grandmother could speak Inuktitut and I could see at the time people were poor off and they, you know, we came a long ways from the 70's and we got a long ways to go. But she could speak to them, in their language and it made me very proud. I didn't think I was go get emotional. God damn it, sorry about that but...

**Mr. Broomfield:** Order! Order!

**Mr. Flowers:** I, you know, I, I believe that out of the 13% that the Member

from Upper Lake Melville said that there's only about 13% that can that is fluent in Inuktitut I think there is and I know if we look and find and help groom or talk to some of these people that they would step forward in running for the presidency.

I think we got to do our work because I for one know that living in the community of Hopedale we, I think we had and I think we had one of the hardest times out of the five communities as being probably one of the poorest communities just because of the situation that we're in today. I mean we have, we struggle day to day and I think that am, you know, I could go on about the hardships but I believe that our leader got to come from Nunatsiavut and he go to be or she got to be able to speak the language.

We would not have a Land Claim Agreement, we wouldn't have, we wouldn't be around this table if it wasn't for the elders and the people who wanted to make a difference. And I'm going to as long as I can, try to uphold what they started and I knew what I was. I knew I wouldn't probably speak the language and I probably never will but I'm going to do what I can to make sure my kids and my grandchildren know where they're from, thank you.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you. Any other Members wish to speak? I'd like to recognize the Chair of the Sivunivut Corporation.

**Mr. Tuttauk:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. The issue of language, language loss, language retention is a very sensitive issue but the issue here...I personally believe that the President must know the language but I also believe in the

democratic process. If the people feel that the President, it says the requirement for the President to speak Inuktitut then they will choose to do so. I, like I said, I believe that the President must know the language but weighing that against the voice of the people, and I think that's what we're, this motion is trying to do.

If a person was to run for federal politics they have to know French, they're taught French and with I think that this could be done as well with Inuktitut. So, like I said it's a very sensitive issue and a lot of emotions are going to come into play and I think that everybody believes that we should give the people the voice, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

**Mr. Michelin:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I'm from the community of Rigolet known as the southernmost Inuit community in North America. We've seen changes, so many changes not just to our culture but our language. We have one person left in our community that could speak the language fluently. I, when my, when the Labrador Inuit Association was formed I could see the smile on my grandmother and grandfathers' face saying thank goodness we have a voice and they were proud that the Labrador Inuit Association was formed. They were proud because they knew that the Inuit would be recognized. The language is lost, just about lost in our community. This motion if anything should tell the Assembly, tell the Nunatsiavut that we need to get our language back. I've always been and, a very strong advocate for language. This motion like

everything is so emotional, after thinking... I've been, I've been with the Labrador Inuit Association off and on for 20-25 years. I've spoken against the language law but as Assembly Member today if it wasn't for my elders, grandparents I would not be here to speak for the Inuit. I do believe that I can change my mind. I do believe that the President of the Nunatsiavut Government and the leaders of the communities should be fluent in Inuktitut. Therefore, I could not vote for this motion. Thank you very much.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, any other comments? You will be asked to vote on the motion. A requirement is 60% of Members in favor of approving the motion for it to pass in the Assembly. I just wanted to make that known to you. I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Culture.

**Mr. Ponniuk:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. It's not, there's no need for me to say how emotional this is or as the other people before me I saw some emotions come out and I feel the same way. Personally I think the language should be fluent with the leader but in saying that I also think that it should be...I think we're sort of personally between a rock and a hard place. I, I believe and it says in the Constitution that we should all have equal right to, to whatever but in saying that there's an exception to every rule. To me it goes a little further than the language, if the language is, I won't go to go as far as saying that the language will be lost if this is brought in but I will say that it will be a lot harder to revitalize I guess and it's I think there's a little more to this than the language.

Language to me, goes hand in hand with the culture and if this will, if this will effect the language it will effect the culture. So, I cannot today go along with the motion that's put forward. I said it's very touching, it's iffy and it's there's people that have spoke that sort of feel the same way as I do.

I was speaking with an elder or a couple of elders from Happy Valley-Goose Bay and they really, they really got emotional and said this would be to them, sort of another nail in the coffin of where the language will go. But as I said I don't think it would go that far but it would certainly I think make it a lot harder to, to get it back.

Like I said this is a very, very touchy subject and it's it'll take a lot more thought I think then just this one, just this one sitting for a lot of people to make up their minds. So, I think, I don't think this decision will be this will in regards to where, how it will, how it will or where it will go. A little lost for words anyway I think I sort of got my point across, thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Russell:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Let me first say that I respect everybody for standing up and having your say and this is not easy. I understand that and, I mean, I listened with great interest in what everybody had to say and the process that I used to try and move this motion was to contact individuals to do the same thing everybody else has really done is talk to the people in the community about what they think. And although I spoke to many elders who did speak Inuktitut they told me they will if

given the chance go and vote and vote no for this.

But they support as, as the Member from North West River Ed Tuttauq said they support the democratic process and the ability to have their say. And just going through I'm not going to reiterate what everybody else has said but we've heard constantly revitalization of the language and I, I'm, I'll say this, the only way I believe and a lot of my constituents, I'm here, I'm here doing the job for them.

The only way we can have a high level of success in that revitalization is with a successful, viable government that has the means to provide programs and services and revitalization strategies in order to make that a reality and that government cannot be in a position to do this without strong leadership.

We're not, we don't need to personalize this issue. We don't need to talk about how, how letting everybody have a say is equal to the destruction of our language. That's, that's not the issue here. We've heard pride, we've talked about grandchildren, we've heard numerous, numerous situations about how the language was pushed away from people in the past and all I'm here to say today is that we're talking about letting everybody have a voice. Letting everybody who is eligible to go and vote to go to a pole and say what they think.

So, by not supporting this you're not letting your constituencies have a say. And I think that's what's important, is letting them have a say. You can have your own opinion, this is not about Keith Russell, this is not about Danny Pottle and it's definitely, I'll go back to what the Member for the Canadian Constituency said this is not about my aspirations to throw my name to throw

my name into a presidential nomination. I have no intention of that either. This is about letting people have a say, this is about the principle of democracy.

It's about going to the public and saying what do you think? Although I'm here in the House I'm here put here by my constituents to bring something to this table. I'm doing my job, I'm doing that, I am trying to let my constituency have a say.

By not supporting this you do not want your constituents in my opinion to have that say because you, you are making a connection of destruction of the language with a referendum. And in my opinion I think that this is so big, this decision is so important that it goes just beyond the people sitting around this table. It has to go out to all 6000 plus beneficiaries to have a say in that matter.

We, we've all agreed that our heart strings have been pulled on this issue. I mean we've seen tears, we've seen people talk about how, you know, the language was lost with their, you know, from the move in generation from grandparents to now. We've seen that. So we know how big and important this is and all I'm saying that it is that big, it is that important and leadership is one of the most important things we'll need to have this government be successful and to revitalize the language.

And by voting no to this motion we stop everybody who is recognized by our Land Claims Agreement to have a say, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, we will be required to vote on the motion that is on the floor. Before we do that we will take a short break.

*Break*

**Mr. Broomfield:** ...a, an issue that is near and dear to peoples' hearts. I ask you to look above the Member who introduced the motion and the second, the person who seconded this motion to the democratic process we have in place that allows this motion to come forward. You know, we expressed our opinions whether they are in favor or they're not in favor and respect the democratic process that is laid out for this Assembly.

**Assembly:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Broomfield:** I will ask you to vote either in favor or not in favor of approving motion 01-08-08. First I will ask for those Members who do support the motion to delete the language provision of 337 (c) of the Labrador Inuit Constitution.

By a show of hands, I would like to know the number of Members in support of motion 01-08-08. Thank you.

By a show of hands, I would like to know the number of Assembly of Members not in favor of approving motion 01-08-08. Thank you.

In order for the motion to be approved by the Assembly, the approval rate has to be 60% in favor. ***There are 4 Members in favor and 10 opposed. The motion is not carried.*** And now before I finish this order of business I would like to again reiterate to ask the Assembly to recognize the democratic process that we have followed to and see it for that. Thank you.

## **Second Reading of Bills**

**Mr. Broomfield:** Moving on in our agenda to Second Reading of Bills, Bill 2008-01, 01 the Budget Bill will be introduced for second reading by the Honorable Minister of Finance. Whenever you're ready Honorable Minister, sorry.

**Mrs. Gear:** Mr. Speaker I seek unanimous consent to wave Standing Order 118 and 120 to proceed with second reading of Bill 2008-01 today, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Honorable Minister. The Honorable Minister of finance is seeking unanimous consent to proceed to second reading of Bill 2008-01. Does the Minister of unanimous consent?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Proceed Honorable Minister.

**Mrs. Gear:** Mr. Speaker I move seconded by the Member for Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak that Bill 2008-01 Budget Act 2008 be read for the second time.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, the motion is in order. The procedure for second reading debate will be a clause by clause review of the details of the Bill. Each Member may speak for up to 15 minutes on each clause if they wish to do so. If you go to the annex to the Budget Act which is the page here, can everybody see that?

It's the first page of the annex. For the benefit of all Members it's the bill in your binder, we may take a minute to get straightened away here so bear with us.

If everybody is set to go we will begin by going through the various departments and the figured identified for each one. The House of Assembly, the Administration Budget is \$1,632,461. Are there any comments or questions? All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** The next department is Nunatsiavut Affairs, Nunatsiavut Secretariat sorry. The total administration is \$1,668,443, any comments? All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Nunatsiavut Affairs, administration \$10,632,963. Any comments? All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Department of Finance and Human Resources \$3,685,372 for administration. Fiscal Financing Agreement \$3,187,337 for a total of 6 million 872 dollars, I'm sorry, \$6,872,709. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Department of Lands and Resources, administration \$2,485,028. Any comments? Fiscal Financing Agreement, \$230,000 for a total of \$2,715,028. Any comments? All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Department of Health and Social Development, administration \$133,077. Any comments? The

Honorable Minister of Lands, excuse me, the Honorable Member for Canada.

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker, just an observation I guess and a commentary. If I can ask the Minister of Department of Health and Social Development looking at the administration costs and comparing that to other administration costs I wonder why it's so low? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, I'd like to recognize to Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

**Mr. Flowers:** I'm not the Minister of Finance but I, I would assume that it's because, because it's am, done by Health Canada. Not our, finance comes from Health Canada through Nunatsiavut Government, thank you.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you. Fiscal Financing Agreement, \$12,783,000 for a total of \$12,916,077. Any comments? All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Department of Education and Economic Development. Administration cost: \$841,854. Fiscal Financing Agreement: \$5,923,857 for a total of \$6,765,711. Any comments? All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, administration \$835,970, Fiscal Financing Agreement \$109,415 for a total of \$945,385. Any comments? All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Inuit Community Governments. Fiscal Financing Agreement \$6,935,821 for a total of \$6,935,821. Any comments? All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Inuit Community Corporations. Administration: \$150,000 for a total of \$150,000. Any comments? All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Total cost for Nunatsiavut Government administration: \$22,065,168. Fiscal Financing Agreement: \$29,169,430 total \$51,240,598. Any comments? The Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Just general comments overall, I believe that, although I am in support of the numbers, that our presentation to this Assembly must change a little in terms of format. In terms of breaking out the various department that are grouped together and seeing them individually so that we'll better know what's exactly being budgeted for the individual department and there are no hidden portfolios, if you will, in the presentation of the numbers.

Secondly, we must make a very organized effort to start to wean ourselves off the reliance of professional services, outside companies, individuals etcetera that are doing work for us but we're losing that tax revenue based on our tax agreement. I bring that up because when we were presented the

individual items we used professional services up to and around \$2,000,000 which is equal to 1/3 of what we paid our own staff in terms of salaries, that's a concern. So, all I'm saying here is that we've got to try and make things better. We're not in the best shape in the world and we're going to need every dollar, every dime and we have to start weaning out the stuff that we can't benefit from and that, our reliance on outside parties. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mrs. Gear:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, thank you Keith. I have all the information here that you're looking for it just has to be translated, thank you.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, any other comments? All in favor of approving the total amounts?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** We'll move on to page 1. I would ask you to turn to the cover page of the Budget Bill and we'll review the bill clause by clause. This page right here for...I'd like to recognize the Member for Canada.

**Mr. Pottle:** Just before you proceed Mr. Speaker I'd just like to bring to the attention of the Assembly that on my page it says Budget Act 2007. I believe that maybe a typo and I'd just like to have that recognized, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, yes that's a typo it's Budget Act 2008. So, is everybody at the annex on the cover

page? We will review the clause, the short title clause 1. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 2: Interpretation. Are there any comments? All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3: Budget Approved and Adopted, any comments? All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 4: Authorization to Raise and Collect Revenue. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 5: Goods and Service Tax and Fiscal Financing Agreement Remains in Effect. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 6: Payments Must be Authorized. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 7: Time Limit on Payments Authorized Under this Act. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Appropriations in Respect of Assembly and Departments, Clause 8. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 9: Appropriation in Respect of Inuit Community Government Budgets. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 10: Requirements for Requisitions in Respect of Inuit Communities. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 11: Appropriation in Respect of Inuit Community Corporation Budgets. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 12: Inuit Community Corporation Budgets must be approved by Executive Council. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 13: Other Requisitions must be budgeted for and be authorized by Executive Council. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 14: Transfers Between Fund, Funds for Department Budgets. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 15: Effective Date. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** That concludes the clause by clause of the bill. Does the Minister wish to conclude debate?

**Mrs. Gear:** Yes, I wish to conclude debate, thank you.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Honorable Minister that concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2008-01, I will read that again, is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2008-01?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Accordingly with unanimous consent of the Assembly, Bill 2008-01 Budget Act 2008 has had second reading, thank you. As it's getting near the dinner hour we will conclude our business for this morning and reconvene at 1:30.

*Lunch break*

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I move seconded by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville the Honorable Ben Ponniuk, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism that Bill 2008-02 Code of Conduct Act be read for the second time, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, the motion is in order. The procedure for second reading debate will be a clause by clause review of the detail of the bill. Each Member may speak for up to 15 minutes on each clause if they wish to do so. If you go to part 1 of the Code of Conduct Act, it's on page 4, we will go through each clause in order. If you have any questions when we come to the

respective clause just indicate that you do so and we will stop and address your questions at that time. Part 1: Short Title 1.1. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 1.2 Application. This clause is laid out for the Assembly in the Labrador Inuit Constitution 4221.

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 1.3 Interpretation. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 1.4 Purpose. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Part 2 Rules of Conduct for Elected Officials. 2.1 Elected Officials must act in Accordance with the Code of Conduct. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 2.2 Integrity. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 2.3 Acting Without Conflict of Interest. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 2.4 Avoiding Discredit. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 2.5 Proper Use of Public Property. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 2.6 Courtesy and Respect. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 2.7 Responsibility, Accountability and Transparency. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Part 3: Conflict of Interest Rules. I'd like to recognize the Member for Canada.

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker, I'd just wanted to inform the Assembly Members Part 3 of the Code of Conduct are the Conflict of Interest Rules that have already been previously approved and assented to by the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

These Conflict of Interest Rules were formally Schedule B to the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act and the Code of Conduct Committee believed that it was important to conjoin the Conflict of Interest Rules with the Code of Conduct because as a schedule to the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act we believe that it had the propensity to get lost in the mix and would not be recognized.

Therefore we believe that the Code of Conduct becomes more tighter and more effective if joined with the Code of Conduct and the Conflict of Interest Rules, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Clause 3, oh sorry. I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville.

**Mr. Decker:** Those Code of Conduct Rules, to that apply to affiliates also or anybody affiliates of Nunatsiavut Government also?

**Mr. Broomfield:** Could you be more specific?

**Mr. Decker:** Like, like some boards like will receive funding like that from...I'll use Torngat Housing for instance. Are they affiliate of the Nunatsiavut Government and will those Conflict of Interest guidelines apply to them?

**Mr. Broomfield:** No. This applies to Member of this Assembly, the Executive Council, Inuit Community Governments, Inuit Community Corporations. Their elected officials, this is who it applies to. Clause 3.1 Short Title. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.2 Interpretation. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.3 Indirect pecuniary interest. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.4 Deemed pecuniary interest? All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.5 Conflict of Interest? All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.6 Apparent Conflict of Interest? All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.7 Rules do not apply. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.8 Conflict of interest prohibited. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.9 Use of insider information for private interest prohibited. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.10 Influence. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.11 Accepting extra benefits. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.12 Protocol gifts. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.13 Disclosure of protocol gifts. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.14 Valuable protocol gifts. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.15 Carrying in business by members of the Executive Council. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.16 Time for compliance. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.17 Use of blind trust for purposes of compliance. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.18 Routine personal finances. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.19 Benefiting former Members of Executive Council. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.20 Procedure of conflict of interest. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.21 Interested member not present at meeting. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.22 Where intent to obtain pecuniary interest. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.23 Recording in minutes of declaration of interest. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.24 Recording in central record of disclosure of interest All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.25 Central record of disclosure. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.26 Reduced quorum. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.27 Order of Speaker. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.28 No appeal from order. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 3.29 Authorized participation by interested member. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Part 4 Zero Tolerance Rules. Clause 4.1 Prohibition. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 4.2 Discipline procedure for breach of zero tolerance rule. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 4.3 Detoxification or rehabilitation programs may be ordered in addition to other penalties. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Part 5 Implementation. Clause 5.1 Application to determine if an Elected Official is in contravention of the Code. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 5.2 Content of application. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 5.3 Time limit. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 5.4 Further time limit. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 5.5 Procedure for dealing with complaints. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 5.6 Disqualification to fill forfeited office. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 5.7 Application to determine if the Speaker is in contravention. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 5.8 Application for restitution. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 5.9 Record of Decisions. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 5.10 Publication of decisions. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Part 6 Miscellaneous. Clause 6.1 Repeal of Schedule B to the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Clause 6.2 Consequential amendment to the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act. All in favor? We have a...hold on a sec. I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

**Mr. Barbour:** Again just, thank you Mr. Speaker, I just want to clarify potentially does this mean the last one 6.2 because we've now put the conflict of interest guidelines into the code of conduct that's what this refers to. Is this Section 115 is entirely deleted in Section 116 is renumbered as Section 115? That's all, I just wanted that clarification, thank you.

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Yes, that's what it means. Clause 6.2 all in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** That concludes clause by clause review of the bill. Does the Member from Canada wish to conclude debate?

**Mr. Pottle:** Yes Mr. Speaker, I wish to conclude debate nakummek.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you that concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving bill 2008-02? Are you in favor of approving this Bill 2008-02?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** Accordingly with unanimous consent of the Assembly Bill 2008-02 Code of Conduct Act has had second reading. I would like to extend a big thank you to the Members of the Code of Conduct Committee and to the Member for Canada for his leadership to the committee on a job well done, thank you. Before we move on to our next bill we will take a short break.

*Break*

**Mr. Broomfield:** Proceed Minister.

**Mr. Barbour:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I move seconded by the Member for Postville, the Ordinary Member for Postville and Minister of Finance Diane Gear that Bill 2008-03 *An Act to Amend the Labrador Inuit Lands Act* be read for the second time, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Mr. Minister. The motion is in order, it is my understanding that the Assembly does not wish to proceed with debate today. Are we agreed?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** This Bill will remain on the agenda, on the Orders of the Day to be addressed at the next sitting of the Assembly. At this time I'd like to recognize the Acting President.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I wish to make it known that I have received from as Members of the House are aware, a resolution from the North West River Inuit Corporation. They are saying that they overwhelmingly ratified the name change to Sivunivut Corporation Inc. at a special meeting of the Corporation of February 28, 2008 and the end of the resolution they have as, acknowledged shortly after the Chair of Sivunivut was sworn in, I acknowledged the receipt at that time and further to that Mr. Speaker again, I am say to the Chairman I acknowledge the receipt and that at the next sitting I will bring the necessary amendments that are necessary for this and so that you can fully implement the name change and at that time I will ask the Assembly to consent to that name change. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

### Assent to Bills

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you. Mr. Acting President, the Assembly has give second reading to Bills 2008-01 and 2008-02 and wish to present them for assent.

**Mr. Andersen:** Mr. Speaker and Members, as Acting President of Nunatsiavut I wish to assent to Bill 2008-01 Budget Act 2008 and Bill 2008-02 Code of Conduct Act and hereby sign them into law.

### **Adjournment**

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Mr. Acting President. This concludes the agenda for our first sitting for the Spring Session of 2008. We dealt with some very emotional and difficult issues. You know, we are as many people refer to a young government and we are facing big issues head on though it's certainly a good way to learn and grow. For the work that we've completed for this sitting I'd like to say thank you and I will work in conjunction with the President to determine a time for the next sitting of the Assembly. So, I'd like to declare this sitting closed, thank you.

*The Nunatsiavut Government House of Assembly adjourns on March 6, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.*