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Speaker: Honorable Todd Broomfield

Deputy Speaker: Daniel Pottle

In Attendance:

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

Deputy Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, **Daniel Pottle**

President of Nunatsiavut and Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Honorable **Jim Lyall**

First Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable **Anthony Andersen**

Minister of Health and Social Development, Honorable **Gregory Flowers**

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

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

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

Ordinary Member for Nain, **William Barbour**

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, **Keith Russell**

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

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

AngajukKâk for Nain, **Sarah Erickson**

AngajukKâk for Postville, **Keith Decker**

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, **Judy Dicker**

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, **Herb Jacque**

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, **Daniel Michelin**

Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, **Toby Andersen**

Deputy Minister of Cultural, Recreation and Tourism, **Sheldon Baikie**

Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, **Douglas Blake**

Deputy Minister of Finance and Human Resources, **Wyman Jacque**

Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, **Tim McNeill**

Deputy Minister of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, Secretary to the Executive Council, **Kate Mitchell**

Director of Legal Services, **Loretta Michelin**

Acting Director of Communications, **Bert Pomeroy**

Clerk of the Assembly, **Mary Sillett**

Absent:

Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development, **Michelle Kinney**

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were recorded in Inuktitut and English.*

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Assembly commenced at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Broomfield: Good morning everybody. I'd like to call the sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to order. At this time I like to recognize Reverend Brian Burrows to do the opening prayer.

Reverend Burrows: Prayer recited.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Reverend Burrows. I'd like to recognize the visitors in the gallery, the OK Society for filming this sitting, and to recognize the presence of our Member for Torngat Mountains, the Honorable Patty Pottle. Welcome. Moving on in our agenda at this time we will have a presentation from the Canada Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board. We have two gentlemen here to do a presentation on behalf of the board, Mr. David Hawkins and Mr. Frank Smyth. So, you gentlemen can proceed.

Mr. Smyth: Thank you very much. My name is Frank Smyth and I'm with the Office of the Petroleum Board. I manage industrial benefits policy regulatory coordination with me is Dave Hawkins who is the Manager for Exploration and Resource Management.

Mr. Hawkins: Resource Management with the Board.

Mr. Smyth: First I'd like to express appreciations to the President, Ministers and Members who invited us here today to speak with you. Our objective is to give us an overview. Some of you may have heard it before or may have not. It's a highlighted level of what the Board is and what the current setting of Offshore Labrador. I would first like to point out that it was our Chairman's intention to be here today and our Vice Chairman Fred Way and Max Ruelokke and they've, unfortunately, had to stay behind in St. John's with regards to the helicopter crash, of course. So, Dave and I are only too happy to carry on and give this overview on behalf of our Executive. In regards to what the Board is and what its function is, it's important to understand that we were established as a Federal and Provincial Agency in resolution of conflict between the Provincial and Federal Government over ownership of resources off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador and in conjunction with the added responsibilities we have in the Land Claims Agreements, specifically in our duties extended to the governance of your body and its land. I would point out for Todd's benefit that we are the Labrador, Canada, and Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, as well that is in fact was put in legislation not too many years ago to recognize the position of Labrador in regards to our duties. We have four primary pillars of responsibility; safety of life, environment, resource management including land which Dave is responsible for and I'm responsible for Industrial Benefits section of our mandate. Regards to our mandate we've

had a look at the Norwegians as a modern regulatory authority as to our practices of 20 years and one of our primary reviews was the mandate of the board that we are responsible to interpret and apply the accord and we oversee an operator's compliance with it. It is the operator's responsibility to comply with the act, not the board; we oversee that, of course. In terms of structure of the board, we report to both the Government of Newfoundland and the Government of Canada at the same time in all matters and added to that, of course, our responsibilities which are noted very clearly in your Land Claims Agreement and we in the course over the last number of years since the agreement have worked closely to focus on that and get establish working relationships. In terms of the board itself, we have 7 board members, 3 are appointed by the Government of Canada and those sitting Government of Canada appointees are outstanding as some of you would know Lawrence Stanley and Lorne Spracklin and with one vacancy on the Federal side.

Mr. Smyth: On the Provincial side, we have 3 sitting Members, Fred Way, again as some of you would know, and are the full time vice-chair, and Reg Anstey and a new appointee and Ed Drover, on behalf of the Province. We have 8 departments which support that board and Dave and I are managers for two of these departments. The staff of the board comprises just over sixty persons and our offices are in the TD building in St. John's, and we have a large four story facility, all of are taken offshore Newfoundland and Labrador's housing facility that we have. In regards to recent activity, and you would be familiar with over the last number of years for the first time in a long time, we had a licensing round which we've been engaged with your Government and has lead to the issuance of 4 licenses. Dave is going to describe those at some level of detail in a few moments. In terms of the result of those 4 land licenses, significant amounts of money have been committed to work on those four parcels of land. The amount of 120 largely points towards where the probability, in the first term of licenses, and Dave will explain those terms in a moment, the possibility of a well being drilled. These other three tend to point toward probably looking at information on the length to decide what they might do. Obviously quite significant here are the partial3 interests. In terms of access to land in the Offshore for Province, there is a cycle. Where basically the crown has land and it cycles it through industry if it's interested, ultimately coming back to the crown. We're at a point here in the cycle where licenses have been issued for exclusive right to explore for under the rules that we have and in conjunction with Governments, Federal and Provincial and Nunatsiavut. This is the stage where currently we're moving on toward, if they drill a well to finding a significant discovery and exploitation than the crown gets the land back. Significant in that process of making land available to industry to use was exercising, which Nunatsiavut Government was co-chairs with the board, to do a strategic look at the environment off of Labrador, a process we took 2 years to do where other strategic assessments that were done the 1 year, because of the size of the land particularly because of establishing method of doing that with your Government, we decided that it would take 2 years to do that, last year, just prior to land sales, those that did the sensitivities in the areas that they were proposing to do for lands and from our perspective working with Marina Biasutti was a very cooperative and well run exercise between both our organizations. In fact there's a reflective of what that assessment we did, Husky just put in an environmental assessment document to do some

work on their license. It reflects in that document that this work was done, they understands what it was, it understands what its expected to do in a specific environmental work for an activity, so it's very much connected. So Dave is going to take you through this part. He is much more conversant in this area.

Mr. Hawkins: Ok, as Frank has indicated the exploration license is the instrument where the companies get the exclusive right to drill and test for petroleum and these licenses have very specific terms and conditions that govern the licenses. 4 parcels have now been converted to exploration licenses. They have a 9 year term and that 9 year term is broken up into 2 periods: the first period is 6 years and in that time frame the company can go out and explore and is committed to spend the amounts of money that they bid. If they drill a well or has started a well, they can then enter the second period and they also have provision in the terms of the license if they run into problems or if they are delayed in getting approval to do certain operations they can buy an additional year and give them a 7th year in first terms of license, and for that they pay a million dollar drilling deposit. Once a well is drilled and they fulfill their work obligations, they enter period two, they are subject to rentals which is a dollar per hectare charge that they pay each year, and if they do work they can get that money back refunded, so that's the licenses. We also have off the Labrador Coast five significant discovery licenses and these are where hydrocarbon discoveries have been made. The five gas discoveries that were made in the early round of the drilling, these were issued in 1987, the interesting thing about these particular license is that they do not have a fixed term, and it really gives time for the companies to explore the acreage further and progress to, hopefully a development at some stage. To date, 4.2 trillion cubic feet of natural gas have been discovered in these five discoveries, the two discoveries that are getting the most interests by companies are the Bjarni and the North Bjarni discoveries which are located offshore Makkovik, about 3.1 trillion cubic feet of gas are in those two particular discoveries.

Mr. Broomfield: So those licenses that were issued in 1987 are they still in effect today?

Mr. Hawkins: They are still in effect today and they remain in effect until the commercial viability is established which would support progressing to the next instrument which can be a production license. This shows the map, again the green blocks are the exploration licenses which the companies are now looking at, what types of exploration they will conduct, and you see in purple, these areas here, these are the significant discovery licenses which overlay existing discovery, and the lands that have been issued surround and encase those significant discoveries so it would tell me that there's a lot more likelihood that other discoveries could be made, we hope will be made in these green blocks as exploration proceeds, but there's no guarantee, the fact there is gas in these structures, gives us optimism that other discoveries will be made. What we are going see in the next five years or so the companies will conduct more seismic as the fish finder is to fisherman the seismic tool is for us it helps us image the subsurface and to locate potential drilling prospects to these seismic is what we call regional seismic, it helps focus where you want to do more detail work and that's when the three dimensional seismic will be done which to focuses at the prospect level to get you to the next stage of,

hopefully, drilling a well. The companies will interpret this data, to try and identify the prospects to drill. Hopefully if that work is successful, we'll see a well or two or whatever depending on success drill over the next five or six years. The important thing to recognize is that the companies don't necessarily have to drill if they should do the work and decide not to drill, well then the lands would come back to the crown and we could re-issue them again, so there's no guarantee that a well will be drilled but based on the previous success in the area a lot will be determined by the economic climate, and commodity prices which we all understand and this will drive the level and pace of exploration. Turning now to the history a little bit, this is a diagram which shows the wells that were drilled on the Labrador Coast, some twenty-eight wells were drilled, the first in 1971 and the last in 1983, and you see a very pronounced amount of drilling in that period and that was largely driven by a number of factors at the time but obviously, early success drove continued drilling we have not seen the drilling activity since that time and on the Labrador Shelf and this was largely driven by the lack of a commercial development. This shows the amount of seismic that's been acquired again you see an early phase a lot of seismic starting in 68 progressing up to 86 and this seismic help feed the exploration effort and the drilling activity that I just showed previously. More recently, we've seen starting in about 2003, another period of seismic, this seismic was not conducted by the oil companies themselves but by the service company that acquires data for sale to the oil companies they typically go out in advance of companies getting involved acquire seismic and sell it to the companies the company buy this and that helps focus exploration companies strategic objectives for exploration. It's a good sign typically these companies just don't go in if there's no one interested in data and obviously that now we know that there were companies because they picked up the exploration rights. What to expect? People in this room your probably thinking what are the next steps? Hopefully the next step will be for the companies proceeding to acquire additional seismic data as Frank indicated the companies are now at least one company proceeding to do the environmental assessment that could pay the way for them to doing seismic in the next year, two or three, don't know the timing, the license holders themselves will be having communication with your Government and other people on the Coast and provide updates as to what their plans are at this current time there are no firm plans for this summer but at least they are preparing for the exploration program and really everything will be determined by the economic climate and availability of equipment to carry out exploration. We could see other companies expressing an interest to get other petroleum rights on the shelf, in other words, maybe in the future in other rights issuing process where more lands could be offered. We will see how the next year or two progresses at the level of interests. I heard on the news last night that experts are predicting that this economic downturn that we are in now could turn around very quickly and we'll see. There will obviously be media tension in this area. The Governments, both Federally and Provincially, are promoting the potential of this region and they're, obviously, focused by the media and what's going to happen. So that's what we can expect over the next couple of years. I'll now turn it back to Frank to talk.

Mr. Smyth: Thank you. He had the good side and I got the not side but I think a double not there what that really means is managing expectations is to focus particular Max has in the message today that this is a progression of activity that we feel are very much

connected with your Government, managing in a way that is reflected in agreements and not to expect is not to generate expectations that are beyond their time there is time available to strategize, to exercise those provisions that are within the Land Claim Agreement, to exercise business strategies, to exercise what you know as well as us or perhaps better in the industries you've dealt within the Voisey Bay's and others of the biggest kind of this world, it's another industry not unlike the ones you dealt with in terms of looking for that which comes from it for your people, so in terms of bases, camps, and large numbers in these early days, those are not the things that happened. Identifying these by studying them, strategically the task is to prepare for that longer term view and if you look at what kind of time that is, Max talked about this in September, that you're looking at band of time if certain things fall in place, that could be as long as twelve years before you go to having something producing and which would create a massive activity in construction or production in pipelines or ships bringing them to market or whatever all the solutions are, that's the kind of time frame we're talking about, the time for strategic engagement is now, in conjunction with that, we felt that it was obviously strategically important to make ourselves known in what we hope is an appropriate way to your Government since 2006, so you understand the role that we play for both Government's in Canada and Newfoundland and your Government. The steps go from here are many, we're very much focused on doing that in a collective and cooperative way. The time frame for engagement of us, we hope and believe that it's been timely, we now believe actually, that it's time for a shift, it's time for industry, to pick up the ball here and make themselves known through various business activity, in fact last week we had contact from Chevron and Husky they are very curious to understand what it is we have done with your Government over the period of years. What's the nature of engagement, who are the persons that we have met with overtime, and how that's worked since the initial engagement, who are the persons that in fact we met with overtime and how that's worked since the initial workshop in Nain. We've, in fact, organized for them Husky Petro Canada Chevron and one another, to sit with to explain to them what we did, we'll explain the steps that they should begin to take, we expect now to step up they haven't really been there but they have been watching everything we've been doing, and obviously assessing as they plan for future land possibilities off the Labrador that a continuous cycle each year. I would point out something that I'm particularly proud of, some of you may remember in our first meeting in Nain, in 2006 June, the workshop we gave to your First President and the number of Minister's and staff. We had John Terriak carve that Owl for us, from Labradorite to reflect that first engagement with your Government and that is in our main foyer on entering everyday, when I go to work I look at that and it reminds me of our relationship everyday. To me, and I can be a bit of a romantic, it's got vision, it all gives me clarity of that vision and the wisdom that's it's going to collectively bring whatever we do together down the road, we had that case built for that and it's there for all of us to see everyday. So, that's the end of the presentation, we're glad to take questions.

Mr. Broomfield: I have a question.

Mr. Smyth: Yes sir?

Mr. Broomfield: I attended some consultations that was held last year, that the board held I guess through Sikumiut. In terms of looking at it, that solves all of the communities. One thing, that I feel that seems to envision, is that given that this exploration, possibly development of a natural gas reserve offshore would possibly impact crab fishers and it seems that there is no focus provided by Sikumiut to consult with these people in terms of how this is going to actually proceed in the coming years. It seemed like to be a weak point of the consultations and that fisheries should be consulted directly either by the companies or the board in terms of how this will proceed in the coming years. I'm not sure if that could be a focus point that could be addressed.

Mr. Smyth: I'll make one comment. Dave may add if he wishes. In terms of the strategic environmental assessment, that is one of oversight. We've had this mentioned to us a couple of days ago in Goose Bay, as well, it is from that consideration and the comments that would be made then I would expect, although I don't know, that that's reflected somewhat in the S.E.A. But Husky just launched an environmental assessment document to do something on the Labrador shelf. It will be more specific and in far more detail approach to examine in a more intrusive way a more collective way to those specific questions. Added to that is an organization you may not know of called One Ocean in St. John's and it was established for the fishing industry in this Province of Labrador, they're actually asked if they could speak at the Expo Labrador in June, and what it is, an organization that was created where it has only two members, it's the Fishing industry and the Oil industry only with no Government and they address matters as it relates to the fishery in this Province and we mentioned to some persons we met in Goose Bay they're from the Labrador Coast that connectivity with the group strategically is very important as matters, as Husky E.A. proceeds I think that's a worthy organization. It's one that Fred Way, Hal Stanley facilitated by saying you need to work with those interests you should get together and the Oil Company actually pay the bill for that whole arrangement and the fishing industry brings their issues to research. And there is sensitivity and it has a direct one on one debate without having us in the middle or some other Government department. It's an element of dealing with and the opportunity as any activity would take place in your waters to have a vehicle, not only through us because we are the lead agency, when these things happen we deal with it and as with Kim and Marina connections, you get real time connection with the assessment and issues that emerge. That way the agency that we are and what we do is an important connectivity between the interests off of the Island portion of the Province or off Labrador.

Mr. Broomfield: So there is that opportunity as things proceed to have crab fishers involved in the process and have their concerns made known.

Mr. Smyth: I would think absolutely without a shadow of a doubt.

Mr. Broomfield: Okay, to date, it's something I see as not happening. I'm not sure if it was happening because things are so early in the game that it may come into play later, right?

Mr. Smyth: In the environmental assessment Husky does, for instance, that will be the case because if that doesn't happen you should call us. That's the beauty of connectivity between Government and agencies. We do that for you. If you see it not being done, you need to tell us and we'll make a note to Kim anyway in regards to your observation.

Mr. Flowers: I have two concerns. One of them I'd like to just carry on a little bit farther on what Todd talked about in the fishery. I'm (interrupted).

Mr. Broomfield: Greg, excuse me, before we go on, I guess for purpose of recording information and the answer, I'll recognize each Member before they speak so that this time I can know you and have the information recorded. So the Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: My mic keeps going off here. Anyway, thanks Todd. I have two concerns, one is the fishery aspect. It will involve the crab fishermen locally but we also do have the turbot grounds out there and also the shrimp grounds that have got to be really taken into consideration and the other main concern to be the iceberg, that's the iceberg ally basically and I look at when I was looking through your drill. Your type of drilling, say, ship. What have you, there was something there that kind of caught my eye, and there was something about a submerged or semi-submerged rig? So, like to me, that put a red flag up pretty fast when I seen that. Will you be able to maneuver that away or what have you? Could you just explain a little bit of more of that to me?

Mr. Smyth: Yes, most of the drilling that has occurred previously were ship based drilling and they were equipped with obviously on board and support from Goose Bay and other centers that forecast weather, and they would move off location and if they had to very quickly in a matter of minutes they could be off location by dropping the anchors and sailing away from an approaching iceberg obviously the attempt was also done to move icebergs by using supply vessels it was an operational issue there was no threat to anyone on the vessel or discharges to the environment and they had good forecasting and they know when an iceberg was tracking nearby and they could take the necessary precautions to move away. The drilling that will occur in the future it could be ship based or submersible like we have on the Grand Banks now, I think there is one submersible used they are just as capable to drill in these waters and could get off of location with the approach of an iceberg so that's part of the question could you just repeat the first one again.

Mr. Flowers: Well, the first one was more to add on to I think what Todd... (and Mr. Hawkins started speaking).

Mr. Hawkins: Frank has gone through each stage. We've done the strategic environmental assessment. The next stage will be seismic and that process is just underway right now and it'll be the environmental assessment that is being conducted under the CEAA requirements of the act as well as our own requirements of the accord act. It's focused on seismic and that aspect of the next stage of the exploration. Then if they decide to progress to drilling, there will be a drilling environmental assessment and

if they move to the next phase of production there will be a very broad environmental assessment done, so there's stages based on activities that are happening now and there'll be the full gamut of issues that need to be brought to bare in terms of impacts what will be discussed and there'll be considerable consultations with various groups as part of this phase that we're in now in terms of seismic and any concerns that fishers have. Of course, when seismic is done, just to add, there are observers, fisheries and official Liaison offices on the vessels to coordinate with the fishing industry to avoid any issues or conflicts.

Mr. Smyth: Just one added point Dave. The types of vessels used to drill semi-submersibles come with dynamic position with no anchors. The well is drilled in the ocean basin for Chevron year before last was drilled with no anchors. It just had dynamic positioning constantly going. Wells that have been drilling off the Labrador have had dynamic positioning ships doing them. That may be the choice again. There are anchoring systems as Dave says off the semi-submersibles that can be very quickly disconnected and re-connected again. So, there are choices that they will assess given the element of risk there is through what part of the season they use to do the drilling.

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

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Any exploration is a huge opportunity for economic development. Who do you see owns the responsibility for engaging the Inuit Corporations, Inuit Government's for education, training for those jobs that may be twelve, fifteen years down the road? Do you see that as your responsibility as a board or do you see it as a responsibility of those companies that are acquiring these licenses?

Mr. Smyth: It's a shared responsibility. As I mentioned it in the first part of our mandate we look to an operator to comply with the act, we don't do that. We ensure that they do what they are obligated to do under the act. Coupled with that is Government's responsibility to educate its people. It must understand the demand to demand industry and make its people ready for it, to make that happen you need both for that to occur. We take oversight in plans and development plans for the longer term. We're in the middle of now beginning those discussions with Hebron for a seven or eight billion dollar development. What are all of those answers? And we know by example in Hibernia, Terra Nova and White Rose it is, the blend is, Government's understanding it's need, understanding it's capacity as a Government, to train it's people and what the timing is and how you do that and what the blend is in short term work environment against the longer term education of persons that operate it. I would imagine you'd be well through it in thinking for Voisey's Bay and other large development such as that. They're all the same elements that are why I think in looking to strategically as a Government such as yours in Labrador that you have the thinking already before you. When the companies come to see you I think they'll see your agenda. They won't give you theirs because you already have it, and as I tell you when the companies today come as early as last week to Fred Way, our Vice Chairman, and said 'we'd like to talk to you about how the board has interacted with Labrador, who it is you deal with? How is it you deal with that?' We will share to the degree that we've been doing that and the elements and they do respect

that, that many elements of Labrador have dealt with the big boys all of the time and that's the difference here and I think it's a very fresh difference, a very fresh reality and you've been through the education of people, Voisey's Bay and how you get meaningful, long term jobs, that the same approach is applied again and that's why I think they will see your agenda. They won't give you theirs and I can see the way that they are asking questions that they respect that? I guess they can be seen in short order if that's the case. Making known the work, making known what's required, making known that's our duty to do that. We will surely do that because if they don't do that properly. They will have a problem with their regulator because the act requires them to do that and they're about to start doing that by the look of things. In fact, they put two hundred million dollars out there to look at the land and to see if there is a gas potential or otherwise.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Postville.

Mr. Decker: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is I guess is this oil and gas. I know I attended a few consultations on this, and is this oil and gas outside of our boundary and how would we benefit if it is? I think it's our twelve mile boundary?

Mr. Smyth: Dave can speak better on this. I'm quite certain the discoveries that have been made are outside the limit. In our case, we thought about that, as to what our agenda's ward was with your Government and it was a very quick answer. It's important because as time proceeds, whatever happens off the Coast of Labrador we'll work on the land, we'll be based on the land, we'll integrate with the land. We will be remiss not becoming familiar very quickly. Depending on development solutions and whether this is a pipeline is onshore, gas handling facilities to clean gas, put it back on the pipeline to New York, wherever they all might be. The land is involved, and one will be short sight not to recognize that. Whatever form it comes from the study which is not yet begun, but studies of years ago, studies of recent years where industries looked at the current technology, the current ice knowledge and improvements in technology in a world to bring gas from areas like this to New York and New England area, there's some very interesting examples in the world to do that. So to not address the impact on the land and the involvement the land will have which in fact involves this Government and others, we're very much focused on preparing the way for that now.

Mr. Decker: The reason why I asked that is because at the consultations we attended here in Hopedale, they told us there's technology there now, that they could take this gas from there, by ship and not even come ashore.

Mr. Smyth: There are development solutions; there are solutions that do that, it's being done in the world now. What one can see is there are a number of technologies available for an operator to bring a product to market. They all have different features, they all have different abilities for an interest owner such as your Government, your Land Claims Agreement, the Federal and Provincial Government can take the value different ways. It will be part of the strategy in looking at your interests as a Government and the regions of Labrador, how you see the interplay of that negotiation from a Government side against the economics. Again, exactly I'm sure you saw in Voisey's Bay, you took certain

elements and certain rates of extraction; they have certain economic causes but also certain side benefits. You will have the exact same consideration for offshore. It's a balance, there's no correct answer. It's taking a collection of interests and weighing what's in the collective's best interest of the Province is different, and the Federal interest is different from yours. But we are the persons in the middle of it all, as a regulator for safety, environment and benefits to the aspect of process the outcomes are driven by a political process which you need to understand. A very, very important process, which we'd be happy as time proceeds continue to make you familiar with that but strategically it's absolutely important to understand how benefits proceeds under the Accord and under the rights of Government.

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

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think you sort of answered it with the last question. Do you have any sort of timeline of when that determination of the transportation of the fuel? Historically, what does that determine in that twelve year period?

Mr. Hawkins: Obviously at this stage more gas needs to be found. That's what we know today to justify some form of development. Really, exploration will determine how much more is found, depending on that, that could impact the mode of development and you know there's work ongoing now by various groups especially within the Government to study various new technologies to see if they're applicability to these discoveries existing. When I worked with the Provincial Government I was involved in some re assessments of development technologies and at that time the pipeline appeared to be the best alternative but we didn't have the threshold reserves at the time that the exploration unfolds and we see what the next level of inventory of discovered gas results, that we get and how close they are to the existing discoveries I think it's pretty critical in terms of getting threshold resource in terms of justifying some form of development. How that will manifest itself will, as the exploration progresses and we get a better knowledge of what potential if, within these licenses is, that will then focus the studies by the companies and others to what is the best way to develop that resource. So, right now, I can't really tell you. We just don't have the information. Companies do prefer pipelines. We hear about ship based technologies and everything else. Today they do prefer pipelines and the work that was done by C-Core on ice risk and that type of thing certainly has improved the pipeline case but you know these other technologies, ship based and liquidification, are progressing. They're being installed in other places of the world and I guess over the next five years, seven years, you know, half of that in a twelve year cycle, they'll be focused on what the best mode of development is.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the President.

President Lyall: I have one brief question for you. You highlighted in your presentation areas off the Makkovik sort of being high interest areas. Is that where

everyone is concentrating on or are we searching or doing in other areas off the Labrador Coast?

Mr. Smyth: To answer the question, the focus right now by the companies are on all four licenses. At this point I can't tell that any one is any. Obviously, the level of bids gives you some idea of how each company thought of their parcel that they bid on their prospectively. Ultimately, I think, the exploration will determine and I think we will see exploration on all of these licenses in some form. Maybe one company will advance quicker than the others. Certainly, this area in here is where the largest concentration of gas has been discovered. You have Snorri way up to the North, Goodrid down here, Hopedale sitting here so the focus will probably be up here but each of the companies will assess, they're working the existing data as a board we have all of that data and it's publically available and the companies are now working that data, there's also this new non-exclusive seismic that I've talked about that the companies will probably purchase and study, and ultimately where the first exploration will occur will be the first. It's hard to say right now.

Mr. Hawkins: Just a point of clarification. Which license had the one hundred twenty million bids on it?

Mr. Smyth: Parcel three, which is where most of the gas is, got the biggest bid. So, it'll unfold over the next couple of years as to how it shakes out.

Mr. Broomfield: I think we'll wrap up our presentation with that, if you guys are finished. You have anything to add?

Mr. Smyth: Well just to add, we're privileged to be at this Assembly. It's a very special opportunity. Thank you very much.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to thank you two gentlemen for coming and wish you a safe journey home and your presentation has been very interesting and I'm sure as exploration progresses, so as well the consultation and many opportunities in the coming years for the talks. Thank you very much. We'll break for ten minutes.

Mr. Broomfield: Before we proceed further I have a couple of items to take care of here. We have two pages. They are Hilda Pijogge and Samantha Abel. I'd also like to say thank you to our translators, John Jararuse and Gus Semigak. At this time, I also wish to appoint Dan Pottle as the Deputy Speaker for this session. Moving on to our agenda to item five, *Tabling of Documents and Petitions*. Are there any documents or petitions to be tabled? The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I committed to the House sometime last Fall to table the report from the Opal gasoline committee on the preliminary findings of the feasibility analysis of Opal gasoline application in Labrador; I emailed this document to Assembly Members around the middle of February. So you should all have a copy of that document. Just to give a very quick brief on this, the findings of this report so far,

we're about half way through this report. The second phase of the report, of this study right now, is being implemented. The early findings so far, from this committee, states that Opal gas is a product that certainly would minimize the problem associated with gasoline sniffing. The product is less prone to vapor lock in hot climates. Opal is able to replace regular gasoline and in all motor vehicles. Opal does meet the standards for Canadian requirements. It is a higher priced fuel. Opal is not formulated for cold climate use and it has a cooler density problem than you would find in higher hotter climates. The research team suggested that further work would be needed to modify the specification of opal gasoline to achieve the necessary Reid vapor pressure and distillation profile of the product and find the suitable refinery able and willing to produce an opal-like gasoline for Labrador climate conditions. Just by quick main points that the committee and the research team has discussed to date in some detail and we're focusing on in order to move this forward, Mr. Speaker, there is a need to continue to work on developing an opal gas type gasoline for colder climates. So the solution is not opal gas as a feasibility analysis has demonstrated a number of technical issues that does not make it suitable for cold climate conditions at this point and time. We're happy to report that despite some of these findings, there is a possibility and an opportunity for a development of a made in Newfoundland and Labrador solution. We need to go back to the stakeholders and I believe the Chair of the committee has drafted a letter and sent it to all stakeholders asking for a continued report to move this project forward. Prior to continuing, there is a requirement to re-survey the population. To look at whether or not gasoline sniffing is a significant problem as has been in the past in Northern Labrador. Previous work on the opal gasoline has demonstrated that opal types of structure for refining in distribution could work to reduce the gas sniffing problem. Based on that, this work is continuing and I believe that the opal gasoline committee believes that it is necessary to finish off this study given that we're halfway through. So, as other findings from this feasibility study come forth, I certainly will bring those to the House of Assembly and in particular interests again as I said in this House on numerous occasions for the Minister of Health and Social Development, to keep that Minister updated on this process so far. I'm happy to table this report. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Any more reports or petitions to be tabled at this time? We'll move on to Minister's statements. Any Minister like to make a statement at this time? Chair recognizes the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and the Status of Women.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm just going make a quick statement on an update on the Status of Women. We've come quite a ways since 2006. We have just recently put out a logo for our women's department, which we are going to be using on our letterheads. We have excellent submissions and we had fifteen altogether. We were hoping to have it publicly announced last week but we couldn't because there were fifteen, no, twelve came in on Friday just before four o'clock which was closing time. But following that, we have plans in place to have a women's retreat in each community and that's where the women will be going out on the land for a day or so. Also, we are planning to still go ahead with the self defense training for women. It's already been done in Rigolet but we're still waiting on Petrina Beals to be available to do the rest of the communities. In Finance I just want to say thank you to all the Ministers and Deputy

Ministers for their input into our budget. It's been a very trying process trying to balance our budget and without your help we never would have been able to have a balanced budget. Thank you very much.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm having second thoughts here maybe I'll be out of order. For information of the members I do want to table the 2006- 2008 annual report and, I understood from my officials, that I could do it during this time. I'm sure that you will let me know if I'm out of order or if I should table it during the reports and/or the documents and petitions. Mr. Speaker, I think Members will remember that last year, or the first annual report, that was tabled, took two years to do, he had the wrong title as, the Member from Canada asked, "Where was the annual report?" and in fact it was already out and it was labeled, I think, community report and it was done by communication consultants that we've had. I'm very proud and pleased, Mr. Speaker, to table the 2006-2008 annual report, on time before the end of March. I'm also very proud to say that this report is pretty much done in House by our own communications Departments, acting director of communications and our resource centre. Jodie Goodwyn has done fine work. One small thing that I should say is that we had asked for twenty copies digitally produced, nice glossy copies that I would be able to hand out to Assembly Members today. Unable to do that, we were only able to get four and I don't know who is going to get the four. However, we have going to press today one thousand copies and they will be nice but they won't be just as glossy as the four that I have here. We have of those thousand copies and they will be sent to the communications office in Goose Bay for distribution to Members, to the Constituents, Constituents offices. I have to say, Mr. Speaker, it's a great job done by our people, in house at half the loss of what it was we paid those consultants over a year ago for reports that was two years late and incorrectly titled. I have to say that I respect the timing and the title and that this is a well done report. So for the time being, Mr. Speaker, you will have one and I will have the other three here that people can look at during the day. As I said, the other thousand are gone to press today and will be available to members for distribution next week, just a couple of other items that I have, Mr. Speaker, which is back to infrastructure, the Administration building that was tendered for construction is still on schedule and will be completed by November, 2009. The Hopedale Assembly project is still on schedule and the project is going to tender in May two months from now, May, 2009, and we do have a completion date for March 2010 a year from now. So hopefully this time next year, Mr. Speaker, we will be standing in our new Assembly building. Just to give an update on the two buildings we are releasing in Postville. The buildings were completed by Goose Real estate. One is now occupied by the Department of Health and one by our staff. We'll say that this is our intension to either having some talks with Nunatsiavut, whether or not they will acquire them and lease them to us or what we will do but it is our intension to acquire the buildings from the Private contractor. I think I will just stop there for the day, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. It's good to see work being done in house as you said. I look forward to reading your report that was prepared from your office. So thank you. Chair recognizes the Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a couple of announcements. One is just, as Ordinary Member for Hopedale, I had some talks with Michelle Kinney, my Deputy Minister for Minister of Health. Why I say, as the Ordinary Member, I know that the caribou was close to Hopedale and one of the things were not close but inside of here. One of the things that I've tried and wanted to do was successful at getting some money from my department to have a senior hunt. That will be going on next week to get some caribou for seniors. I've talked to the AngajukKâk for Hopedale to organize this with me. We got a small budget to be able to get some animals for elders in Hopedale, and probably and if there's any more or we could find any more or distribute to other communities or seniors what we haven't really gone that far. I also talked to the community chair of Goose Bay who called me and would like to have some animals. So we're working on some animals for the constituents in Goose Bay. So hopefully, if everything goes well, we will be sending these hunters out probably sometime next week. The other announcement that I do have is the land base for our old Saputjivik. We're looking at some land sights now and we're going to look at some land sight for communities of Hopedale and Nain. We'll try and find a good location to put up a couple of buildings. We have to go to the Trust for the money. We're still moving forward on these procedures for looking at structures for the two communities for the land base, so that's something ongoing and hopefully identify a couple of areas that we can put up our buildings. Thank you.

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

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a couple of updates here this year with Torngasok, the Hebron Master plan and relocation committee. The Division of Torngasok is moving ahead with planning for the Hebron National Historic Sight. As I mentioned before, that building is stabilized and it's time now to move on to see what we're going to be doing there. A consultant is currently working with the Hebron Relocation Committee and various relevant arms of our Government, now the stakeholders to develop a way forward. There's also planning underway to have the apology monument from the Province erected during the summer of 2009. Torngasok is meeting with the relocation committee and the Provincial Government to determine a number of details. I'll keep the House informed when further information comes available. One change since the last Assembly sitting we had is; our department is taking over the translation services for the Government. It is now under Torngasok. Derek Kowlchuck is now the main contact person if you need translations completed. It is a new fall for us and I'd like to thank you all and the time, I guess, for the patience that we're going to have to ask from you as this is new to us. And thanks to the translators as they work tirelessly and endlessly on this file. Like I say, it's new to us so we're trying to get our heads around what's involved. We did have a meeting in Nain maybe six weeks ago so it's a start and we're just starting to feel our way around in that regard. The

language strategy, Toni White is on this file. We had consultations with various communities and we did get some good feedback. People are very enthusiastic and we will be bringing, as we move a lot of things, updates to the Assembly. The committee will also be presenting this document to the Youth symposium in Hopedale during the month of May. I'd personally like to thank the committee of Todd Broomfield, Rita Andersen, Toni White, Sarah Townley, Fran Williams, and the acting director Derek Kowlchuck. The Rosetta Stone project, we signed a memorandum of understanding with the Labrador Friendship Centre to administer this program in Goose Bay and in the Mud Lake area. The Friendship Centre advertised and hired a person for the position, but unfortunately, this person has since resigned for personal reasons. The job has been re-advertised and hopefully that person will be hired in the very near future. The North West River position has not yet begun but we will work with that community chairperson and hopefully that will begin in the very near future. In tourism, Cain's Quest; since we came here, there's a bit of buzz on the go, and I've been speaking with a couple of the organizer's from the communities they're very excited about it. It's just good to be a part of it at this point. There were a few questions that came up before it was actually on the go and I think some of these questions are being answered as the race moves on. I'd like to thank all the local volunteers that's making this run as smooth as it is. When the race is done, we will consult with communities to see how worthwhile it was, get their pros and cons about it and see if we'll move on with this next year and the year after. Youth, Elders and Recreation; in regards to the coordinator position for the multi- purpose building as was mentioned in the last Assembly, we hope to have this person on it in the very near future. The completion closed on Friday and our staff will work with Human Resources to review applications and continue the hiring process. Community Recreation fund, as you all know, is a new fund that was put in plan just this year. Funding is available for community festivals or events and certain sporting events. As you know this a new program, and with any new program there's going to be some grudges, I guess you can call it, as we go along the way but we are listening to comments, criticisms and what have you. Like I say, it's the first time and as we move along I'm sure there will be changes made to improve what we got there. Up to this point, approximately four thousand dollars has been spent mostly on community festivals or events. The Annual Youth Symposium will be in May from the Tenth to the Sixteenth in Hopedale. We hope that we can get great support from all Government Departments and Divisions. I think the last one they had there was a few concerns about the Government, especially Ministers I guess, that wasn't there. So, hopefully everyone will find time to be there this year. The last thing that I got here is the Youth Employment Strategy Proposals; Our youth administrator, Heather Angnatok, has made her annual call for proposals for youth employment proposals through INAC, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. If there are interested people here you can contact her head office and talk to Heather personally for more detail. We had a successful summer student employment last season and we hope that we continue at that level of student employment this season. So, if any of the AngajukKâks that would like to avail of this or bring names forward or whatever you like to do, my Deputy Minister is here now and he can give you a little bit more detail on what the process or whatever is. Thank you very much.

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

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be quite brief. I have a few updates from the Department of Education and Economic Development. First, from our Post Secondary Student Support Program. We have begun developing a return and service agreement contracts in which we will begin to identify, in our Government, certain Department positions that need to be filled in the future and we will put a program in place to put candidates through that program and at the end of the program they have to sign the contract with returns and services to our Government. That's one of the new things that we're working on for post secondary. With economic development, there's still a very new department but we must remain focused and move forward. We are just beginning the process of developing economic development policy for Nunatsiavut Government because, as you have seen from the presentation this morning the big projects on the horizon, the big projects that were doing right now and their other things within Nunatsiavut that needs to be addressed, we need a solid economic development policy in place to address those issues. I will state here today that it is the position of the Nunatsiavut Government with regards to the lower Churchill development that we feel that there should be a power line going into Nunatsiavut Communities. With regards to the economic development fund, this fund as been in place for over a year now. Communities are really starting to get a hold of how to access that fund. We still need to do a bit of work with the communities in accessing the fund for longer term development. We encourage the communities to try to come up with new ideas to access the fund to avail if the funds are there, to promote employment and economic development within the communities and hopefully in the next year to come that fund would be utilized a lot more. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to provide an update on a number of invitations in the office as well as the Department of Lands and Natural Resources I have been involved in for the last several months. As you know, Mr. Speaker, we have conducted community information sessions in Happy-Valley Goose Bay, North West River, Rigolet, Makkovik and here in Hopedale and we intend to hold similar meetings in the not too distant future in Postville and Nain. Mr. Speaker, this is the first time we have held community information sessions as a Government and I am happy to report that they had been a tremendous success thus far. The plan, Mr. Speaker, is to hold similar forums in the future to provide updates to beneficiaries on what is happening within our Government. As well, Mr. Speaker, as I indicated to you in the community information sessions, as well as shortly after I was elected as President, that one of my key priorities is implementation of a strategic plan. It is my intent, Mr. Speaker, to have a strategic plan developed early next month. Mr. Speaker I am also happy to report that Isabella Paine has now assumed her role as Senior Negotiator with the Nunatsiavut Government. Ms. Paine brings a huge welcome of knowledge and experience to the table. The high cost of fuel, Mr. Speaker, has always been an issue in Nunatsiavut especially this year. The petroleum pricing office of the board of

commissioners of public utilities traditionally implemented a freeze on all fuels along the North Coast on November fifteen dating back to Two thousand one when the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador introduced regulations that set at maximum prices. In recent years, as a result of volatile true prices, the Public Utilities Board has begun freezing prices to coincide with the first scheduled release of maximum prices. This past fall, the freeze was implemented on the Sixth of November. Mr. Speaker, we are not convinced that the current formula in place is the best one. Just prior to the Christmas break, the first Minister and I met with the Board of Commissioners and its chair, Andy Wells, to discuss the current policy. We called on the board to adjust prices this year and to establish a consultation process to determine how to deal with this issue in the future. I am happy to report that the Board of Commissioners has agreed to consult with all stakeholders. The deadline to submit comments is the Twenty Seventh of March. I would encourage each Member of this Assembly, as well as individuals and community leaders, to make their views known. Mr. Speaker, I also want to report that we have purchased video cameras and related equipment to ensure the sittings of the House of Assembly are recorded and distributed to all communities. We have also purchased cameras for the communities of Rigolet, Makkovik and Postville. We are still working on the fine details, Mr. Speaker, but the equipment will be used by the OKalaKatiget Society. The equipment will enable the OKalaKatiget Society to train people in each community to record any functions or events and provide better communications to all communities. This will help to improve communications for the Nunatsiavut Government, keep our people more informed and help preserve our culture and language. Next month, Mr. Speaker, Nunatsiavut will play host to the Inuit Arctic Tour sponsored by the ITK. Our acting communications director has been working closely with ITK to put this tour together. Some twenty senior federal public servants will visit Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Nain, Hopedale and St. John's from April Twentieth to Twenty-Fourth. They will have opportunities to discuss a wide range of issues from housing to transportation, education to health care and many other issues. Plans include a reception at Ten Mile Bay as well as a land day in Hopedale. Mr. Speaker, before I conclude I would also like to provide this Assembly with an update on what's happening with the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. The staff of the environment division continues to work on a draft of the Environmental Assessment Act. We are making progress, Mr. Speaker, and it is our hope and indeed our intention to have that legislation in place by the Thirty-First of March Two Thousand-Eleven. As well, staff Members are encouraged in coordinating participation and feedback on both the proposal of the Lower Churchill Hydro Electric Project and the Labrador/ Island Transmission Link. Staff Members will meet with environment officials from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador next week to discuss plans to clean up the contamination that has resulted from the former American military site here in Hopedale. One more item of interest from the environmental division, Mr. Speaker. We are close to establishing quarry standards with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. As is required on the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, the lands division, Mr. Speaker, has been very busy with over four hundred forty land applications registered. The division continues to develop policies and procedures for managing Labrador Inuit Lands. I also want to note, Mr. Speaker, that the next meeting of the Land Use Planning Authority is scheduled for March Twenty Six and Twenty Seventh in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. The Authority

hopes to review the text of the graph land use plan at this meeting. Mr. Speaker, the elected officials in each community were asked to establish a three or four Member community land and resource committee to assist in land administration, land use issues and applications. To date, committees have been established in North West River, Rigolet and Makkovik. We are still waiting for Hopedale, Nain, Postville and Happy Valley-Goose Bay. It is important that all of the communities get established as soon as possible as there is a long list of land application waiting for review and comments. Mr. Speaker, the renewable resources division recently sent three of our Conservation Officers, Denly Jacque, Dean McLean, and David Wolfrey and two pathway students, Joseph Townley and Gordon Obed, Jr. took part in an optional DFO Guardian training at the Canadian Coast Guard College in Sydney, Nova Scotia from the Twenty Third of February to the Fourth of March. Topics covered included note and statement taking, professionalism and joint patrols to name a few. DFO covered the entire cost of the training. I should note, Mr. Speaker, that polar bear licenses, one for each Nunatsiavut community with the exception of Nain which received two, are available from each Conservation Officer. The season runs from the first of February to the Thirtieth of June or when the six bears are taken. The review committee for the 2009 snow crab designates has not decided how this year's communal allocations will be designated. Further information is required to determine how the 2009 exploratory allocations will be designated. Also, with respect to the commercial fishery, the Department continues to work with the Torngat Fish Producers Co-op and LIDC on establishing a one fishing entity for Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker, the Renewable Resources Division is still working on the forest management plan with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador for the Postville area. Information from public meetings, the land use committee and traditional land tenure process is being incorporated into the plan; we hope to have a draft version of the plan completed by the end of April. In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the Assembly that Hopedale has been chosen as a root community for the Olympic Torch relay. On the morning of Thursday, the 12th of November, 2009, which will be day Fourteen of the Torch relay. The Olympic flame will arrive at the Hopedale airstrip and will remain in the community for about an hour. Some of the logistics are still being worked on and we will be providing more information as it becomes available. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. President. We'll move on to Member statements. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'll be quite brief in my Member statement this time around. On behalf of constituents in Canada, I would like to extend congratulations to the following Members of Kilautiup Songuninga – Strength of the Drum. The Inuit drum dancing and throat singing group of St. John's, Solomon Semigak, Angus Andersen, Sophie Angnatok and Tabitha Blake, who just came back from participating in the thirty first Annual Winterlude Festival last month in Ottawa. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to say Nakummek to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism for supporting the group's application for funding through the newly created Community Recreation fund. I also like to extend congratulations, Mr. Speaker, to Lena Onalik who is well known by our Assembly. Lena is now residing in Corner Brook and she has,

since this past January, begun promoting Labrador Inuit Culture on the west coast of Newfoundland by performing as a drum dancer and throat singer at numerous events in this area of the province. Lena has just completed performances, including the Winter Carnival in Pasadena where her ananatsiak performed with her, the Winter Carnival in Corner Brook, the East Coast Music Awards in Corner Brook. Lena is scheduled to perform at the Trials, Tales and Tunes Conference in Norris Point during the month of May in which Lena hopes her grandparents will help her with the relocation special in Nutak, Okak and Hebron. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate the need for the Nunatsiavut Government to put more emphasis on enhancing and improving communication. I commend the President for his work so far, but given that our Assembly frequently does not meet as often as we possibly can the provision of information is not as timely as it should be. In reviewing the Nunatsiavut Assembly Hansard for this elected Government's term in office, in almost every session I or someone else has addressed this issue in some manner. At this point in time, I'd like to focus on the provision of information as a way to ensure accountability and transparency within the Nunatsiavut Government. Mr. Speaker, putting more emphasis and resources on improving communication is necessary if the Nunatsiavut Government is to become truly transparent and accountable. I highly recommend that the Nunatsiavut Secretariat develop or revise its processes to ensure that communication becomes a high priority area. Without effective and timely communication, Mr. Speaker, and the release of information the Nunatsiavut Government will continue to be perceived as non-transparent and non-accountable. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Any other Members wish to make a statement? The Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's good to be back in the saddle again. I have to apologize for not being here at the last Assembly. Health issues. Today, I would like to stand before the House and with privilege to say thank you very much to the Nunatsiavut Government because they are helping in getting Rigolet back on its feet. Two years ago when I took over, our council or the Rigolet Inuit Community Government was in bad shape. We were two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in debt. Today, Mr. Speaker, I'm happy to say that at the end of the fiscal year we will be at least twenty five thousand dollars in the black. It has been a hard road the last two years and it seemed that every time I come into Assembly or talk to any Minister, I would have negative connotations, but this time I am very happy to say that I am not being negative this time around. Not yet, but on behalf of my community and myself I would like to say again thank you very much to the Nunatsiavut Government for all their support in getting Rigolet on its feet. In the last couple of years it has not been very prosperous in the world economy but I must say that Two Thousand-Eight, Mr. Speaker, has been pretty prosperous for Rigolet and it is all thanks to the Nunatsiavut Government. I am still going to be fighting, of course, for the communities of Rigolet and Northern Labrador as a region. There's still a long ways to go. We still need a lot of employment in the north coast communities and hopefully by the time that the next budget comes around, I'll have a lot more prosperity to talk about. Nakummek. (Applause)

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, AngajukKâk for Rigolet. It's good to know that your community is beginning to prosper. Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I wish I could be as positive as the last two statements. But as the black sheep that I am, I certainly cannot. First and foremost, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the people of Upper Lake Melville for their continued support and guidance during my struggles. Again, I stand before this House and beat a dead horse. We continue to operate this Government with no communication, no transparency and no accountability of processes for elected officials. Time and time again I stand in this House and say the same things over and over. We continue to have an Executive Council that operates in total secrecy, with the promised reports of decisions that are still held back from those of us not inside the Executive Council. We have a collective group of Ministers and supposed leaders who sit across this table and rarely if ever, since this Government was formed, speak on behalf of their constituencies. I believe you have forgotten your roles as Ordinary Members to your communities. Why are you not bringing their concerns to this House? They voted for you to do so, not simply sit inside the Executive Council silently protected by those in control. In January, the Executive Council came to Upper Lake Melville unprepared to answer the concerns of the people. The Elders in the audience were the first to notice and were upset at the fact that we did not even open the official Nunatsiavut Government meeting with a prayer. The President's first official visit to address the beneficiaries of Upper Lake Melville in Goose Bay began with Ministers lined up across a table ready with only a handful of hand-written notes scribbled on paper by the Minister's Deputies. Not a single handout prepared or a single individual present to take minutes and document the topics for those that could not be there. I questioned as to why you were not prepared. The President said he would get the notes typed and that I could distribute them. I told them that this was not good enough. Why should the responsibility of informing the people about a meeting's topics, that I had nothing to do with, fall on me? It should not. The Ministers then bombarded the public with a bunch of numbers and stories of all of the things that this Government is supposedly doing for the people. Yet I did not hear anything that truly represented real help for those in need or represented real progress as a Government. Then it was time for questions. The people then found out exactly how I feel at every Assembly sitting when I ask a question. Not a single answer with any substance was given to address their concerns. People left with no real answers, only more questions. People had such questions as why we were prepared to spend almost twenty million dollars on infrastructures such as Assembly and Administration buildings when there are elders in need who are out there and not getting any help. People also wondered why we could easily contribute twenty thousand dollars to Cain's Quest when we can't even get enough food for community freezers to help more of the people who need it. I'm glad to Minister Flowers for standing up and say that he is going to be working with Max to send some more country food for our freezers. That's a good thing and I do understand the economic spinoff and the tourism related benefits to Cain's Quest but it was the order in which it came out. It just seemed so easy for us to just dump money at the prize. There were plenty of good questions...just no real answers in my opinion. Then the bombshell hit the room in the form of a question from the public. Did

our Government risk and lose twenty one million dollars in the stock market? The simple answer was 'yes.' And then it occurred to me...they were not even prepared to tell us and only because someone knew about it and asked it as a question did it make it into the conversation. Once again, as an elected official, I found out about this out at the same time as my constituents and it was never intended to be a topic of discussion at all, but was only now at that particular moment that it became public knowledge. This is the level of communication that our Government operates with. People also questioned as to why I was being black listed and why I was not given the opportunity to sit at the head table to answer questions and comment on my role with this Government. The President simply responded that this Government is working as it should. Is it? I think not. People asked why we not getting any results or financial help in Upper Lake Melville despite my efforts, and the President told them that Upper Lake Melville will not be getting anything until the communities within Nunatsiavut are up to par with Upper Lake Melville. I agree that there is great need for improvements in many areas to benefit the people within Nunatsiavut. But the Beneficiaries in need that live in Upper Lake Melville deserve attention and they need help as well and do not deserve to be treated as second class because of where they live. I responded by saying that Upper Lake Melville would not see any results until the four elected representatives for Upper Lake Melville stand together and fight for the constituents as a group, putting the people's rights and needs first instead of their own loyalties. I said specifically that I had asked Minister Ponniuk to stand up with me on several issues many times and he would not. He then said that was not the case, so I said that he has not opened his mouth in this House for Upper Lake Melville since he was elected and that as soon as he took on the Minister's portfolio, he too had forgotten his role as Ordinary Member to our communities. Myself and the beneficiaries in the room were met with such a disrespectful display that I will not go into detail here, as it is yet to be addressed by the processes outlined in our Code of Conduct. In the next sitting I will be commenting on what has come out of this unbelievable act, but I will let due process take its course. I could go on and talk for hours about discontent in Upper Lake Melville, but I'll end my Member's statement by commenting on what has changed for the better, and what have we accomplished as an Assembly for the people. In my opinion and that of those who need help the very most...almost nothing at all. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Any Members wish to make a statement? The Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Postville.

Mr. Decker: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I, as AngajukKâk for Postville like the AngajukKâk from Rigolet, we see good things happening. We meet at Joint Management and see that the Nunatsiavut Government is really putting things into the communities. Without the President, I guess going to the Trust Fund and getting these additional dollars first, we wouldn't have the infrastructure that we have and the equipment and things like that. So thank you, Mr. President, for that. Also thank you for, I guess, the President and the Minister of Finance, for helping us to get additional funds for getting a groomer for Postville and the Minister of Health, I guess - I worked with him and probably the First Minister, on getting those employees to the new building, to the sewer, so once again, I'd like to say Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation.

Mr. Winters: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was very honored, not only as an Assembly Member but as a cancer survivor, to be invited to St. John's to participate in the donation made by the NunaKatiget and Tasiujatsoak fund. I'd like to thank Minister Greg Flowers and Deputy Minister Michelle Kinney for inviting me. I have received numerous comments on the generous contribution of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. I am still getting phone calls on this great donation. Also, a thank you to the Canadian Constituent Mr. Dan Pottle, the drum dancers and the throat singers. They did an excellent job and it was great to see the performance they had done. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Any other Members wish to make a statement at this time? We will end our Member statements and recess for five minutes.

Mr. Broomfield: Good Morning everybody. I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. I have an item that I need to bring to your attention that is not on the agenda from the Member Services Committee. I had a brief meeting last night with Members of the Executive Council in regard to our recommendations from... the Member Service Committee met for the first time to prepare estimates for this fiscal year in late November last year. We met in St. John's and brought forward three new items for the Assembly budget for this year. We were required to put the information out to the Inuit public for a period of ten days. We began that process on January Twenty First, and on the thirty first of January the ten days were up and I did not receive any comments from the public with regard to the recommended increases to the constituency allowances for the North Coast and for Upper Lake Melville. You will note in the information that I sent to all Members, I can't remember the time exactly, but it was at an earlier date that all Members got the same information. There are three items that we need to bring to your attention. As the Chair of the Member Services Committee I had a recommendation from the AngajukKâk for Makkovik to increase the constituency allowance from thirty four hundred dollars annually to four thousand, and it's not my choice to say yes or no to any individual that brings these issues to me. I am required to bring them to the Assembly for your approval before they get written into the budget. The other issue was a recommendation from the Member for Upper Lake Melville, Keith Russell, to increase the constituency allowance for Upper Lake Melville from fifty two hundred to seventy five hundred dollars per Member. The third item, and we will discuss them individually in a minute, the third item is the professional development fund for the Assembly. Last year, we approved sixty thousand dollars through the budget process for professional development. These dollars were meant to assist the Clerk and myself in helping to have the operations of the Assembly run in a more professional manner. We did not use the majority of those dollars to date. We had planned a trip to Nunavut for this month. I received some correspondence from John Quirk, the Clerk of Nunavut Assembly and their sitting is coinciding with our one and they'll be finished on the Second of April. It didn't work for this fiscal year, so in the New Year, we're hoping to visit Nunavut. Both Mary and Hilda

are planning a trip to Regina in August. They've had an invitation from a gentleman named Robert Kinsman and all the Legislative Assemblies will be sending representatives to this meeting in Regina and they'll be discussing the production of Hansards. Both Mary and Hilda will be attending that meeting this year. The sixty thousand dollars that was approved last year, that the Member Service Committee is recommending that this amount be increased to one hundred thousand dollars for this fiscal year. These are the same items that would be covered in this Professional Development Fund. There would be a couple of new items and this is to accommodate the OKalaKatiget Society filming legislation sittings. They gave us a budget for this fiscal year and we've noted that in our Professional Development Fund. Another item would be to provide legislative or legal advice for Members through the Clerk of the Assembly. So we recommended that the sixty thousand dollars be increased to one hundred thousand dollars for professional development. We could look at these three items one by one and certainly see how the Assembly feels on these three issues. I'm not sure if the other Members of the committee want to elaborate on that. The Member for Canada, the Ordinary Member for Nain or the Member for Upper Lake Melville. The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. In reference to the one point about the proposed increase for Upper Lake Melville, in terms of the constituency allowance, I just felt that because of the sheer numbers of beneficiaries we happen to have in Upper Lake Melville and the distance between the three communities that we represent, Mr. Ponniuk and myself. I was having a difficult time reaching as many people as I would have liked to, in terms of the work that I do in trying to help. I found myself not engaging the public in meetings because of concerns of not having enough funds available. I think we can all agree that when you're talking about several thousand beneficiaries spread across three communities, it is the unique situation other than that. Similar, I guess to the Canadian Constituency, but different than the communities within Nunatsiavut and that's the only point I'd like to mention on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Just for your information. These recommended increases from the committee aren't currently written into the budget. In order for these estimates to be written into the budget for the Assembly, they will need your approval by the majority of Members in approving that. So, the first one we will take is the recommended increase for Members in Nunatsiavut, from thirty four hundred to four thousand. I'll open the floor to debate if Members wish to speak. The Chair recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I suppose the increase to the constituency allowance for Members in Nunatsiavut from thirty four hundred to four thousand and I do so, Mr. Speaker, with an open mind and welcome comments from Members and why there should be an increase. My reason why there shouldn't be an increase is quite simple, Mr. Speaker, that not one Member in Nunatsiavut has spent the thirty four hundred dollars, not even close. Most of the Members in fact, Mr. Speaker, has not spent any of the thirty four hundred dollars. So, I cannot see in this time of restraint that we have heard from resident and the Finance Minister, all departments,

we're to try to cut back or at least stay the same. I cannot support the recommendation from Member Services to increase the constituency allowance in Nunatsiavut when not one person has spent the thirty four hundred. If there is some reason why they haven't, if it was because it wasn't enough, that they couldn't spend it, then I would certainly like to hear that argument. But I stand to say, Mr. Speaker, that it seems to me that there is no need for this particular increase. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The reason why I requested an increase from thirty four hundred to four thousand was because we were running into a lot of different things that we could use the dollars for. There's a bit of confusion. We were starting to spend our own dollars that we didn't know about, that we would spend for translation or information sessions and FYI's. That's the reason why I requested that. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Any other Members wish to make a comment? The Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the constituency allowance, I had a problem with that. I never spent any money because I didn't know what to spend it on every time I tried to buy something for my office, such as overhead projector, a television or a CD player for the community for information purposes or learning purposes, I was told you can't spend your money on that. Spend your money on food. So, the last couple of months now, I've been going haywire buying grub for everybody. Whoever is having a feast they come to me and say 'you got money for food?,' 'yes, take my money.'" That's all I can spend it on. I got all of the papers. What I do believe is that, Mr. Speaker, that a raise should be made available and that the AngajukKâk's know what they would like for their offices. A TV might not sound that much of an equipment to someone but in the community of Rigolet, when you have a television in the community hall for all the community to use and all committees in the community to use, I think that would be a much better way to spend your money then, I'm not saying I don't get much food out of it but I think the money could be better spent on things that an AngajukKâk would recommend to spend it on. Nakummek.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The AngajukKâk raises a good point in that the recommendations that we made as a committee, we were expecting these recommendations to be incorporated into the Budget Bill itself for the Members approval, so that everybody could be on the same page and know what constituency expense allocations can be spent on. It would alleviate that confusing situation in that you speak of. But the recommendations, for some reason, weren't incorporated into the Budget Bill. Until such time that they do that and all Members know what they approve and what they can spend their dollars on, this confusing situation will continue to occur. So, that's something that from my office I will endeavor to work on and ensure that the recommendations are included and written into the budget bill for your approval. That is something that we will work on. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I don't think I have much more to say, more to say on that matter. The AngajukKâk for Rigolet did take the words out of my mouth, so to speak, and your reiteration, Mr. Speaker, about the need for transparency. I guess for lack of a better word, the Member Services Committee put forth these recommendations and we did itemize a list of expenditures that we have to put together for this Assembly for approval for constituency allowances and without that being incorporated into the Budget, there still remains to be known and information is lacking with respect to this Assembly to base a decision on with respect to what the allocation of those dollars is intended to offset as per the constituency allowances. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Decker: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Me too, I haven't spent five cents of it I'll be honest with you. I was almost afraid to spend it. I didn't know if I was spending it on the right things. As far as I was concerned there was no guidelines out there. I know we could use ten percent. I contacted you, Todd, as a donation and that even hadn't happened so I haven't spent any of mine.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. It's something that we will certainly try to correct in the future budgets and maybe if time allows, we can even get incorporated into this budget. But there are issues with translation. The Budget is required to be translated so it's something that is certainly noted and that we will work to correct this for future budgets. The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We're into our third year. Another few months we'll be into our fourth year and I can say that I haven't spent any of mine either. In talking to the Finance Minister about this, that you know at this time, I can't agree for an increase so my stance on this is to keep it the same at least for the next few years or until we get out of this recession, so to speak, that we're in, until we can move our budget forward and have more monies available. I feel right now, at this time, that I like to see the Budget passed as is.

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

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, when we looked at this increase we said how can we justify an increase in the constituency allowances when nobody except one person has used his/her money within the last couple of years and that person being the Ordinary Member for Canada with the exception of Upper Lake Melville this year. To my knowledge, even the Member for Upper Lake Melville never used all of his money. So how can we justify giving an increase when nobody over the last couple of years has used what we put aside for them anyway. So, I cannot support an increase. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Normally, how a constituency expense works is that Members pay out of their own pocket and are reimbursed for these expenses. It is meant

to assist you in interacting with your constituents. So, there are items that meet the guidelines for the constituency allowance, and in the future we need to incorporate these allocations into the budget bill itself so Members will be more informed and know what they can spend their dollars on. That's something that we will work on. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain.

Ms. Erickson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I must say, like most of the people around the table, that I am guilty or I guess you can call it guilty. I'm not using my constituency allowance and again for the same reasons. We don't know what we could use it for and as an AngajukKâk when you say the constituency allowances are there to help you to deal with the public or to inform the public. We hold, at least the Community Government's hold at least monthly if not bi-monthly meetings. Does that mean we could use our constituency allowance for our regular meetings? I think, before we start talking about any change in the constituency allowance, we definitely have to have the guidelines in and why do they have to put in the budget every year? Should it just not be a SOP standard operations procedure, this is what your constituency allowances is for?

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Until the recommendations are formally approved by all Members, it's going to be a controversial situation. It really leaves it to be a political decision, it shouldn't be a political decision we should have clear guidelines in place for what Members can spend their constituency allowances on. So, in the past two years we've endeavored, maybe it's not the correct process to get it into the actual budget bill for your approval. We could have a process in place for recommendations as to how these dollars can be spent. I'm certain we have to address this before our next fiscal year and have a clear process in place. The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to make a few points. I did not look backwards and justify the increase for what I had done in the past. I'm looking forward in terms of my plans in future interaction for the remaining year that we have left in our term here. I hope you can appreciate the fact that a meeting room even this size in Upper Lake Melville would be inadequate if I decided and I will be hopefully staging a public meeting specific to my role within this Government. What if a thousand people show up? What about refreshments and things, what about handouts, all of that? If you could imagine, if I did have success in getting the public out to come and sit with me, it would be huge.

Mr. Andersen: My point, Mr. Speaker. And just to remind the Member, is that we are discussing the first item, which is the Nunatsiavut advance from thirty four to four thousand and just to remind the Member, Mr. Speaker, that he is out of order and he will get his opportunity to speak to the difference or rise in the Upper Lake Melville constituency allowance on item number two. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Point of Order raised by the First Minister is well taken. The Member for Upper Lake Melville will have ample opportunity to debate when we discuss

the recommended increase for Upper Lake Melville. The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point well taken. As the Minister of Finance decided to give the details of my expenditures I assumed that perhaps we may have moved on to that topic. I apologize for that. I would just like to point out that regardless of whether it was Upper Lake Melville or the Assembly Members within Nunatsiavut, just because we propose this increase, and if we did accept it as an Assembly, It doesn't necessarily mean that if it's accepted, every single Member is going to max out their constituency allowance. So maybe not much would change but maybe it would, I don't know. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I think we had a good debate back and forth and we should be able to take a vote to see how many Members would support the recommendations to increase this allowance and how many Members would not support it.

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

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

Mr. Pottle: I think we've moved from a friendly discussion, for a lack of a better word here, to the process of debating a Budget Bill. I think these particular items need to be addressed as an overall part of the budget process itself and I think the whole intent of raising this from your perspective, Mr. Speaker, and not to put words into your mouth was to inform the Assembly. I guess, of the Member Services Committee's dissatisfaction with respect to process and not to debate or ask for a vote on issue at this particular time. But just to ensure that the Members around this table are made aware that Members Services Committee did have concerns that the recommendations that we brought forth were not incorporated into the budget or they were not in previous years posted as a part of the public service announcement seeking Inuit feedback on the allocations for the Assembly Budget. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Point of Order raised by the Member for Canada has raised a bit of concern for myself personally. We are discussing what should be a budget item but it's not a budget item because it's not incorporated into the budget bill itself, so if we save this issue and wait until the actual budget is introduced for second reading then we have no right to debate this issue in the budget because it's not actually written into the Budget itself. So there in lies, I guess, the process of discussing this recommendation in this manner.

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

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

Mr. Andersen: I suppose it's a Point of Order, Mr. Speaker, with respect to the procedure, I stand to be corrected, I read through the procedure, the Member Services Committee makes a recommendation, simply that, the recommendation that they make to the Assembly and if the Assembly accepts the recommendation, then it is incorporated into the Budget Bill. It has to be discussed at the Assembly and the Assembly has the right to reject a recommendation, a recommendation is simply a recommendation. It's not an order, it's not a directive, it's a recommendation. The procedure says that this Assembly hears that recommendation and decides whether or not it makes it to the Budget Bill. The procedure that we are following this morning is absolutely correct in my mind and again, I stand to be corrected, and maybe Mr. Speaker needs some time to review that but I believe that we're following the correct procedure. Members of the Assembly have to hear the recommendation and either reject it or accept it. So, it is in my view, debate that takes place and if this Assembly agrees with the recommendations, then they should be presented to the Finance Minister to be incorporated into the Budget Bill that we will hear later. If I'm wrong, Mr. Speaker, I stand to be corrected and certainly will apologize for that, but that is my understanding of the procedure. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. We will recess while I look at both issues and sort of, we have to navigate a very clear process forward. We have two opposing views and we will recess for five minutes while I confer with Legal Counsel and the Clerk to ensure that we are indeed correct. We'll recess for five minutes.

Mr. Broomfield: Good Afternoon. I'd like to call the Assembly back to order and make a decision on the point of order raised by the Honorable First Minister. We've had point of orders raised from both sides of the table and in order to be certain as to the correct procedure is being followed; the Member Services Committee can make recommendations to the Assembly. In order for these recommendations to be incorporated into the Budget Bill, the recommendations has to be first approved by the Assembly. So, we are indeed following the correct process and I feel that we are now ready to actually vote on the Members who would approve the recommended increase for Nunatsiavut from thirty four hundred to four thousand. Sorry about that. So I ask Members, by a show of hands the number of Members in favor of approving the recommended increase for Members in Nunatsiavut from thirty four hundred to four thousand. Number of Members in favor, please raise your hands. The number of Members opposed to the recommendation. There are nine Members in favor of increasing the recommendation, increasing the allocation from thirty four hundred to four thousand, there are seven Members opposed. The recommendation will be incorporated into the Budget Bill. The second recommendation is to increase the constituency allowance for Members in Upper Lake Melville from fifty two hundred to seventy five hundred per Member, and again the floor is open for debate. The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I mentioned earlier, just due to the logistics of Upper Lake Melville, three communities, several thousand beneficiaries. I did not look backwards on exactly how much I spent up to that point. I simply looked at this

upcoming years plans for what I intend to do within my constituency. Basically this year, the number of people and the amount of travel that I do, I was hoping to be able to have the extra funds in order to make sure that I reach as many people as possible. As the Minister of Finance noted, I did not spend my entire allocation. I was hesitant to, using the example of the newsletter that I did get printed, I did not print as many copies as I needed. Those are some of the reasons that I'm using to go forward and hopefully to do much more in terms of the level of interaction with my constituency. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make a suggestion that we just increase our constituency allowance in Nunatsiavut from thirty four hundred to four thousand as noted earlier. No one spent that amount and nothing close to it and I don't think things will change this coming year. So I would suggest that funds will be available to the Members from Upper Lake Melville, to use some of our funds that will be available, without increasing the Budget overall by twenty-five, I think he's looking for an increase of twenty three hundred. I think that would come out of allowances from Nunatsiavut Members who won't be spending their four thousand dollars or thirty four hundred dollars. Thank you.

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

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As was referenced earlier, one Member from Upper Lake Melville used the constituency money he mentioned about the amount of dollars that he would need for meetings. If Assembly Member Russell has a meeting, I will be attending and we can share that type of thing between us. That would cut down on some of the costs coming from your constituency allowance and any other thing that you got in mind. In Upper Lake Melville, in that regard, we could cost share and I think, personally that it would be a good thing to do. It's just a thought. Thank you.

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

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a good idea. Thank you, Minister Ponniuk, for that. I will take him up on any opportunity where we can stand or sit together and address our constituency together. I'll take him up on that and any opportunity. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Michelin: Just a quick comment, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. Seeing that the Nunatsiavut communities haven't spent the constituency allowance, where did the money go? Did it go back into the coffers and if so why can't we get an increase? Obviously, if we didn't spend it last year, just put it back into the coffers for this year. We got more money, where's it to? Nakummek.

Mr. Broomfield: I have no information in regard to the question raised by the AngajukKâk for Rigolet and it is good a question there was an x amount of dollars allocated for constituency expenses in this past years Budget and from what we're hearing around this table, very little of those dollars were used. So in regard to the allocations that were made, probably ten to fifteen percent of those dollars were used and up to ninety or eighty percent of the dollars were not utilized by the Members. I'm not sure if the Minister of Finance could answer that question. If Members do not use their allocations, does this money go back into the general operating accounts? The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Finance.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What happens is that if there's any surplus left its put back into your account and with additions or whatever. It's not put anywhere else; it's still put into your account.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. We will recess for two minutes. We'll take a quick break while I double check.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. I guess I'll elaborate on what the Honorable Minister of Finance did say, that Members do not have an x amount of dollars in their account. Any monies unused from the constituency allocation will be reverted back into the Nunatsiavut fund at the end of the fiscal year. So any dollars you do not use just go back into our General Operating Fund. So you do not have x dollars from last years constituency allowance. I just wanted make that clear to you. Any dollars you spend, you spend out of your own pocket and you are reimbursed for that. The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister Finance.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to apologize for that and thank you, Mr. Speaker, for clarifying that. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Yes, no problem. Any more issues or comments on the issue in regards to the Upper Lake Melville constituency? The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. In all fairness to the Constituency of Upper Lake Melville given that it's been reiterated and reinforced around this table, that not all his constituency allowance has been spent in Nunatsiavut. I think we need to treat the Constituency in Upper Lake Melville with the same respect and look at increasing at least for this year and this budget, the recommended constituency allowance increase for Upper Lake Melville given a couple of things that the Member for Upper Lake Melville reiterated a little while ago. There has been a significant increase in the membership in Upper Lake Melville and that in itself speaks to the need for more interaction with your constituents, I believe, Mr. Speaker, so I just wanted to make that point. Nakummek.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Assembly has just recommended, I guess, an increase for the constituency allowance in Nunatsiavut. It's very difficult for me to stand here and then ask the Members from Upper Lake Melville, or propose that they not get an increase. Very, very, difficult. But I think most Members will note that I also spoke and voted against the increase for Nunatsiavut. I hope that there is some way that we can compromise here as suggested by the President, Mr. Speaker. I don't believe that the Members in Nunatsiavut will, unless they try very hard, on feasts and what not, lots of food, that they can spend those four thousand dollars. We have not been able to do so in the past and I don't see, with the few changes that are proposed by the Members Service Committee, on how we might spend that money. I'm hoping that there can be some compromise, I'm hoping that there will be some trust by the Members of Upper Lake Melville in accepting what the President said, that the Members of Upper Lake Melville will support myself and the President among others that are opposed to this increase for Upper Lake Melville and at the time that they spend their fifty two hundred dollars, that there will be sufficient funds left in constituency allowances in Nunatsiavut, that we would be able to make up that difference that the Members in Upper Lake Melville might need. I stand to oppose the increase, Mr. Speaker, for the constituency allowance of Upper Lake Melville.

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

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, First Minister, for your comments on that and I certainly do respect both yours and the President's recommendation with respect to the Minister of Culture Recreation and Tourism's suggestion to find some way of working together to ensure that if one Member exhausts their constituency allowance and the other Member has not, then there could be some sharing and pooling around that. I'm just a little concerned, Mr. Speaker, about what kind of precedent we may be setting here for the future, given that dollars are allocated as per Constituency for work within the Constituencies and I'm just a little bit hesitant, I guess, with respect to suggesting that the Member from Upper Lake Melville or Canada, for that matter, if the time ever came to go back to the AngajukKâk for Nain by way of example and look for her money that she hasn't spent on constituency allowance. So, I'm just a little bit concerned about what kind of precedent we may be setting and what road we may travel down with this very issue. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Erickson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I have to reiterate what I said about the constituency allowance for Nunatsiavut. We don't even know what we can spend this money on and here we are increasing the amount we're going to allow ourselves to spend. How can we actually sit here and discuss increasing a budget that we don't know what we could use it for. Prime example, we went through that once before. Money was asked for from a certain department for something, no guidelines were out, and the guidelines came out after. What a ruckus that created and it still is. Here we are sitting as an Assembly and doing the exact same thing. How can we? Why ask for an increase when we don't know what we can spend it on. Why not wait until we know what the

guideline is, then, as was said earlier I may need more for Nain, or I may need less who knows, but until we know what we can actually spend this money on, how can we sit here and seriously discuss it?

Mr. Broomfield: The recommended allocations were included in the Public Service announcement and the process we've followed for the past two years as a committee, recommendations have been actually included in a budget bill for debate. This year, we have a different process, maybe it's the right one. We could go any way, but it seems to be the right process we are following. But up to actually seeing the budget bill and looking through it on Friday, I was concerned that the recommendations that we did put forward to the public, the allocations we recommended as a committee, didn't actually get incorporated into the Budget Bill for the past two years and we've attempted to do that. It's something that we obviously have to say we do need to address as soon as possible. Outside of the recommendation, coming to a forum like this or actually being included in the Budget Bill, then this confusing situation will continue to occur. There's no other solution. It has to be presented in this House through the budget or either through this process for the Members to either approve recommendations or disapprove them. So it's something that we have to do, I would say, at our next sitting at the earliest. Due to the fact that we've been trying for the past two years to get it incorporated into the budget and they haven't done so, it's something that we will bring to the next sitting for your discussion. We definitely need to do that. The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Health.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As everyone on the Executive knows they are to cut from their Budgets, cut from their departments. I'd just like to reiterate what I said earlier. These are prime times for Nunatsiavut. I mean, we heard the Member for Upper Lake Melville speak about the twenty one million dollars that we lost or lost on paper per say and other things, and here we want increases in something that the AngajukKâk for Nain spoke about and a lot of people around this table. It's monies that are not really necessary, if it was necessary, and we are using it. We would spend it but it's sitting there in the pot that I cannot support this. We talk about things that we need to do for different departments, getting something done for our constituents. I have to say that I'm actually quite disappointed in the turn of events. I thought people would see that when we talked about our finances and everything else. We need to be as clear as possible and look at the long term or look at the next three or four years at least. I think that Minister Ponniuk made a good point, that there's plenty enough money in Upper Lake Melville for the elected Member up there to put their heads together and use their money wisely and we could get through it with the amount of money that's there. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. For my past as the Chair of the Member Services Committee and even the committee ourselves, we have no jurisdiction as to say no to Members of the Assembly. We are required to bring it to you for your discussion, which is what we're doing. The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Finance.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, when we started to put this Budget together we realized that we were going to have to do budget restraints. We went to each and every Department within the Nunatsiavut Government and asked them to cut back. They came to us with budgets that was cut, I'm sure in places that they actually thought they may not be able to do, but they did it. And here we are as Assembly Members sitting around this table and giving ourselves increases in our allowances that we haven't used for the last two years. That doesn't make sense to me. When you look at our communities on the coast, they're all small. I know, for myself and I'm sure it's for every other Member here that the Canadian constituency said that maybe we're not getting out to our people good enough or enough, but you know what? In my community, I have more people coming to my office in a run of the day than I did when I worked with the Town Office. And I think that if I was to hold a public meeting, I don't think that I would have that many people out because I think they would come to me and talk one on one. Sure, I can go out and have a big meal for them but they're not going to talk to me in private like they want to talk in my office. That's why I didn't have a public meeting. Everyday, I get people coming to my office talking one on one and I think that they feel more comfortable on that. Getting back to the Budget, I mean goodness; we've been trying to cut back, cut back wherever we could. It doesn't make sense to me, for us to sit around here when you look at it. Four thousand dollars per person, that's eight thousand dollars in a community. We're not going to use eight thousand dollars. That's all I have to say, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. And again I will state that we are required to bring it to you for your decision. That's all we're doing. Any other comments? The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to just pick up on what the Minister of Finance just reported on and on what the Minister of Health and Social Development alluded to with respect to cutbacks in each of the departments. I should be saving this for the budget discussion and debate, but since the issue was raised I've done a little bit of math which I'm not the best at in the world, I have to admit, but from my early perusal of last years budget versus this years budget there are increases in each of these department's and I don't know what those increases are related to, whether that's an increase for each department considering the FDDIPI (Final Domestic Demand Implicit Price Index for Canada) increases annually or whatever. I'm really not sure, but just my quick review and comparing of the numbers from last year to this years budget there is an increase from each of the departments last year over this year. Nakummek.

Mr. Broomfield: Order please. We are discussing the allocation for Upper Lake Melville. That is the issue. The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just like to urge that this Assembly give my request and I'll say it's my request as being one of the Ordinary Members for Upper Lake Melville, the respect it deserves. We just rose our hands and achieved a majority vote to approve a process of the constituency allowance, the proposed constituency allowance increase for the communities within Nunatsiavut to go to the budget for us to debate at

that time. I see no point in creating any further disparity between Upper Lake Melville and the communities within Nunatsiavut by at this time specifically saying no to the Upper Lake Melville one. I think that should also go to the Budget Bill where we can then have a proper debate at that time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Are we ready to take a vote on that issue? By a show of hands the number of Members who support the recommendation from the Member Services Committee to increase the constituency allowance for Members in Upper Lake Melville from fifty two hundred to seven five hundred, number of Members in favor. The number of Members opposed to the recommendation. The number of Members who support the recommendation, from the Members Service Committee is nine. The number of Members who opposed the recommendation is seven. The recommendation is carried. The last item is the Professional Development Fund. In this years budget the Assembly approved sixty thousand dollars for Professional Development. These dollars were used as I alluded to earlier for both Mary and her assistant to assist with the operations of the Assembly in a more professional manner. We've had two presenters at a previous sitting, Mr. Mike Flatters and Harvey Sands. We've received a substantial bill from RSM Richter for the presentation on the Labrador Inuit Trusts and how we paid for that bill from RSM Richter was to use dollars that were allocated for a professional development and we paid this invoice from this person who presented. So unfortunately things like that can be accommodated under the guidelines of the professional development fund. What we are recommending this year is the sixty thousand dollars be increased to One hundred thousand. Professional development would allow the Clerk, the Speaker's office to conduct the Assembly operations in a more professional manner. In looking at how other Assemblies operate, produce the Hansard in a timely manner. We're are also recommending that certain amount of dollars be allocated to the OkalaKatiget Society to film the sittings and we're also as I said earlier hoping to provide legislative and legal advice for Members of the Assembly through the Office of the Clerk. So this is what we are hoping to achieve, it's not a big amount of money if you look at the overall picture and we hope to be very constructive and yet the same time be financially responsible so this is the reason we are recommending an increase from sixty thousand to a one hundred thousand. So again I'll open the floor to debate, the Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I believe one of the most pressing needs of this Assembly and something that we're falling short of right now Mr. Speaker is a need for legislative advice to this Assembly. In all due respect to the current legal counsel that we do have on staff and the other person whom we use from time to time I believe who works out of Nova Scotia, I had several discussions with our current legal counsel who've informed me from time to time that one she's not a legal drafter, one she is legal advisor to the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. Her duty and her responsibility mainly relies with providing legal advice and counsel to the to the Nunatsiavut Executive Council and that in itself, and the legal counsel has informed on several occasions that she may find herself in conflict when she's providing advice to the Executive Council and a Member such as myself who maybe opposing a position of the Executive Council, how can she in all fairness to me and to herself provide that independent legal advice

that's so crucial and so necessary. I have had consultations with other Houses of Assemblies and in consultation with an individual who had, we had contracted sometime ago to help establish the Office of the Clerk, the message that I get all of the time from people is that there is a definite need for independent legal advice for Legislators or Assembly Members. That is the reason why each and every Office of an Clerk of an Assembly do have an independent legal advisor so that they can provide that legal advice and to just reiterate in closing and to give a real world example is on this issue that I've been trying to move through this House on several occasions on the expenditure of five thousand dollars by way of example. You know the current legal counsel has provided legal advice to the Executive Council than I go seek legal advice from that person how can that person give me that legal independent and legal advice that is so crucial and so necessary. If I'm to do the best job that I can do in representing not only the constituencies but ensuring that there is legislation set for this Assembly that's based on and given and worked through for lack of a better word with somebody who has a specialization in legislative processes which we don't have in our legal counsel right now. That's just one small example of the use of this professional development fund and as the Speaker already iterated there are many unforeseen circumstances that may arise throughout the year and if this House is to be effective in carrying out it's work then we need to support our Clerk so that she can find that expertise and advice that's so crucial when we need it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to your comments are very valid and I agree there should be more support given to the House and the Clerk, same with respect to Mr. Russell but for me it's not an issue about putting there, it's just the timing of it. We're in a time of where we don't control the economics of this world and that we are entitled restraint, that's the only reason why I cannot support this. I agree with whatever you're hard working man; you work hard for your constituents. Mr. Pottle's remarks are very valid. We do not need support for the House but my own position is the current situation we are in as a Government and holding back and restraining at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Andersen: Again Mr. Speaker I'm uncertain as to what the recommendations are, what the reasons are for the increase from sixty to a hundred. I heard a couple of Members from the committee speak but I've not seen why there is a need at this time to increase that Budget, from sixty to a hundred and I'm not certain, not clear as to why there needs to be an increase, is this something new or is it that there wasn't enough money in the budget last year for the Professional Development Fund? We had not heard that at Executive Council that last years Budget wasn't big enough until we received I guess this year that there was a recommended increase. How there is a need for that forty thousand to be increased so I, again I cannot support the increase.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I guess that's for the clarification of Members. There are two new items that was included in the Professional Development providing for OKalaKatiget Society to film legislative sittings and the other one is providing legislative and legal advice through the Clerk of the Assembly for the Members. These are the reasons for the recommended increases. The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to give a brief comment on those two items. In the past I had a quote unquote legal query that would have been directed at the Executive Council. By going in House I was refused that, therefore I deem it absolutely necessary to have the first point the Speaker referred to in having legal counsel made available to people on this side of this table. Secondly I think it's absolutely necessary that we ensure that there are monies there for the taping of these sessions and distribution of those sessions as well. That's a very important thing in order to get what we do as an Assembly out to the public that is absolutely necessary. To me it comes down to this, the Executive Council and its agenda of getting its work done and getting its message across to the people and executing on things, you have the support to do that, and that's a good thing and Executive Council should do whatever it can to make sure that it operates its departments in a good fashion and is able to execute on what it plans for the upcoming year. To me, it's very simple, it's about being giving us on this side of the table the opportunity to become effective and to be able to represent the constituents in a better more informed I guess process and being able to make use to the Clerk in a more I guess, for a loss of a better word I guess in a better fashion as well. It's about us as an Assembly having all of the tools available to us to do a better job to represent the people and to have those heated debates and hopefully in the end get our points across, represent our people and hopefully do what's in the best interest of Inuit everywhere. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Erickson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I could be wrong but I think I understand what this increase is for very simply. I think the Member for Upper Lake Melville explained it from what I understand right. You know OKalaKatiget Society is going to come in and film our sittings; there'll be legal counsel, outside legal counsel available to the Members of the Assembly. The Clerk and her staff will be able to do professional development. You know again they're newer than we are, they need that, they didn't come into these jobs with all of this, and they need that professional development to help us do our job better. I believe the House of Assembly Budget of one point five, one point six, forty thousand dollars added on to that Budget will not break the bank; it will not break Nunatsiavut for the benefits that we will see from that forty thousand dollars. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The committee is aware of all of the issues that the Members speak of in terms of having to be fiscally responsibility. This is first thing that we talk about. We are trying to be productive and yet at the time is as financially responsible as we can be. But we have to be realistic if we are to function smoothly as an Assembly, we need to

have good advice, I'm not saying that we are not getting it currently because we are and it's apparent that we, for the Clerk, for the Clerk's staff to assist Members in the smooth operations of this Assembly that this advice should be there for the Clerk to assist the Members and that's what we are hoping to achieve. In some small way you know forty thousand dollars increase is not a big deal and we are trying to be realistic and yet trying to be productive so it's really a balancing act from our perspective also, so we are very much aware of the financial issues that we are facing today. Do you feel confident to vote on the issue? By a show of hands the number of Members who support the recommendation from Members Services Committee to increase the professional development fund from sixty thousand to one hundred thousand. Number of Members in favor. Thank you. The number of Members opposed to this recommendation. By a vote of ten in favor and six opposed, the recommendation is approved by the Assembly. With that we will break for lunch and return at two thirty.

Mr. Broomfield: Back to order. For the information of the Members, the Chair of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation will not be with us this evening, he is not feeling well. Moving on to our agenda to *Question Period*, the floor is now open for more questions, Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I like to address a question to the First Minister, I received a letter from the Provincial Government it states that in the near future in about five years that there'll be no road links in the Northern Labrador Communities Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask the First Minister what see what the Province has forcing us into isolation, did you speak to anybody from the Provincial Government regarding the upcoming season ferry service? Thank you.

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

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess to begin, yes the Member is correct, that is the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, yes, there will be no new road work until the current place, the Trans Labrador is complete that includes, there will be no funds available for a feasibility study for, we had made known to the communities we wanted to do a feasibility study on the link, to link Trans Labrador to Nunatsiavut, namely the communities of Rigolet, Makkovik and Postville we had budgeted last year some funds that would cover up a portion of the feasibility study, we end up running into a brick wall with the Provincial Government at this time regarding the feasibility study, it always been our position Mr. Speaker, we have to look at current transportation as well, we know that had we been lucky enough to get funding for the feasibility study such a link is still a few years off and we continue to fight on behalf our communities for better marine services that are here and of course winter trails at some point in the future, President Lyall, sometimes called Jim Lyall before he was President I guess, was a member of the Provincial Transportation Committee, since he has become President he has asked me to replace him on that committee and my name has come forward and I promised to accept this, I have not yet had a chance to meet with that group but I'm quite certain that there will be such a meeting in the very near future and again we will raise the concerns, shared by all communities, that our transportation system, marine

transportation system, the boats are way out of date, also they look back in time, the services were better than it is today, I've had some discussion with the new Minister of Transportation, Trevor Taylor in late December, Mr. Speaker, and expressed to him concerns from the communities, problems with the marine service out of Cartwright and expressed to him that some communities preferred the way it is operated out of Lewisporte in the past and Minister Taylor is willing to look at all of these things and is open to listening to us at some point in time, I hope that's part of that committee that myself and other representative, I understand that there is another representative from the north coast as well and we'll certainly try to bring forward all of those concerns, certainly it is a great concern to this Government and improvements do need to be made not only in the future but we have to look at the transportation systems that are in place to date, and of course marine shipping remains vital in getting our supplies at the lowest possible cost at this time, on behalf of our communities, I am hoping to see improvements to that system. I hope in some way that answers your question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Health, I'd like some clarification on the policy of ground transportation in Happy Valley – Goose Bay, when you're close to hospital, we had numerous complaints about seniors and parents traveling with infants or young children being abandoned or left at the airport for hours on end, sometimes due to the weather, sometimes due to Medivacs going elsewhere and they have been requesting transportation to be taken back so they can rest but they were denied this request, can you give me a little bit of insight on that please. Thank you.

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

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To be quite honest with you Herb, you might have heard the complaints but I certainly have not heard any of this, what you just eluded to me that people are abandoned, do you mean abandoned at the airport, or do you mean at the place they are staying? When you say airport, I'm assuming one of the things that I know that sometime yes, Medivacs do occur or planes are delayed, and trying to get people back and forth is sometimes pretty difficult and I could only say to you is I'll certainly look into the matter, because it's the first time I heard of beneficiaries were abandoned as you so called it but I can certainly look into it and get back to you, that's all I have to say on this issue because sometimes yes people do go up and Medivacs are priority and people has a long wait but its something I can tell the AngajukKâk for Makkovik I will certainly look into it.

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

Mr. Decker: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the President I guess, in his Minister's Statement this morning he said that the Public Utility or the Pricing Commission I guess, on fuel would consult with the stakeholders and is written submissions considered or is consult stakeholders or are they going to travel to the North Coast and meet with stakeholders.

Mr. Broomfield: Chair recognizes the President.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had a letter about a week ago from Public Utility Board, from Andy Wells, my understanding is he is waiting for written submissions when we met with him in St. John's about the 8th of December, Sixteenth to the Eighteenth of December of last year, myself and the First Minister, he mentioned he will be coming to the communities to consult with all stakeholders, sometimes this winter, the letter states that he's going to do that, and I will check into it see if still plans to send a member of the board to all the communities, that's all I got right now. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. President. Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain.

Ms. Erickson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the First Minister, with the opening of the Admin Center in Nain late this fall, as a Community Government and AngajukKâk for Nain, what can we expect in regards to people coming in, do we expect to have more lots ready or is there going to be some discussions between Nunatsiavut Government and the Nain Inuit Community Government in what to expect, are we expecting a big influx of people or will that Admin Center be built by people coming in

Mr. Broomfield: Chair recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Certainly Mr. Speaker we want to be respectful of the Inuit Community Government for the fine work that they do, would not be proper I don't think, for us to start moving people, we have a plan and we will, every step of the way share that plan with the Inuit Community Government of Nain, I will say, before this upcoming season we do not have any intention of building any staff housing in Nain we simply don't have the funds at this time Mr. Speaker. The Admin Center, as we said this morning we hope to be completed in November, at that time we will start to move people who are in the Nain office this time into that building, I think it's safe to say, by that time as well we'll have a plan in place, a plan that we will be able to share with you, when, and how, how many units, residential units will be going in future and how fast you can expect staff to start moving in but I want to assure the AngajukKâk we will not be moving forward with any plan on people moving to Nain without consulting and sharing with your Inuit Community Government, with her Inuit Community Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to direct my question to the First Minister of Nunatsiavut. I would just like to visit and ask the First Minister a couple of questions a main question and a couple of supplemental questions on the five thousand dollar payment, I will not stop asking questions, and I will not stop searching for answers until I'm satisfied I do have the answers for Beneficiaries from elected officials that they so deserve. Mr. Speaker at last months session the First Minister did report to this Assembly that there was an authorization of the five thousand dollar payment to twenty five individuals who are not on the voters list, I've taken it on myself Mr. Speaker, and I did inform the First Minister by email that I have had some consultations with the RCMP into the possibility of an investigation into misappropriation of Inuit dollars. I do not want to take this approach, but because I've asked, and until I am satisfied I have answers, if I have to I must take that step. My question, Mr. Speaker, to the First Minister, can you identify the source of funds that were paid to individuals who are not on the official voters list? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Chair recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, first let me say that the Member across from me said he had consulted with the RCMP, and that wasn't approached, he didn't want to and at the same time he is saying that he has taken that approach and the approach is a good one I suppose the RCMP maybe in some way will be able to resolve some of this and will not be in the contacted by the RCMP as of yet, certainly Mr. Speaker, we welcome them at any time to come for information that we offer, the Member's question was can I identify the source of bucks that was paid to those twenty five individuals and I don't want to make a mistake here Mr. Speaker, so what I will say is that it was the same source of money that every other beneficiary received five thousand dollars it was from the same pot and I know that I will not make a mistake in saying that, to be certain and to be fair to the member I will leave someone from finance to help me say, where exactly the source of money, perhaps I don't fully understand the members question, it was from the same, Mr. Speaker, pot of money, same funds, that was paid to each beneficiary. The five thousand that is helpful to the Member, otherwise you will have to wait until I consult with my colleague in finance to identify, preferably he'll get a better answer than that I gave.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Chair recognizes the Member for Canada with a supplementary question.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'll gladly wait for that clarification First Minister so my supplementary question leading to that was this ever presented as a Money Bill in this House of Assembly, or the transitional Assembly, the records that I have reviewed so far has helped indicated that it was not?

Mr. Anderson: ...there have been some decisions made, Mr. Speaker, by the LIA Board such as the ten million from the agreement that was paid to relocatees and as well the five thousand to beneficiaries over the age of fifteen, sixteen Mr. Speaker, I'm not sure that

there was a requirement those funds needed to be passed as a money bill, I would have to, I would have to consult with my colleague from finance would have better knowledge how these funds were in approval to be paid out. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Chair recognizes the Member of Canada asking another supplementary question.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Thank you First Minister again for committing to do your homework and getting back to me on this issue. This is probably a hypothetical question but I think it needs to be asked at this point in time given what the outcome of your research and the findings to come with respect to the process that should have involved I'd like to ask the First Minister would he be willing to consider retroactive legislation for the sake of accountability and transparency on this issue Mr. Speaker. Nakummek.

Mr. Broomfield: Chair recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd have to say that thank you very much to the Member for saying that his question was hypothetical I'm not in the habit of giving hypothetical answers Mr. Speaker, I will say that there was a statement issued by the President of Nunatsiavut saying that as far as the Nunatsiavut Government was concerned, it met all the requirements that was the end of the matter I cannot and will not speak to you hypothetically. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. When we arrived at this sitting we were presented with a nice big fancy binder containing non-consolidated statements for the financial position of the Nunatsiavut Government, right in the Auditor's Report, the opening notes states that these non-consolidated financial statements which have not been intended to be prepared in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles are solely for the information and use of various funding agencies these financial statements which are not intended for anybody other than specified users for any other purpose I'd like to ask the Minister of Finance why we're presented with this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't have time to review these statements, I got them same time as you did but hopefully when the Auditors get here tomorrow they'll be able to explain why the entries in here, that's the only answer I can give you.

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

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker, again I direct my question to the Minister of Finance. What is the point of paying for an audit that does not follow Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker?

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

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am at a loss for words. All Auditors have to follow the same layout I guess for financial statements. I guess we'll just have to wait till they come. I know it's not the answer you're looking for I know you expect me to have the answer to it but I'm sorry I don't, maybe my Deputy does, I don't. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. For the benefit of the Member we are expecting two Auditors tomorrow morning, Paul Janes and Keith Mayer of Deloitte they will be doing a presentation on the financial statements and maybe those questions can be answered by the Auditors and again they are scheduled to be here tomorrow morning, Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to direct my question to Economic Development Officer, seems like the upcoming construction season is coming as promised, I was wondering, I would like to ask the Minister of Economic Development what is the plan for long term employment for the coming summer and years. Thank you.

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

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I mentioned earlier Mr. Speaker in my Minister's statement, we are working with regards to long term economic development, that we're working on the economic development policy that will start to address some of our issues within Nunatsiavut in regards to economic development, with regards to the coming summer, right now we only have in place the Economic Development fund which the Inuit Community Governments can apply for funding from that pot, than again this year and there's criteria for you to apply for funds. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mrs. Dicker: Thank you. This question I guess or more or less an invitation for Minister Shiwak, you know that we're having problems with the funding for the CDO, we would like for you to meet with us while you're here with all the AngajukKâks while you're here so we can try and discuss this and try to work something out, I think that our CDO will be laid off this Friday and I think that some of the other communities going to have to lay theirs off also, we're wondering if you would meet with us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thanks for the invitation I already instructed the Deputy Minister of Finance that we'll be meeting with the AngajukKâks, if they're available tomorrow; we're going to set up a time for a meeting and we will inform you at that time. Okay.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Any more questions? Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: I'd like to direct my question to the First Minister. I know that the Minister have a lot of different portfolios, I was wondering do the First Minister have any plans in getting a Deputy Minister for Transportation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Chair recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The short answer is no there is no plan to hire a Deputy Minister for Transportation, there is, we are its not only in our department Mr. Speaker that lacks expertise in a number of areas certainly in housing, in transportation is one of the area that would like to have more help, it is hard times as it was mentioned this morning there was no room, we had hoped to, in this years Budget Mr. Speaker, someone that was very knowledgeable about modes of transportation in the North that we'll be able to bring on, even if it was for one or two years to help us develop what we believe to be a data sheet Mr. Speaker. However with the restraints that we agreed to that won't be possible this year I have to say that however, Mr. Speaker that we are working together and we work closely with Minister Shiwak and his department because the economic development is so close to type to transportation and it has forced us to work together certainly my department has worked very closely with Minister Shiwak and we will continue to do so, as we will continue to seek support from AngajukKâk Michelin and Andrew Best in building make it short, transportation issues forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did not mean to imply personally that you do the job, I just mentioned that not just your Department but every department in Nunatsiavut has many different hats to wear I think it would be wise when we get ready for it, it reflects to me as a young Government why we cant support it now as a young Government as you know as we get more older, we don't get more investments that means that there will be no Deputy Ministers ever? Nakummek.

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

Mr. Anderson: As time and money allows Mr. Speaker, when time and money allows we will bring on more staff with expertise in different fields and no doubt it would be my wish as soon as possible we will have some, transportation in the north and I'm sure that all my colleagues on this side would agree as it is a concern in every community in Nunatsiavut and we know that the AngajukKâks know that very well that we are way behind in times, in marine especially no doubt that we're still a long way transportation it is a real concern sadly to say that the AngajukKâk of Rigolet mentioned that we are a young Government and at this time the sources of revenue when time allow us to move forward as fast as we want, certainly those issues are important we hope that working together we will be able to convince Canada and indeed Ottawa put forth these issues are, if this Nunatsiavut is to be a success then we also need to work, I will say Minister Pottle has been supportive, Minister Pottle, from the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Government has been in many cases supportive of our discussions on transportation where we would like to go and I have to say that Minister Hickey, the Member for Upper Lake Melville of the Provincial Government has also been supportive as we have received encouragement from several Provincial Ministers, however we just have to get beyond that encouragement words from them and put their money where there encouragement is Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Chair recognizes the Chair of the Nunavut Inuit Community Corporation.

Mr. Tuttauk: Nakummek Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Finance. In regards to recent losses in investment of Inuit dollars, who authorizes the allocation of funds to high risk portfolios?

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

Mrs. Gear: I'm not sure if I understood your question, could you repeat it again?

Mr. Tuttauk: Thank you, in the community consultations, we were informed that seventy percent of Inuit dollars were invested in high risk funds or portfolios, who's decision was it to put this high percentage of dollars into those portfolios?

Mr. Broomfield: Chair recognizes the Honorable First Minister, excuse me the Honorable Minister of Finance.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That was on recommendation from the Trustees of the Tasiujaksoak Trust.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Chair recognizes the Chair of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation ask a supplementary question.

Mr. Tuttauk: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Mrs. Finance Minister, what steps have you taken to correct this situation, and to avoid that this does not happen again in the future?

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

Mrs. Gear: Thank you Mr. Speaker. To my knowledge we had not done a whole lot, if we had known what we know today, with the global markets I'm sure we would not have invested but we did and hoping to make a return on our dollars but instead we lost, I guess it's almost like if we didn't invest we wouldn't have made any money if the markets didn't go down as they did, I think if we didn't invest, the people, our beneficiaries would have been coming to us, saying how come you never invested the money? How come you just let it stay there because we would only be spend it and not getting anything back, but hopefully that the markets will turn around and we will get a return on our investments, there's no point in taking them out now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. We've used our allocation for question period, we only had thirty minutes we have gone, and we're going into forty minutes so we'll move on in our agenda. Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: I don't have a question per say, Mr. Speaker, I just wanted clarification from our Minister of Finance in response to the Chair of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporations questions did you mean to say that the Trustees of the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust versus the Trustees of the Tasiujaksoak Trust. This is Chapter nineteen dollars that we are referring to opposed to monies from the Trust. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mrs. Gear: It's the Trustees of the Trust. I'm not sure; well, I thought it was the Tasiujaksoak Trust maybe it is the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Chair recognizes the President.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My understanding all of our monies didn't even cross prior to now is, I think the member for Canada said earlier, seventy thirty but now gone back to sixty forty, forty percent is bonds, and sixty percent is other, the press review said, we still have those assets, we lost money on paper but we hope within a year, couple years we'll all get our hold on it. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. President. Are there any written questions to be present at this time? The AngajukKâk for Makkovik has a written question.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Before we move on to reports, *Outstanding and Special Committees* we'll take a short recess.

Mr. Broomfield: Good Evening. I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. We will continue on with our agenda with reports *Outstanding and Special Committees*. I have one item that I would like to introduce to the Assembly it's not really an outstanding committee per say but it's a report non the less as everybody is aware the Assembly approved fifty thousand dollars for a review of the Elections Act in the Supplementary Budget that was passed back in June of 2008, the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, Mr. Jack Shiwak completed a review of the Nunatsiavut Elections Act following the election for President and had made a number of suggestions for changes to the Elections Act, the Community Government's election act, and the Inuit Community Corporations elections act, his draft report which consists of three binders was completed by the end of November, 2008. The draft report was delivered to the Secretary to the Executive Council who forwarded the report to legal counsel for a review of the legal drafting of the recommended changes. The Nunatsiavut Electoral Officers should receive a report on the drafting from our Legal Advisor by the end of this fiscal year. Any of you can than determine what you want to incorporate into this final report. When this is completed the Electoral Officer his final report will be tabled with the Assembly in terms of the Elections Act, Section 4.11 and 4.13 which says that the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer must report in writing to the Speaker following each election and that the Speaker must have tabled the report at the Assembly. So when I do receive this information from our Electoral Officer I will be sure to table this report in the Assembly. Are there any more reports from committees? I also have an update, it's not a committee per say the Language Strategy Committee that Minister of Culture referred to earlier in his statement we have been working on for approximately a year now we have a draft strategy prepared. We began a process of community consultations to bring this draft strategy forward on February Sixteen, we began in Nain and we finished across, the Committee finished the process in Rigolet on February Twenty-Second. We have received many good recommendations from the committees, communities and the plan is next to present this strategy to the Rising Youth Council who will meet in May and the next sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly we are making plans to have this draft strategy presented to this Assembly, I guess the light of financial setback that Nunatsiavut has taken we still have to move forward and be proactive and hope that our dollars do return, there are some very good items and strategies that you will see in this Assembly and hopefully the Department of Culture will see an increase in next year's budget to begin to support curriculum development in terms of Inuktitut revival. People in the communities placed much faith in the Nunatsiavut Government to begin the address the decline in the Inuktitut language. There was some disappointments expressed by people that they see about what little bit is being done to date but its something that we can address in a proactive manner that's certainly addressed in the coming years. So this strategy will provide some good directions for this Government and particularly the Department of Culture on a go forward basis so I look forward to sharing that information with the Assembly at the next sitting. Any other reports from committees? Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister for Health.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just like to say that the Alcohol and Drug Committee will be meeting sometime in late March. We'll all be traveling to Nain for a week, I noticed I had some calls from committees, we didn't have a meeting in a while

and its difficult in getting people in one place to hold a meeting so I can assure the Assembly here is till some ongoing things to get done, I'm sure there is some Members on the committee that I've scheduled when we goes to Nain to take a session of half an hour on alcohol and drug meeting when we're in Nain. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister, are there any more reports from committees? Move on to *Notice of Motion*. Chair recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to give this Assembly notice, during the time tomorrow of tabling motions, I will table a motion to amend the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Any other *Notice of Motion*? Chair recognizes the Minister Finance?

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to notify that I will be introducing Budget Bill # 2009 – 01. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Any other *Notice of Motion*? At this time I would like to notice the Minister of Finance, Human Resources, Status of Women to do first reading of Budget Bill 2009 – 01.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure as I stand here today to present our third Budget as Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology and Status of Women, this past Fall Mr. Speaker, for the first time my department had public consultations in our constituencies in an attempt to determine priorities for beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, the consultations provide an opportunity for beneficiaries to outline concerns and to offer recommendations on short non term financial goals and objectives of the Nunatsiavut Government, I have to admit, Mr. Speaker this is the toughest Budget Bill that I've had to present while demands and challenges are many, Mr. Speaker we feel that the budget we are presenting here today strikes a balance between fiscal realities and long term planning as we are all aware these are all ordinary financial times, extraordinary financial times and the Nunatsiavut Government is not immune to what is happening globally, had the global economy not crashed Mr. Speaker, I would be standing here today and presenting our first surplus budget as a Government, in light of the fiscal realities and the down turning investment returns, Mr. Speaker, it is very important that we take the necessary steps to insure that we meet the challenges that await us to protect our interests and find solutions to maintain long term sustainable growth and prosperity. For this fiscal year, Mr. Speaker, our Government Departments will be required to reduce spending, excluding the programming side of our budget we have cut our operating cost by approximately up to four hundred eighty thousand dollars and we have reduced our revenue by approximately four point two million. As a result of these measures, Mr. Speaker, I'm happy to present the balanced Budget for 2009 and 2010 fiscal year, Mr. Speaker this budget shows the expenditures of forty eight point six million as previous

years we have broken down the budget into two sections, administration and programming. I should note Mr. Speaker that there is no reduction in the budget for the programming activities, in actual fact there is increases, based on fiscal financing agreements. I would like to take this time to Mr. Speaker highlight the fact that this is the first year that each department and divisions formulated their own budgets, this is for our review and consideration, I'm pleased to say Mr. Speaker, each department came forward with suggestions on where reductions can be made. This in my view Mr. Speaker demonstrates prudence, discoveries and responsibility. Mr. Speaker, we also changed the format of this bill and have added additional information to explain specific details. And on the end of this legal drafting we have attached twelve pages of supplemental information in which we have labeled Annex A. I'd like to point out Mr. Speaker the break down of Nunatsiavut Government's sources of revenue showing on page one and two of Annex A. Nunatsiavut Government administration will be in excess of revenue of eighteen point six million with thirty million coming in from fiscal financial agreement for programming purposes, agreement for programming, I would like to draw attention to page two of Annex A, this page shows detailed revenue sources excluding fiscal financial agreement. Mr. Speaker this budget is based on two point eight million personal income tax agreement and one point three million for self government from the fiscal financing agreement. As mentioned earlier we have reduced interest reduction from six million to two point eight million in order to achieve this we will have had two million, approximately two point two five percent on our total investments and we increased our GST revenue by three hundred thousand from last year for a total of one point one million based on receipts during 2008 calendar year, we will also receive six hundred twenty eight thousand dollars reimbursement of expenditures, majority which is based on proposals written and approved, Mr. Speaker we have reduced our projected mining royalties to be two point six million, five point eight million from the Tasiujaksoak Trust plus three hundred thousand dollar surplus from the preparation for the land site for the Assembly Building should be suffice for building construction, the final category shown on this page, please be noted Mr. Speaker to assist Nunatsiavut Government balance their budget and not dip into Land Claims money, we will be using the one point two million surplus we incurred for our audited financial statements 2008, for the benefit of our members the Auditors will be presenting the audited financial statements in tomorrows sitting. Mr. Speaker this budget commits six point one million for construction the new House of Assembly building here in Hopedale, however this would not be possible without the five point five million contribution from the Tasiujaksoak Trust there are no additional funding allocations within this budget however there are areas where the departments shift it's focus to meet their priorities, Mr. Speaker I would like to inform the members the reductions reported earlier are mostly in areas of travel and professional fees. This Budget will see no additional full time positions created however there are funds for one position, a contract for one year to assist Director of Lands to completing set up of management assistant, in addition we have committed funds to membership enrolment for four additional months. I would like to inform the members that we are not recommending and increase in the budgets of the Inuit Community Corporations we have finalized our discussions with other levels of Government and have decided to hold a budget line for the co-management board even though they have requested increases. Mr. Speaker I would like to point out areas that we are planning on pursuing. The

Budget will seek for to allow additional funding for recording Assembling proceedings and we have set aside funds for safe storage of Inuit Laws and documents. Last year the Nunatsiavut Government spent funds to have families stay in Hebron to safeguard the area and to promote our culture and heritage. I believe its safe to say that these families collected data that was helpful for our current institution as well. I am pleased to say Mr. Speaker funds have been set aside in continuing this program this coming summer. Mr. Speaker we have moved funds around within our department to secure funds of five thousand dollars for the summer student employment program, we are hoping to use these funds in conjunction with Service Canada to hire as much summer students as possible, especially those who are attending post secondary education, Mr. Speaker this budget sets aside Three hundred fifty thousand dollars for a long term economic development initiatives, this is a reduction of fifty thousand for 2008 and 2009. I like to draw your attention to the supplemental information on page two through eleven, this should give Members the required information as well as the obligations in Section 8 of the Labrador Constitution, page twelve shows break down of funds allocated under the fiscal financing agreement. The Department of Health and Social Development will see an increase of three percent in most areas with an overall Budget of over thirteen million. PSSSP/ISSP will see an increase of two point two percent, and we will have spent an excess of two point three million, the Inuit Community Governments of Nunatsiavut will see an increase of four point three percent this same increase will apply to Torngat Regional Housing Association, most other areas will see an increase of around two point two percent. In conclusion Mr. Speaker, I want to thank each department for taking the initiative to release tough economic times to insure we live within our means. This Budget Mr. Speaker demonstrates Nunatsiavut Government's commitment to sustain this fiscal plan, one that protects our interests and interests of future generations, I urge all members of this Assembly to support this bill Mr. Speaker so that we can continue to provide strong, open and accountable physical management. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mrs. Gear: Mr. Speaker. I move, second by the Member for Hopedale, Greg Flowers for Bill 2009 - 01, Budget Act 2009 and introduced and read for the first time.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The motion is in order; each Member may wish to speak to the Bill one time for fifteen minutes if they wish to do so. No member wishes to speak to the Bill, does the Minister wish to conclude debate?

Mrs. Gear: Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. That concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2009 - 01?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: Accordingly, with unanimous consent of this Assembly, Bill 2009 - 01 has had first reading, we'll adjourn for supper, in order to reconvene this evening I will need the approval of this Assembly to do so. Are you interested in meeting again this evening?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: So we will reconvene at Seven pm. We will recess for supper.

Mr. Broomfield: Ullakut Illonasi, Good Morning everybody. I'd like to call the Assembly to order. Before we get into our agenda, I'd like to recognize Reverend Brian Burrows to do the opening prayer.

Reverend Burrows: Prayer recited.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Reverend Burrows. We have two pages to assist Members, Hilda Pijogge and Samantha Abel. At this time I like to recognize the visitors in the gallery and to acknowledge our translators, John Jararuse and Gus Semigak. At this time I would like to hand the floor over to the Honorable First Minister. We will recess for 5 minutes for the First Minister to prepare. The Honorable First Minister is not prepared to table his items at this time so will move on to *Tabling of Documents and Petitions*. Are there any documents to be tabled? The Chair recognizes the President.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a petition I'd like to present to the Assembly. I'll read out the letter and it'll be considered a petition. It's from Brian Vincent, General Manager with Labrador Inuit Development Corporation. It says; "Dear Mr. Lyall, in 2008 the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation operated a multi-user fuel storage facility in Postville on Labrador Inuit Land Parcel LIL-15, Map Atlas Sheet 88. This facility was established under the authority of a Permit issued by the Nunatsiavut Government. This Permit expired on December 31st, 2008."

"As required by Section 5.2 of the Labrador Inuit Lands Act, until the Land Use Plan is in effect, LIDC requires the written consent of the Minister to petition the Assembly for an Act of the Assembly authorizing the renewal of the Permit to operate the bulk fuel storage facility."

"Therefore, the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation is requesting the Minister's assistance to introduce this letter to the Assembly as our Petition for a renewal of the Permit. We are requesting a permit renewal for the maximum term of 3 years. The facility will be operated by a subsidiary company, Postmill Lumber Inc, and the land will be used exclusively as a multi-user bulk fuel storage facility."

"If the petition is accepted by the Assembly we also request a Special Act of the Assembly to allow the Permit renewal."

“We thank you in advance for your help. If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.”

My response on the 13th of March:

The Labrador Inuit Development Corporation has requested my consent to introduce a permit to the Nunatsiavut Assembly for approval to allow a renewal for further term of three years of the land use permit for the Postville Multi Purpose Bulk Fuel Storage Facility by way of a letter to me dated February 27, Two Thousand and Nine.

As this facility is a commercial and industrial use we must comply with Part 5 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*.

I hereby consent to the introduction of this petition at the Nunatsiavut Assembly sitting during the week of March 16th, and request a decision from the Assembly on allowing the renewal of the land use permit to LIDC for a further term of three years for the Postville Multi User Purpose Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

If the Nunatsiavut Assembly grants their approval I will bring a special Act to the next sitting of the Assembly.

I have all of the details and the terms behind it. If you want me to read it I will as well. It will take awhile.

Mr. Broomfield: You can just table it if you want and the Members will have the opportunity to read it.

Mr. Lyall: Okay, I'll table the document for review by the Members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. President.

President Lyall: Mr. Speaker if you could just announce that they are in the binders.

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

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to inform the Assembly that this document is not in your tabs, so I'll read that out.

Mr. Broomfield: Okay.

President Lyall: In order to allow Labrador Inuit Development Corporation to access Labrador Inuit Lands for the Postville Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, Labrador Inuit Lands Act requires a petition to the Nunatsiavut Assembly in a special Act allowing the use to be adopted. Part 2.12 of the Labrador Inuit Lands Act states that until the Land Use Plan is in effect we must not without the approval of the Nunatsiavut Assembly issue a private

interest in Labrador Inuit Lands for purposes of a commercial or industrial development except in accordance with a special Act passed under Part 5 of the Labrador Inuit Lands Act. The LIDC had a one year Land Use Permit to locate a Multi-user Purpose Bulk Fuel Storage Facility on Labrador Inuit Lands Partial LIL-15 along the Postville forest access road. This land use permit expired on December 31st, 2008. Labrador Inuit Development Corporation have requested a renewal of this permit for a maximum of 3 years. Section 2.12 of the Labrador Inuit Lands Act states despite anything in this act until the Land Use Plan is in effect the Minister and the Executive Council must not without the approval of the Nunatsiavut Assembly issue a private interest in Labrador Inuit Lands for purposes of a commercial or a industrial development except in accordance with a Special Act as under part 5, part 5 of the Labrador Inuit Lands Act outlines the procedures for getting a Special Act adopted by the Assembly.

5.2, despite Section 5.1 a person who wishes to develop any Labrador Inuit Lands for commercial or industrial purposes before the Land Use Plan is in effect, may with the written consent of the Minister, petition the Assembly for an Act of the Assembly authorizing the development on such terms and conditions as the Assembly may deem necessary or desirable.

5.3 the Minister must not issue written consent to the introduction of a petition under Section 5.2 unless the Minister has consultation as the Minister deems necessary or advisable determine that a) the development is in the best interest of the Inuit; b) the development is environmentally sustainable; c) the development will not unduly compromise the Land Use Plan; and d) the private interests applied for may be issued under this Act.

5.4 If the Minister consents to the introduction of a petition under Section 5.2, the Minister is responsible for introducing the Petition to the Assembly and if, the Petition is approved, for preparing and introducing a bill for an Act of the Assembly authorizing the development to proceed. In November, 2008, LIDC submitted Land Use Permit application requesting a renewal of their Land Use Permit for the Multi-user Purpose Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This application was registered on this application # A2008-087. The application was sent to relevant parties and departments for review and comment. On February 15th, Two Thousand and Nine LIDC sent a letter to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources requesting the Minister to introduce a petition to this Assembly for an Act of the Assembly authorizing the renewal of the permit to operate the Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This petition to the Assembly was by way of letter from LIDC to the Minister dated February 27th, Two Thousand and Nine. Based on the consultation on the Land Use Permit renewal application two concerns were raised. There were several terms and conditions of the previous Land Use permit not in compliance and there were questions on whether or not the facility was used as a multi-user facility or single using facility in the past and as the other uses had difficulty securing fuel in the past. LIDC had provided written response and outlined how they will address the non-conforming terms and conditions. Our inspector is satisfied with response. The Director of Lands has assured, the Director of Lands has discussed the multi-use requirement of the facility with the General Manager of the LIDC and he will

ensure this requirement will be adhered to in the future. I suggest we make this term and condition of the new permit if approved of the Assembly is granted. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. President. Any more documents or petitions to be tabled at this time? If not we will move on to Ministers statements. The Chair recognizes the President.

Mr. Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if I could get approval to send this letter of approval to the LIDC.

Mr. Broomfield: The letter of completion to be accepted by the Assembly?

Mr. Lyall: Yes, Mr. Speaker. It's a petition by LIDC that, as acting Minister I've approved that they could do it but I need the approval of this Assembly to do so. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. President. The President is seeking the approval of the Assembly to accept this petition from LIDC. I guess we'll do it in the way that we normally do, by a show of hands. By show of hands the number of Members in favour of accepting this petition from LIDC.

Mr. Pottle: A Question of Privilege Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Member states his Question of Privilege.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Just for clarities sake I'd like to know if there is any process for debate or asking questions on this petition at this particular time. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Member raises a relevant Question of Privilege and I will recess to find the answer. So we'll recess for a couple of minutes.

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to call the Assembly back to order and make a ruling on the question of privilege made by the Member of Canada. The Member of Canada has a valid question of privilege. This Special Act if approved by the Members would allow a Bill to come forward at the next sitting with conditions in this Bill that the Members would certainly have the decision to either approve or reject. So that is all of the approval that you would be given for. This petition is required to be introduced to this Assembly to be complied with our Lands Act as the President stated, so if the President wanted to add something to that I would certainly invite him to do so.

Mr. Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to read out a little bit of correspondence from Carl McLean, Director of Lands to LIDC pointing out some deficiencies and I think that we should consider putting it into the Act. With reference to your letter of February 5th, Two Thousand and Nine you outlined 3 deficiencies in

construction that were uncovered in an inspection of the Multi-user Purpose Bulk Fuel Storage Facility located in Postville. The purpose of this correspondence is to confirm our intentions to eliminating the deficiency found. As soon as weather and ground conditions permit the staff of Postmill Lumber Inc. will perform the following work: A drainage ditch will be constructed around the perimeter of the facility to the required widths and depths. Industry standard hose wheels will be installed and used by all personnel at all times. A chain link fence of sufficient height with a locking gate will be constructed around the perimeter of the facility, and those areas the 3 deficiencies that were found at the sight that we should build those into the Act. Thank you very much.

Mr. Broomfield: I agree, these conditions should be built into the Bill that is presented at a later date to the Assembly. So what the President is asking for is for your approval for this Bill to be developed at a next sitting. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Postville.

Mr. Decker: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. By us, I guess bringing this Bill forward we can put conditions in there at this time and one of the conditions I would like to see this was built as multi-user and it was never ever a multi-user before, so that's something I would like to see in the conditions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. So will the Assembly give the approval for this Act to come forward at the next sitting or the sitting shortly after that? I would assume at the next sitting. Mr. President, is that correct?

President Lyall: Yes, Mr. Speaker that is correct.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. So do you give your approval?

Assembly: Aye

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. So the President has approval for this Act to be developed with these conditions, hopefully attached in the Bill. The Chair recognizes the President.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to point out just a very small detail; I think it should, not as a President just making a request. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you for that clarification. It was introduced as the acting Minister of Lands and Resources. We will take a quick recess before I familiarize myself with the agenda as we're sort of jumping around so we have to be clear in moving forward so we'll take a quick break.

Mr. Broomfield: Good Morning. I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. At this time we will have our auditory do a presentation on Nunatsiavut Government financial statements. We have two gentlemen here, Paul Janes and Keith Mayer. I would ask that you keep your questions until they're finished their presentation. They will first do a presentation on the Nunatsiavut Government Departmental Statements and after that they

will do the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust. When these gentlemen are finished their presentations we will go into a committee of the whole act of the request of the President so that we can call the Deputy Minister of Finance to answer questions should we need to do so. So I ask that you keep your questions until these gentlemen had finished their presentations. So with that I would like to call Mr. Paul Janes and Keith Mayer.

Mr. Mayer: Thank you very much, my name is Keith Mayer. I'm a partner in our firm who handles, works with your account and we are very pleased and happy that you would invite us to your meeting today to present the Audit results for the March 31st, 2008 Audit. We'll do it in two sections. I will go through this report first with you and then Paul will go through the various financial statements with you. So, this report is really what we call our Audit Results Report, financial statements stand alone as financial statements and we have our audit report on each set of financial statements but this is an overall report on the audit process and the results. If I take you to the first page there's a letter, kind of a letter to the President and the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. It basically says that we're here to submit our report on the consolidated financial statements of the Nunatsiavut Government and this report speaks briefly and in summary level to things we believe would be of interest to the Nunatsiavut Government to the Assembly. We say we're substantially completed our audit, we completed our audit in future years we would like to present this to you before the financial statements come to you for approval, the right process in most years. This report is prepared on a continental basis just for the Assembly. It's not to be used, it's not for purposes of third party dissemination, it's for your purposes and your use and it should help you, we would hope that it will help you in carrying out your responsibilities as an Assembly and as a Government, hearing from your Auditors. So that's the purpose of it and we'd like to thank at this time Wyman and all of his staff for the excellent cooperation that we've received throughout the audit and they worked very well with us throughout the audit. The next page is a table of contents which summarizes the different things in here. One of the first sections talks about audits scope and responsibilities, next section is our audit approach, next section is audit results. So I'll refer then to the page that has a small 2 on the bottom left. I'm not going to read this all to you but I'm going to go over it at a high level that I think will be better suited for the situation here. So this breaks down our responsibilities as Auditors and then it talks about management responsibilities, your management responsibilities and our responsibility as an Auditor is to provide an opinion on the financial statements of the Nunatsiavut Government and the various related entities and we're required to carry that out in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards. So we have standards that we work by and we carry out our work in accordance with those standards but an audit is designed and performed to obtain reasonable assurance that they are no material statements in your financial statements. It can't give you absolute insurance okay or assurance because an audit through its inherent limitations we do things on a test basis and review things on a test basis and so on. We carry out our audit based on a risk profile first so we assess the risks that they may be material mis-statement in your various financial statements. We examine things on a test basis. We look at evidence; we look at the different disclosures in the financial statements be it in the notes or be it in the body of the financial statements. We look at the accounting principles used by management and assess their application and we also

look at significant estimates made by management. Invariably in preparing any financial statements they are estimates that people have to make and your management makes those estimates but we look at those as well. We review the internal controls for purposes of planning and executing our audit so we do look at internal controls within your organization and at the end of the day we express an opinion as to whether or not your financial statements are in all material respects in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles which is what financial statements are required to be prepared in. I then go through a list of senior managements responsibilities. Your senior management have the fundamental responsibility for preparing your financial statements. They have responsibility for designing internal controls and making sure that they're operating effectively so that you can, they can prepare financial statements. They have responsibility for identifying whether or not your incompliance with laws and regulations and telling us as your Auditors whether they're compliance issues or violations. They have responsibility for recording transactions appropriately. So I go through a whole list here of different responsibilities that management has the responsibility for using inappropriate accounting policies, responsibility for making estimates and responsibilities for preparing statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. On the next page, page 3 I talk about our audit approach. Our audit approach is grounded on a risk assessment so first we look at the various organizations and say where would the risk be in these organizations from an audit point of view. We look at the operating effectiveness of internal controls for purposes of planning and carrying out our audit. So that's kind of the way we approach from a risk point of view. We gather evidence of risk based from various sources including discussions with management and talk about where the risks are in your organizations. We identify where specific risk maybe and we develop and carry out our audit plan to address those risks. Areas where we gather knowledge's, we gather knowledge and other similar organizations and entities. We look at the business transactions and processes and we look at controls at the entity level and a control at the entity level in your organizations is that you actually are controlled at the entity level as well because you look at the financial statements. We go through and look at complex transactions, we go through and look at non-systematic transactions, we look at, we do a kind of an analytical review before we even start our audit and say here's what last year and here's this year, like where are the differences and then we kind of focus on those things. We update every year the understanding of internal control environment and we also look at new economic trends and things like that may affect the Government and related entities. So based on that we develop our audit plan and we carry out our audit plan according to our plan. We assess the risk of the overall organization as well at first and we assess the risk of Nunatsiavut Government as a normal risk. So when we're doing our audit we assess different organizations whether it's normal risk, greater than normal risk, much greater than normal risk, we assess Nunatsiavut Government as a normal risk entity, we assess some of the other entities related entities as greater than normal and we do that because in some of those other entities whether or no they can exist as a going concern is an issue and they can't in many cases exist as a going concern without the support of Nunatsiavut Government. Whenever we have that type of situation we always assess the risk as a little higher in those organizations. Whether it be an organization of the Nunatsiavut Government or another entity of their (Mr. Pottle intervened)

Mr. Pottle: I've just had a message from the translators for the Auditors, to ask if you could just slow down a little tiny bit because we are being simultaneously translated. Nakummek.

Mr. Mayer: The next section talks about internal controls and as I mentioned before management have overall responsibility for developing internal controls and making sure that they are operating effectively. In management as a responsibility for ensuring that you are in accordance with the laws and regulations that you operate under. As auditors we understand, we look at and understand the design and the implementation of your internal controls for purposes of accounting and recording processes. So based on our reliance on our understanding of internal controls that's how we develop and carry out our audit. In looking at internal controls, we look at the major business cycles in the operations of the Nunatsiavut Government, and we look at the major business cycles in the operations of the related entities. We look at significant account balances and we look at significant account balances and we look at significant classes of transactions, different classes of transactions have different treatment. We look at specifically at financial risks and other potential risks with respect to those significant account balances and the classes of transactions and how they may result in a mis-statement of the financial statements or a mis-appropriation of assets. We, so that's kind of the way we carry out our audit and we use internal controls in that process. We set in carrying out our audit something we call materiality and materiality is defined as the magnitude of an omission or a mis-statement in accounting information in light of the surrounding circumstances that makes it probable, that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on that information would have been influenced or a decision changed by the omission or mis-statement. In other words it's an amount that we believe that would cause somebody to have possibly made a different decision had that amount been recorded in the financial statements. In determining what the right materiality is, we look at a number of things, we assess the effectiveness statements on the financial statements and one of the things we look at is the nature and cause. How did a mis-statement happen? What would have caused it? We look at the significance of the statements, either individually or in aggregate. If you have a lot of little mistakes they can add up to a big mistake. So we count the little ones in arriving at the aggregate. We look at them differently whether it's what we call a known error or a likely error. A known error is something that is clear, it's wrong. A likely error is something for example it may be your allowance for doubtful accounts receivable and your management that may think it should be this and as Auditors we think it should be this. Nobody knows the right answer until you collect all of those receivables. So that's what we call a likely mis-statement. If we believe it should be different. We look at quantitative; we have quantitative guidelines we look at for developing materiality. One is revenue, one is current assets and one is net income. More often than not, in your type of an organization, a Government type of organization we use a certain percentage of revenue, because if you look at net income out in the private sector, net income is a key factor, everybody wants to know what the net income is. Well, in your type of organization, a Government type of organization, you're providing services to the bottom line is not always the key thing but the amount of revenue that comes in and goes through and goes out, that's kind of a key factor in

looking at what your materiality should be. We also look at qualitative guidelines the impact on business and decisions, one error may have a different impact on business decisions than another. Systemic versus isolated, if we find even a little error in a process where there's a lot of things being processed through this could mean there's a whole lot of little errors in that process, where as if we find an isolated error, somebody didn't accrue a receipt payable that should have been accrued that may be more of an isolated error. We look at the impact on compliance with loan covenance and contractual agreements, a Fifty thousand dollar error may not be a big error but if it drives you above your covenance for banking then all of a sudden it has bigger ramifications, it's not just a fifty thousand dollar error now you're in breach of your covenance or of an agreement. We look at other related party transactions; there are a lot of related transactions in your entities and the impact on related processes. So we set materiality for the Nunatsiavut Government at six hundred fifty thousand dollars, I'm on page 5 now and that was based as I mentioned on the Government's revenues. In the areas we focused on predominantly in our audit were the financial statement disclosures and presentations, so there's a lot of disclosure in your financial statement so we looked at all of the disclosures and the presentation. We looked at the revenue recognition, how you recognize those revenue and when, what year you recognize them in is important. We look at the valuation of receivables. You have receivables from various parties and we look at them to determine whether we believe they're collectable or not. We look at all of the related party transactions because what happens over here, it affects this entity. We have to make sure they all balance and we look at non-routine transactions and management estimates. A non-routine transaction is the purchase of a new vessel or the sale of vessel. They're kind of, although you do that a fair bit each one of them is different because you have a different financing mechanism. You have a different sale price purchase and so on. So on page 6 these are some representations that we make as a result of our audit. We have issued what we call a qualified audit report and when Paul start presenting the financial statements he will go through that report at the front of the statements and talk about the qualifications. I mentioned here that the qualifications are due primarily to timing difference between year ends of related companies with that of the Government and some entities that were not subject to audited financial statements and Paul will again speak to this specific entities when we look at the report. As well, I point out here we had difficulty in verifying inventory at the pharmacy and that's covered in your financial report in our Auditors report on your financial statements. We confirm here today that we've had no disagreements with management on our financial accounting and reporting and other auditing matters. That's not to say we don't have disagreements with them as we go through our audit but we work with them to agree as to what the appropriate treatment and that is if we do have a disagreement. At the end of the day there's nothing that we have to bring to your attention and to say we still disagree with what your management has done here from an accounting point of view. Through the course of our examination we did not identify any evidence of mis-statements resulting from or evidence of fraud or suspected fraud. We did not identify any unusual related party transactions that were not in the normal course of your business, your business operations or unusual transactions not in the normal course of business in general. We did not identify conflicts of interest or illegal or possibly illegal acts. The next section we talk about internal controls and as I mentioned we do work on internal controls to gather

enough understanding information about internal controls to help us prepare, plan and carry out our audit. We don't express a specific opinion on internal controls because we express an opinion on your financial statements as a whole not on your particular internal controls however, as we go through our audit process and we identify areas we think there are weak controls and there could be improvements we tabulate them and we issue a letter and we've issued a letter this past year to Wyman and they've been going through it and what we do in the normal course events then is we follow up on that letter in our next audit and we say what did you do in this area and what did you do in that area? And that's what we intend to doing when we go to this audit this year. The next area, summary of immaterial disclosure items again if there are any items we thought should have been disclosed in the financial statements either in the notes or otherwise that weren't and we didn't feel they were significant enough to request that they be put in the financial statements we would tell you about them today but we have none of those. Any disclosures items we felt were significant enough to go in the statements have been put in the statements. On the next page, page 7 Summary of Uncorrected Misstatements – Current Year. So through the course of our audit, if there are errors that we find that we don't think are significant enough to have to redo all of the statements for those errors we tabulate them and we bring them forward any error in excess of thirteen thousand dollars. So if we found some errors under thirteen thousand we don't bring them forward here but anything in excess of thirteen thousand. So there were a few errors and they mostly relate to things that should have been recorded in one year, but were recorded in the next year, so they get fixed up by themselves from one year to the next but we still disclose them to you. Two pages over is it says Appendix A and Independence letter and if you flip the next page that's actually our independence letter and we're required by our standards to tell you whether or not we are independent so that we can be your Auditors and in determining whether we are independent we look at a number of things; one whether any of us hold a financial interest either directly or indirectly in the Nunatsiavut Government or any of your related entities so we're not share-holders, we don't have any direct or indirect financial interest in any of your organizations. Whether anybody in our organization hold a position that would be seen as a significant influence position over financial reporting and accounting policies and matters and nobody that is we have nobody in that position that would cause us an independent issue. If we had business or personal relationships or either immediate family members or close relatives had business or personal relationships that may cause us an independent problem and we don't have any of those. Economic dependence on a client, if you were a client that if we lost you as a client it would dramatically affect our firm and potentially put us out of business, that would be a problem and that's not the case. Provisions of services in addition to the audit, if we were providing other services to you along with the audit if possible those services may put us in an independent situation. There are a list of services that we can provide to you outside of the audit and there a bunch that we can't and whenever if we were asked to do another service we would have to go through those independence rules and say this has put us in an independence situation or not. So this is our letter that we issued and it was as of November 6, the last report of our audit and it indicates that we believe that we are independent. So that's the audit results report on a high level and if you want to have questions on that or Paul is going to through his stuff now. Okay Paul will go through the financial statements.

Mr. Janes: Thank you. I think you have copies of all the financial statements either in your binders or I saw some of the girls passing out some of the copies. We'll start with the non-consolidated financial statements of the Nunatsiavut Government. So I start on the auditors report. It's just a letter that would be read at the very front of the financial statements. The auditors report basically explains the statements that we have audited and our opinion there on those statements and it talks about in the third paragraph that recording of investment in equity earnings or loss of Inuit Capital Strategy Trust does not include the activity that the entity and it's underlying invested companies for the year end March 31st, 2008 as the audit financial statements for ICST had not been prepared as the date of this report, accordingly we are unable to determine whether any adjustments needed to be made to these statements so that at the time we audited these financial statements, the results of ICST weren't available to be included. So that is why that is disclosed here separately just to make sure that everybody is aware up front when your reading the financial statements of those results have not been included in these financial statements. It also talks about in note 4 that these or references note 4 that these financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with GAAP I understand that the is a question raised what made us aware that a question has been raised as to why that it is and I guess we'll address that upfront. It's normal course for any non-consolidated financial statements to have this paragraph and to state that they're not in accordance with GAAP. The reason for that is that Generally Accepted Accounting Principles requires that you consolidate all of your subsidiary entities or all entities below what we would call the parent level or the main level, the ultimate level of the financial statements and that is normal that you would have that paragraph in there because GAAP requires you to consolidate versus here how those entities have been picked is that we've actually picked up the earnings and losses of the companies within the actual results of the entity so if you were consolidated the statements would look a little bit different and there is I guess a consolidated report that is prepared that does then say that everything is in accordance with GAAP. I know it's in the Constitution of the financial statements are to be prepared in accordance with GAAP and they are except for that one exception and that is normal course whenever your preparing non-consolidated financial statements that exception would be noted, that it is for that reasons they're not in accordance with GAAP and I can tell you that everything else that's there, all the other transactions are recorded in accordance with Canadian General Accepting Accounting Principles. I just wanted to address that upfront because I know the question has been raised already. So I guess moving into the page 2 which would be the non-consolidated statement of financial position. I'll run through these statements I guess at a high level just highlighting some points in each statement and again as pointed out we will address questions if necessary at the end. I'll just go through some of the major highlights I guess the restricted investments that you see under financial assets along with all of the trust accounts which you see under liabilities the last 3 lines, kind of in the middle of the page Inuit Settlement Trust, Implementation Trust, and the Impact and Benefits Agreement, you see a significant increase year over year from those and I think those are the monies you received through the Land Claims Agreement so that's all just normal increases in those funds and as well I'll point out major increases you'll see in the second line there in accounts receivable in note 5 outlines the detail on that but your accounts receivable went

from two point four million to seventeen million and the major reason for that is that shortly after year end you received mineral mining royalties from the Province of Newfoundland which you were entitled to so we accrued that as a revenue and as account receivable that came in right after year end but was technically owed as of March 31, Two Thousand-Eight and that's also the reason that amount was little over fourteen million dollars and I think that's also the reason that you'll see a large, on page 5, you'll see a large excess of revenue over expenditures of fifteen million dollars and like I say just a little over fourteen million dollars of that is that mining royalty that was received shortly after year end. On page 3 which shows the non-consolidated Statement of Operations for core funding the amounts are fairly similar year over year not much increase and/or decrease in a lot of those line items so it's pretty standard business, I'll leave it at that if there's no other questions so we can go back and address but those amounts are pretty similar year over year. On page 4 which leads into page 5 as well, again you'll find under other grants and contributions on the second line there you'll see a large increase and again the majority of that increase is the mining royalty that I already spoke about. The majority of the other amounts again are fairly similar and stable year over year and it highlights there under revenues the major amounts of funding that you received from the different organizations and parties that you received amounts from. Under expenditures again there's pretty stable activity year over year, and where the spending is; compensation and relocation which is half way down that column under expenditures, decreased significantly by seven million dollars and that's just the thing in normal course with the compensation, relocation, how they were paid out and how they were agreed to be paid out tailing off in the 2008 financial year. The majority of expenditures remain stable year over year. And very similar amounts paid out in all areas. On page 6, I'll highlight in there under accumulated surplus you'll find special projects, there's an amount there for fourteen million four hundred thirty four dollars that's says transfer from internally restricted funds and again you'll see that same amount three lines from the bottom that's going in again, that's from the mining royalty. Page 7 is the non-consolidated statements of change and this statement is actually there to summarize the changes in debt that the organization would have and the ending balance of twelve million four twenty four seven eighty nine ties back to page 2 in the middle this shows changes and activity within there in the organization it shows how you get back from assets that you hold and the liabilities that the organization has as well. It just shows that the net debt that the organization is in. As well page 8 shows the cash flows, this tries to take your statement of operations and break it down as to where all the cash came in and out of during the year for the organization. Starts with the two surpluses being the core funding and special projects, and it eventually shows all the different increases and decreases of the transactions that were captured there and increase in Inuit Settlement Trust and Implementation Trust are obviously are large numbers and are in line with the funding that you received from the Land Claims Agreement. Moving on to the notes and statements we wont spend a lot of time on these I guess just highlighting two things on page 10 one being that there is a change in Accounting Policy that we adopted in normal course within the GAAP standard that are out there and of how Capital Assets were treated within the Government Organization within normal course but should be highlighted showing the readers of the change. As well, note 3 shows Restatement of Prior Periods, basically this has to do with the fact that when we issued the March 31st

2006 and 2006 non-consolidated statements for the Nunatsiavut Government we hadn't completed all of our audits of the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation and related entities so the results for those companies hasn't been captured in these financial statements at that time. So when we went to prepare the March 31st 2008 financial statements these were raised so we went back and re-stated the 2006 and 2007 years to show that these years have not been brought in to the financial statements. Note 4 walks through the Significant Accounting Policies that the Government uses, note 5 breaks down the receivable balances and again the fourteen million dollar royalty is highlighted there. Investments, I'll just note on top of page 13 shows Labrador Inuit Development Corporation, shows in 2008 a balance of zero there and in prior years it shows eight million. And the last line, Inuit Capital Strategy Trust just highlights the ownership change that happened regards to LIDC, the shares are now held by Inuit Capital Strategy Trust as of March 31st, 2008. Majority of all the other notes just show pretty normal course of business, it just shows the normal breakdown of financial position, note 13 just breaks down the Trusts and the amounts that went in and out of the Nunatsiavut Trust within the year. As well, note 20 breaks down the related party transactions between the Nunatsiavut Government and other related entities that are under your control. Turning to page 20 to 23 breaks down some of the other funds that are grouped together and gives you further detail and further break down of revenue and expenditures of the Government. And most of it is normal, and very comparable to prior years with regards to revenues and expenditures that are highlighted there and are further break downs of amounts as those on page 3, 4 and 5, supporting schedules. Sorry those carry right over to page 27. Is this alright, I am I going too fast, or do anybody want me to go over more detail? The next set of statements is the Department of Health and Social Development, March 31st 2008; I'll start with the audit report on those statements. This is a standard report with no qualification which we call our un-qualified audit report this states that our statements are in accordance with our Canadian Generally Accounting Principles and there were no issues when we conducted our audit. Page 2 lays out statement of financial position of that department. Again not a lot of major highlights for year to year and changes in balances year to year with regards to this statement and operations were pretty normal year over year. Page 3 shows statement of Operations and Changes in Accumulated Surplus, highlighting here increases in fiscal financial agreement, revenue and as well as Health Canada balances and Health Canada amounts are further broken down in note 9 to the financial statements which will show different areas, different programs that were funded by Health Canada, Service Canada funding as well very consistent year over year. The expenditures are four major programs that are highlighted there being Community Health Prevention Program, Non-insured Health Benefits, Non-insured Dental Benefits and Treatment programs those expenditures are further broken down with more detail on page 15, 16, 17 and 18 as highlighted there, significant increase obviously in the Non-Insured Dental Benefits program from one thousand to one point two million that's because the program was just getting under way in the 2006, it was in full force in the March 2008 year end and that they were in excess of spending, at the end of the year, statement of changes to cash flow on page 4 and 5 highlights the activity for the organization for the year, but this was normal course of operations for that organization, again on page 6 the change on non-policy noted there again, it's the same one we discussed in the non-consolidated financial statements for Nunatsiavut

Government, and again are Generally Accepted Accounting Principles are normal course of business in the policy act, we'll highlight on page 9 sorry on page 10 note 9 like I mentioned further breaks down the different programs that were funded under Health Canada and the revenues that are listed on the statement of operations and along with the expenditures for Non-insured Dental Benefits there was a significant increase in the revenues for Non-insured Dental Benefits as well. I think note 10 highlights the revenues related to Non-insured Dental Benefits where those revenues were coming from the break down Health Canada as well as the fiscal financing agreement revenues. Again similar to the non-consolidated statements there was some related party transactions for Department of Health and other entities on note 14 of the financial statements. Page 13 right through to page 18 are again as I mentioned are different schedules and expenditures with further break down for the reader to what makes the amounts for the statement of operations of programs that are highlighted page 13 and 14 is the Community Health and Prevention program right through to 15 sorry, Community Health and Prevention program those expenditures are nine point seven million versus eight point one million in the year prior with a big part of that being Non-insured Health Benefits which is shown on page 14, six hundred eighty seven thousand dollars. Page 16 and 17 is the break down of expenditures in the Non-insured Benefits Program the Non-insured Benefits Programs are very stable year over year the non-insured is pretty high due to the fact that it was just getting under way. Final pages, page 18 is the treatment program, it shows that the amounts are pretty stable year over year. (Discussions) We'll look at Post Secondary Student Support Program March, 31 2008. We'll start with the Auditor's Report similar to the Department of Health which requires un-qualified report which states that it's presented as Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. The Statement of Financial Position shows very comparable balances year over year. Again with regards to assets and liabilities of that program, statement of operations with changes of accumulated surplus on page 3 as well with this program the amounts are very stable with regards to amounts that were from Indian and Northern Affairs, Health Canada and the Land Claims Agreement as well, there is a small decrease in some of the expenditures, where it was two point two million dollars for PSSSP versus almost two point four in the prior year. With the biggest decrease being under Tuition Fees, with an excess of revenue over expenditures of three hundred thousand dollars for the year. Pages 4 and 5 shows changes in net debt, and a statement of cash flows for the Organization. Turning to beginning of the notes on page 6, similar to other statements is note 2, the change in the accounting policy. Note 3 states the accounting policies that the Post Secondary Student Support Program uses, note 4 shows the accounts that PSSSP uses for accounts receivable on the statement of financial position, note 5 shows the deferred revenue, deferred revenue would be cash that the Organization has received but under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, they've able to defer for a future period and in this case the amounts are very similar year over year for PSSSP. On note 7 I'll just highlight the further break down of the Administrative Expenditures that are on the statement of operations and again the amounts are very similar year over year as to those administrative expenditures. And again in note 10 it shows related party transactions, transactions that Post Secondary Student Support Program has undertaken with other organizations such as the Nunatsiavut Government organizations. That will lead into the Inuit Pathways Program, March 31st, 2008, begin with the Auditor's Report which is an

un-qualified report and financial statements which show that they are Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, page 2 is a statement of Financial Position most of the activity is normal year over year, which just shows that there was a large decrease in accounts receivable which is highlighted in note 4, page 7 which shows the prior year receivables from Service Canada, whereas in the prior year there wasn't, if memory serves me correct that there was a large balance owing in the prior year for the Suliatsak Funding Program, that was to be funneled through Inuit Pathways, it just didn't exist as of March 31st 2008. With regards to the expenditures and revenues statement of operations, it shows that there is stable activities and increased funding received from Service Canada and with that a small increase of a hundred thousand dollars in expenditures that was incurred as well, mainly under the Aboriginal Labour Market Program and the program did run a small deficit in the current year of nineteen thousand dollars this shows on the bottom of page 3 under excess of expenditures. On page 6 shows changes in accounting policies that has been adopted by Inuit Pathways and other entities that we already looked at this morning, note 3 highlights the significant accounting policies that the organization follows, on the bottom of the page 7 shows decrease in the amounts of receivables in the year end. Note 9 on the top of page 9 shows the different types of funding which is CRF, EI, Disabilities and Youth, those are under the AHRDA agreement that Inuit Pathways runs with Service Canada, they show the different revenue sources and headings that they use in their agreements for revenues and expenditures this note is really a break down of revenues and is a part of and is part of their requirements for their reporting under the AHRDA agreement with Service Canada, they highlight these revenues and expenditures. And note 10 highlights the expenditures of the Aboriginal Labour Market which shows the major expenditures in the organization for the year. In note 14 on page 10 highlights the different expenditures that were undertaken with related parties of the Nunatsiavut Government, highlighting the Department of Health and Social Development, the nine hundred ninety thousand dollars for each year, I think it's for the Child Care Program that is run out of the Department of Health and Social Development as a revenue on their financial statements. Page 12 to 19 of Inuit Pathway is a further break down which Service Canada requires for the part of the AHRDA funding agreement that they run and basically this highlights further detail the revenue and expenditures that they run under the different programs that are highlighted in the AHRDA agreement. Some of the amounts had to be spent in the year which they are received and are allowed to be carried over year over year. So the next part is the Suliatsak Funding Program we'll start with the Auditor's Report, it's was an un-qualified report similar to the other reports that we presented. And again they are presented with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, page 2 is a statement of Financial Position, I'll highlight one large variance, year over year which is the deferred revenues amount in March 31, 2006 year, there is a significant amount of eight hundred thirty four thousand revenue deferred on that, just because of the timing of when the revenue was received versus the year end, and the programs were available to be run through the Suliatsak Funding Program at that point of time, those amounts were deferred as of March 31st, 2006 and were used within the March 31st, 2008 year end which is highlighted on page 3 where you see a large increase in the Service Canada AHRDA revenue line, the very first line this shows seven hundred seven thousand dollars, the expenditures, show a significant increase in expenditures as well, being caused by the program was mainly all activities that happened before March 31st,

2008 year. It's highlighted there on the top, which shows the 2006 year was only for five months, which shows a large increase year over year. Note that on page 6 there was no change in accounting policies that had been in the other statements is not in this one because Suliatsak Funding Program do not have any capital assets, that's what makes changes in the accounting policy, so it wasn't necessary for these financial statements to have and the accounts receivable will show the large amount in the prior year from Service Canada that was received and used in the March 31st 0 Eight year, note 6 highlights the deferred revenue of March 31st, 2008 of eight hundred thirty four thousand but yet for 2008 shows only seven hundred seven thousand dollars, that's because one hundred twenty seven thousand dollars was paid back to Service Canada as it was not used during that fiscal period and had to be repaid I think the program bottomed out in March 2008, and the funding wasn't used and repaid. Page 9 is a supporting Schedule of Expenditures that happened in line with as previously discussed with Inuit Pathways Funding Agreement with ARHDA, needs to be broken out to Service Canada.

Mr. Broomfield: We'll take a break for approximately 10 minutes and reconvene.

Mr. Broomfield: Good Morning. I would like to call the Assembly back to order. At this time I would like to recognize the President.

Mr. President: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to request that the Assembly break into a Committee of Consensus with your approval. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. President. At the request of the President, the Assembly will reconvene as a committee of consensus in order for members to ask questions of the Auditors also the Assembly will have the jurisdiction to call the Deputy Minister of Finance or Legal Counsel should we need to do so, so we will reconvene as a Committee of Consensus.

Mr. President: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: We will follow the normal process we followed with other committees, if you hold your hand up, I'll recognize you, we'll certainly take it from there, if you have questions for the Auditors or Deputy Minister Finance. Chair recognizes the Director of Legal Services.

Loretta Michelin: Does that mean I can direct my question to the Auditors? This is a question for the Auditors,

Mr. Speaker: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Member.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my question surround the level of consolidation here, the report that we received for the non-consolidated statements for NG is clearly noted that it doesn't follow GAAP Principles because it was prepared for the various

Provincial and Federal funding agencies that we count on to contribute to our Government, yet we're legislated through our Constitution to have these prepared as per GAAP Principles, the fact that they're not non-consolidated leads me to believe that we are not getting an accurate picture of how our Government is doing overall, can I get a response to that?

Mr. Janes: Yes, like you stated these are non-consolidated, which doesn't include the investments that you have in business type organizations or the other departments for that matter at this level and as you say these are prepared for different funding agencies that need this level of detail for the financial statements, they are fully GAAP compliant set of consolidated financial statements prepared, which would indicate the full picture of the Nunatsiavut Government and would show all the levels, all the departments, plus all the business type organizations that are defined under GAAP being ICST, and any related business entities that fall underneath that, included in all one set of financial statements.

Mr. Speaker: Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Member.

Mr. Russell: Where does the decision come from that these not be consolidated, I think that it would be in the best interest, especially for us who are on this table to have reports and financials prepared with our intentions, our needs in mind. Who makes the decision that these do not become consolidated? You mentioned earlier, when you talked about the Auditor's Report at the very beginning when we started the NG report that there is a consolidated report, I don't see that anywhere. Why do not have this in front of us, Thank you.

Mr. Janes: There is a consolidated report, I guess we don't get to that at this level, probably ask Deputy Minister of Finance, Wyman to respond to that. These financial statements, you asked who makes the decisions; these financial statements are prepared underneath different funding agreements, and purposes that are required, under those funding requirements, whether it be Provincial or Federal Government that you are required to prepare a set of financial statements at this level. That is why these particular financial statements are prepared at this particular level.

Mr. Speaker: Chair recognizes the Member of Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Also in your Auditor's Reports, in many of the statements that we did receive here today, specifically declare that they are not intended for use by anybody other than the intended recipients, so whether or not they be LIDC, and the intended recipients being for taxation purposes, being Federal or Provincial, and for NG or the funding agencies, I have to ask that question why are these presented to us in these formats to us? What are we supposed to get out of this, other than total confusion in my opinion?

Mr. Mayer: Maybe I can speak, we will audit at whatever level, whatever set of financial statements the NG Government wants us to audit, and it's our understanding that there is a need for a non-consolidated financial statement for to either show,

Government funding agency or whatever, and it's not unusual to not want to show them fully consolidated financial statements, for example do you want the Federal Government or everybody else to get your full financial statements, fully consolidated statements for all their purposes? Or do you want to give them what they need to do what they have to do for their purposes, so it's not unusual for entities to say will we want statements consolidated up to this level but not fully because we do not want to give them everything, we want to give them what they need to satisfy the funding we got from them and what's happened with it. That's why there is a provision to do non-consolidated statements in our standards but it's telling the people that are not really non-consolidated statements this doesn't include everything and if you want everything you have to go to the consolidation level, what we prepare, we audit financial statements at your request at whatever level you want.

Mr. Speaker: Chair recognizes the Member for the Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: I appreciate that answer and I can understand that, the different departmental reports, they are audited, they are under GAAP Principles, and those are the ones that have to go there, I'm interested in consolidated reports that is supposedly to exist I think it would be more appropriate for us at this level and that's obviously something that we would not be handing off to outside agencies, my concern is and appreciate that we do not have this in front of us today, if I could go on here, I have a couple of questions, we do have a couple of statements here and I believe that we do not have 2008 covers on them because some of them are fiscal year end for different and also there may be issues with ownership percentage, as to why these were not and audited and only for our own use. Are you also responsible for preparing, specifically the Sea Voyager III, Natannavak Fisheries, it's noted in your Auditor's Reports, that these are reviews and not audits what is the reason for that?

Mr. Janes: Well I guess the level of detail work that we do around an audit review varies, as you are well know it, it's basically at the request of the LIDC Management and NG Management as to what level of work we do with regards to Natannavak and Sea Voyager III Fisheries both of those and the request was to do a review engagement and not an audit at the time that we did our work.

Mr. Russell: And these were performed by Deloitte?

Mr. Janes: Yes, both sets of financial statements, reviews were prepared by Deloitte. Correct.

Mr. Speaker: Chair recognizes the Director of Legal Services.

Loretta Michelin: You spoke at the beginning, when you were going through some of the things you take into consideration when you look at coming up with the audited statements and report, do you take into account our Financial Administration Act in Chapter 8 of our Constitution which outlines how our finances are to be conducted?

Mr. Janes: I guess my response would be we are aware of those in taking, going through our audit procedures our normal course, the purpose of our audit is to insure that the statements comply with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles if there were other requirements or other things that were outside of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles than we would have to our financial statements would have to deviate from that, would obviously outline why they were deviated from GAAP, the way we've conducted the statements there in front of you was to insure obviously except those in front of you already noted that the policies and procedures that were followed with the accounting perspective were within GAAP.

Mr. Speaker: Chair recognizes the Director of Legal Services.

Loretta Michelin: I notice in your re-statement of prior periods you indicate that the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust and LIDC are controlled by the Nunatsiavut Government and is that the basis on which you do your audited statements that the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust and LIDC are controlled entities that fall under the control of the Nunatsiavut Government?

Mr. Janes: Yes, that is correct, under the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, there are several rules and regulations and different standards that set out as, to from an accounting perspective what control means, how control is determined and what the different things you would look at from an accounting perspective are in order to get to that decision, purely from an accounting perspective does one entity control another and for the Nunatsiavut Government, you follow what is called Public Sector Accounting Standards and the standards for the public sector body are slightly different with regards to what determines control versus if you were a private enterprise business and in following those rules, regulations and standards are set out in the Canadian General Accepted Accounting Principles it is clear from the analysis that we done for the Nunatsiavut Government accounting perspective does control the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust and the entities that lie underneath it from an ownership perspective.

Loretta Michelin: Does that than mean that the Nunatsiavut Government would be responsible for any liabilities that any of those entities incurred?

Mr. Janes: That's not really an accounting question, that is a question of law, and a question for the courts, that's why I kind of stressed in my previous answer that, from an accounting perspective with the rules and regulations that are set out for Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, the Nunatsiavut Government controls those entities. Whether or not they legally control and whether there are legal ramifications is one hundred percent separate question and something that would really be for other legal counsel or ultimately the court of law to determine whether or not that control exists.

Loretta Michelin: Did you have further discussions with Mike Flatters, that we had discussed this and that we were going to further discuss this to make that determination which was not, I had not heard back as to how you came to that determination that the

Inuit Capital Strategy Trust and LIDC should be listed as controlled by the Nunatsiavut Government.

Mr. Janes: The discussion that we had, including yourself, we got to the point where we thought that the control existed, the last conversation that we had when we had everybody on a call, that was the final decision that Mike Flatters was going to review the different documents that we had prepared at that point of time, which stated the final accounting opinion and our understanding of the different agreements including the ICST Trust indenture and report back to us, as to whether or not he could agree with the stance from an accounting perspective that were taken and our understanding of the documents as we have read them and we did hear back that what we had put together internally as to here's the stance we are taking and here is to why certain standards set out in the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and we did hear back from him say that yes, your understanding of the venture is written is correct.

Mr. Mayer: But my recollection was that he was comfortable with, even though we consolidated it and we treated it as a controlled entity for purposes of accounting that didn't put any jeopardy to the NG Government based on his interpretation of the agreement itself. So he was looking at a legalistic point of view and we were looking at the accounting point of view.

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

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I just want to take you back to your original statements regarding the recording of investment and equity earnings with the loss of the ICST and the fact that there were no audited financial statements for ICST because they weren't prepared at the date of this report can you just share with me what some of the implications maybe with respect to not being able to determine whether there were adjustments to the investments or the earnings. Thank you.

Mr. Janes: Put it this way if this report is done as of July 31st, 2008 which is the date on this audit report at that point of time we hadn't finished our audited report in your Capital Trust Strategy Trust financial statements. If we had the results of those financial statements would have been recorded in here, so if I just give an example, if ICST had net income had been a million dollars than that million dollars would have been reflected in these financial statements as an earnings from investments, companies that have investments in, if Inuit Capital Strategy Trust would of had a loss of a million than it would have reflected as a further expense within these financial statements as you've said those financial statements weren't prepared in the point of time of these financial statements none of those results were in here, you now have in front of you, we'll present after questions the financial statements for ICST as of December 31st, 2006 to December 31st, 2007 those results, when we go to prepare your March 31st, Two Thousand and Nine audit, those results along with and if prepared in time the December 31st, 2008, will get reflected in those financial statements, and for the of December 31st, 2006 to December 31st, 2007 we will have to go back and re-state those numbers as if we had those information so if we do, I guess trying to summarize those statements looking at the Two

Thousand and Nine financial statements when you look at the comparatives for March 31st 2008 they'll look a little different than that of those you have in front of you today in the non-consolidated financial statements because we will have included the results of Inuit Capital Strategy Trust.

Mr. Mayer: What you'll see if you look at the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust is whatever the net income was, would've been picked up and added to or deducted from the investment that's on these books here and it would add to the net income overall of these non-consolidated statements so, basically what I'm saying is when you look at the December 0 Seven Capital Strategy Trust financial statements you'll be able to look at them and say here's the bottom line that would have been picked up and put over a year type of thing and would've been used as an adjustment to the equity on these financial statements.

Mr. Janes: Just a further on that point and we will get into this and I don't want to jump ahead too far but the December 31st, 2007 ICST financial statements show a net loss of two million three hundred and forty thousand dollars. If would've known that and had the finalized from audit perspective we would've had these financial statements on page two of your non-consolidated financial statements would have financial position your investment balance that currently shows as eleven million four seventy five would've been eleven million four seventy five less that two point two million and on page 5 that fifteen point six on your non-consolidated statement the fifteen million six hundred seventy-four thousand dollar excess of revenue over expenditures that's would be reduced to two point three million as well.

Mr. Broomfield: So this information would be picked up in the bottom of the document.

Mr. Janes: That is correct. So when you look at the financial 2008 numbers when we present Two Thousand and Nine you'll see that there is a difference and note telling you why we had to change it going through the re-statement hopefully that answers your question.

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

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It acknowledged that we are looking at inaccuracies to statements and the things that are being presented today and the only Inuit Capital Strategy Trust numbers that we have in front of us are the year end December 31st, 2006, what is the delay in producing more up to date numbers is it capacity from your firm or is it the inability to get the information needed from the Trust, Trustees etc?

Mr. Broomfield: Order please. We are discussing the departmental statements at this time, we will take questions relative to the ICST after we present those financial statements and we'll have an opportunity to ask questions at that time so I'll ask that you keep your questions relative to these statements were presented to date. Please, please I direct you to do that. Chair recognizes the Member from the Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll switch the question than in the audit results of the nicely bound presentation given earlier it indicated that there was a letter of recommendation in relation to the LIDC had already presented these audit results to us, it indicates that there is an Appendix B with a letter of comments to Management doesn't seem to be present is there a particular reason for that?

Mr. Janes: The letter of recommendation is normal course of governance with regards to audit and presentation letters that would normally go to LIDC Management, LIDC Board of Directors and Governing body of LIDC would breach this table and at this point in time it hadn't gotten to the processes it was a change that we did make to the presentation, we apologize that it's not attached to Appendix B that's a type-o in the presentation but I guess it's prudent to go through the normal course for Management to go through the recommendations that we put out first, for it to go than to their Board of Directors and ultimately reach this table and as it hasn't gone through that process yet, we felt that it wasn't prudent and it wasn't good Governance to present at this table in advance that it wasn't presented at other tables.

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

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, comment more than a question I guess, point being that we are looking at a bunch of numbers and we haven't mentioned a set of recommendations I guess as it would have went to a Management Team perhaps to adjust their business operations this Assembly from time to time does contribute to the operations of those companies and directly to that Management through grants through guarantees for a long term debt, etc, etc, I just thought that would be relevant. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the Independence letter of the at the of the report you gave very specific time period there were you declared that you were not in any relationship with the Government in firm dated June 1st, 2007 and November 6, 2008 to me it seemed little out of place that you would be so specific about that, I've seen many reports from Auditors and not once had I actually seen one, such a purposeful Letter of Independence, was there any indication that prior to these dates that there would have been a relationship or perhaps some type of situation that may have beared down on the independence of this firm towards our Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Janes: That is a very good question, the Independence Letters are prepared for every audit that we do, for every entity basically and they're prepared for every year end that we do. So this one relates to the March 31st, 2008 set of financial statements that we prepared and the period that is mentioned in the letter, June 1st, 2007 to November 6, 2008 covers the period for which we were involved in the audit for period and fiscal year of the entity and the June 1st, 2007 is the starting date and the last letter that we would have issued for March 31st, 2007 Nunatsiavut Government 2007 have covered up to that date so this is a carry forward up to of those letters basically would cover year to year and

next year you will see our letter will start November 7th, 2008 and run up to our report date and I can tell you that in previous letters that we've issued covering the periods that we have started to begin our audits of the Nunatsiavut Government which we were involved the first year we were involved with March 31st, 2006 we have not reported any independence matters but have been fully independent the entire time with all the audits and all the other engagement for the Nunatsiavut Government.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. To note for our sake as Members of the Nunatsiavut Government and for the Auditors would be that we are independent of each other so there is no conflict. I guess with that we will take a short break for dinner and reconvene at one o'clock and we will discuss the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust at that time so we will reconvene for one fifteen.

Mr. Broomfield: Good Afternoon everybody. I would like to call the Assembly back to order. We will continue with Mr. Paul Janes and Keith Mayer. They will introduce the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust.

Mr. Janes: Thank you. I think that you have a few more financial statements for us to present.

Mr. Broomfield: I would like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain.

Ms. Erikson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just have one question before we go any further. Why are sitting here as a Government accepting these statements that obviously do not follow our Constitution, they do not conform with our Constitution Section 8 which says we have to have a consolidated financial statement for our Government before us. We are sitting here looking at a report that given according to the Auditors, not everything is in it. We're sitting here and we're accepting it why aren't we saying come back to this table with the true audit that we as a Government have every right to see. If the Auditors came into my Community Government with the same information that these Auditors have brought to us, as a Government I'd say no go away, especially if they said we got direction from Management, this is what we're presenting to you that's not acceptable, so why are we, as a Government accepting it today? I think we should stop, wait, and get the true audit before we go any further. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Applause

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. We will take a short break to discuss the statement that was raised by the AngajukKâk for Nain and we will reconvene in short order. We will take a temporary recess to discuss this statement and reconvene.

Mr. Broomfield: Good Afternoon everybody. I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. The statement made by the AngajukKâk for Nain is certainly a valid statement and holds much merit. Our Constitution requires that consolidated financial Statements be presented to the Nunatsiavut Assembly, as both Mr. Janes and Mr. Mayer, these are non-consolidated statements and they were prepared by these Auditors at the request of the

Deputy Minister of Finance, certainly it is your choice as Members of this Assembly to continue this process with these two gentlemen with knowledge that these are non-consolidated financial statements, at a later date the consolidated financial statements will be presented to the Assembly, which is a requirement of our Constitution as this process hasn't been followed. This is the first time that we've done this as an Assembly it certainly is an eye opener for all of us, we have a Constitution requirement that we have to follow as an Assembly and we need to begin doing that. We can continue this process certainly with Mr. Janes and Mr. Mayer they prepared this information with direction from the Deputy Minister of Finance and we can continue if you wish to do so. So how do you people feel about that? Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. At this point in time I'd say auka, no disrespect to the Auditors who are here today giving this information, but I don't feel comfortable proceeding knowing this is not what was required of this Assembly to have information that was put down in front of me five minutes before this presentation does not give me any time to even review what was put in front of me I need some time to go away and review these documents, these non-consolidated financial statements, it's been thrown in your face and you're basically forced to accept without giving it's due consideration, I don't feel comfortable in proceeding until we have time to review these documents and I would like to see the consolidated audited statements presented to this House and maybe than we could continue when that do happen. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support of the statement made by the Ordinary Member for Canada, I completely agree. We have a stack of papers before us and we know that we have an extremely limited amount of time for which to go over it, review it, and formulate intelligent meaningful questions that will benefit this Assembly and put them to the Auditors and hopefully get an answer that satisfies us. As in the Auditors Report, the non-consolidated statements for the Nunatsiavut Government this was provided July 31st, 2008 and here we are this present day only now seeing it for the first time let alone what's our due which is the consolidated statements we can't proceed. I feel there is no point to it and it's an insult to everybody that is even put forward in the fashion that it is. And it should be the onus of the Finance Department to make sure that we adhere to our Legislation and the very least our Constitution when we are trying to act as a Governing Body to do what's best, what's right for the Inuit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Any Members wish to make further comment? Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just like to reiterate what the AngajukKâk for Nain said, if these were presented to the Inuit Community Government we would throw it out quicker than it came in and I for one do not wish to continue. Nakummek.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Certainly the Auditors had prepared the information in the matter that they were asked to prepare it. It's not pointing fingers at anybody. Certainly, I would ask that any other Members have comments. Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: I would like to reiterate the point of the Speaker, that this is not a finger pointing session of the gentlemen presenting before us. And this is not a personal issue but fingers have to be pointed but it's not to these gentlemen here but there should be finger pointing and people shouldn't have to answer for the we're expected to come in here have stuff crammed down our throat we're supposed to not pick up on things this would have been all pushed through and according to the Finance Department it would have been done just right, fingers would still be pointed. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I guess proceed to present further information on these non-consolidated statements I will look for your approval to do so by a show of hands. The number of Members in favour of proceeding with the non-consolidated financial statements, please raise your hand, the number of hands who wish not to proceed, please raise your hand, sorry we have a unanimous decision of the Assembly, certainly we would like to thank the Auditors for coming and presenting the non-consolidated financial statements and the Assembly has decided that we will stop at this time and we'll take things from here. Thank you. We will recess for 5 minutes.

Mr. Broomfield: Good Afternoon everybody. I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. At time I'd like to recognize the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I might Mr. Speaker just to refresh the minds of Members that if you notice yesterday that I would today table a motion to amend the Land Inuit Claims Agreement. I'm pleased to present to the Assembly for their approval the first amendments to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement in accordance with Section 2.16.1 of the Agreement. Section 2.16.1 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement says that amendments to the agreement required a consent of the parties and that the Inuit would give their consent by resolution of the designated Inuit organization. The Labrador Inuit Association by resolution has designated the Assembly as the organization responsible for giving Inuit consent to amendments to the Agreement. The amendments are necessary in order to give affect to the main features of the Overlap Agreement between LIA and Makivik that was signed in November Two Thousand and Five. The Amendment will also have the affect of surrendering Inuit Aboriginal Rights of Ungava offshore in return for harvesting rights in that area and a capital transfer of twenty million dollars. The amendments have been negotiated and agreed to by representatives of the parties to the Land Claims Agreement and are set out in a memorandum agreement between the negotiators who have agreed to recommend the amendments to the parties. The Executive Council has reviewed the MOA and recommends that the Assembly gives formal consent to the amendments to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. The amendments will add a new chapter to the Land Claims Agreement and amend two of the Schedules in the Agreement, namely Schedule 2-A and Schedule 19-A. The full package is before the Assembly and I will outline its

main features. Chapter 24 Nunavik Inuit, Labrador Inuit overlap area. The new Chapters entitled Chapter 24, Nunavik Inuit, Labrador Inuit overlap area. The chapter promises on the Nunavik Inuit, Labrador Inuit overlap area which is shown in Schedule 24-A. There was a lot of repeating in the words. Chapter 24 sets out the rights that Nunavik Inuit share with Labrador Inuit in the Labrador portion of the overlap area. The Labrador portion of the overlap area is shown in Schedule 24-C. It includes the Torngat Mountains National Park and the zone adjacent to the Park seaward to the 12 mile limit of the territorial sea. In the Labrador portion of the overlap agreement we share subsistence harvesting rights with Nunavik. The Nunavik Inuit are entitled to a park impact and benefits agreement and equal representation on the Corporative Management Board for the Park. This means that between us, the Inuit hold the majority of seats on the Board, we also share rights to a archeological material to carving stone in the Park, under the amendments Labrador Inuit will now have recognized subsistent harvesting rights in the Nunavik marine portion of the overlap agreement, this area is shown as Schedule 24-E, the area is Ungava Bay and runs 12 miles offshore of Cape Chidley to the West Bank of the George River, the area includes Killinek and the Button Islands and the numerous islands along the Ungava Coast. These harvesting rights are shared with the Nunavik Inuit. Schedule 2-A the area excluded from section and release. Under the agreement, original Schedule 2-A in the Land Claims Agreement will be deleted and replaced with new Schedule 2-A the original Schedule 2-A is a map that identifies area in Quebec, Quebec offshore and Labrador Inuit rights have not been negotiated surrounded by release, the original 2-A covered an offshore in Ungava Bay and Hudson's Strait that included the Nunavik Marine portion of the overlap agreement. The new Schedule 2-A will include the offshore area of Ungava Bay and the Hudson's Strait and will only show the area of land in Quebec. Labrador Inuit rights in this area have not been negotiated, surrendered or released by the Labrador Inuit the reason why the Labrador Inuit rights in this area have not been negotiated and not included in this agreement is that Canada and Makivik do not have jurisdiction to negotiate Labrador Inuit rights in these lands because they are covered by the James Bay and Northern Quebec agreement and the North Eastern Quebec Agreement. The negotiation of Labrador Inuit rights in that area will require inclusion of the other parties to the Land Claims Agreements, namely the Government of Quebec, the James Bay Cree and the Naskapi of Schefferville. The technical affect of this amendment is that Labrador Inuit Rights will be surrendered of the offshore area adjacent to Quebec. This surrender is made in turn for subsistence harvesting rights in the Ungava Offshore and the additional twenty million dollar payment. Schedule 19-A Capital transfer of payments. Schedule 19-A of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement which sets out the Capital transfer payments that are being made to the Nunatsiavut Government is being amended to include an additional twenty million dollars in nineteen ninety seven dollars that has been negotiated in return for the surrender of offshore Aboriginal Rights in Ungava Bay. It also includes interest for the period December 01, Two Thousand and Five to December 01, Two Thousand and Nine which we believe to be approximately two million dollars. The old Schedule 19-A will be deleted and replaced by the new Schedule. The first payment under the new Schedule 19-A will be received by Nunatsiavut Government on December 1st, Two Thousand and Nine if these amendments have been ratified by Newfoundland and the Federal Cabinets before that date. In saying that, I was reading Mr. Speaker, that last paragraph I read or

what I said is that that is the urgency I guess we would like, how this would work, is that this amendment must first be ratified by the Inuit, it would then go to the Newfoundland Legislature and then on to Canada in Ottawa. So it's in that and the timely manner for which we would hope it would be done. As I mentioned that we would receive the first payment by December 1, Two Thousand and Nine. If this is delayed and we don't get through this sitting if it doesn't get through before the summer session of Newfoundland and the Fall Session of Canada, then of course the next date we would hit would be December 1st, Two Thousand and Ten. It's not that I'm attempting here to force this down anyone's throat and saying without thinking you should support this but I did want stress that we would like to have that money as soon as possible and as well I should mention that it we would allow and this would also allow amendments to the FEVA. Am I correct member from Nain is saying that? Something that cannot be done and perhaps you would best speak to that, my colleague from Nain Mr. Speaker, maybe I will give him a chance and I can conclude my remarks, to speak because at this time my understanding is that there could be no amendments to the FEVA until this amendment is made to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. So rather than to confuse people any further Mr. Speaker and I will conclude by saying that I hope that the Members of this Assembly will give consent to this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The Chair recognizes the Ordinary Member for Nain.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you know I have been the former Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, one of the responsibilities that go under that Department is the people and the Parks and Impact and Benefits Agreement. What the First Minister has proposed is an overlap amendment, overlap with Makivik Corporation and an amendment to our Land Claims Agreement that being the bigger agreement or the guiding agreement. Under that guiding agreement both the Parks and Impact and Benefits Agreement that Nunatsiavut has with Parks Canada Agency and also Makivik Corporation and also has with Parks Canada Agency, if what the First Minister is proposing is approved by the Assembly then both the Parks and Impact and Benefits Agreement can be put in line very quickly internally. Really without coming to the Assembly because the bigger agreement if approved is approved allowed for that, puts parallel both Parks and Impact Benefits Agreement between the Nunatsiavut Government and the Parks Canada Agency and also Makivik Corporation and Parks Canada Agency. I hope I'm not complicating it but that process can follow very quickly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I know that Members have a copy of that resolution. It was handed around this morning but Mr. Speaker I read this Resolution of the Nunatsiavut Assembly consenting to two amendments to Chapters 2 and 19 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and the addition of Chapter 24 to the Agreement. Whereas Section 2.16.1 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement provides an amendment to the Agreement requires the consent of the parties to the Agreement and

that the Inuit will give their consent by resolution of the designated Inuit Organization and whereas the Labrador Inuit Association by resolution of the Board of Directors passed on the 30th day of November Two Thousand and Five designated the Nunatsiavut Government as the designated Inuit Organization for the purposes of providing Inuit consent to the amendments to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement under Section 2.16.1 of the agreement. A copy of which resolution is next to this resolution as Annex D and whereas representatives of the parties have recommended certain amendments to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement as set out in a memorandum of agreement dated the Twenty Seventh day of January, Two Thousand and Nine and whereas Nunatsiavut Executive Council has approved the amendments recommended in the Memorandum of Agreement dated the Twenty Seventh of January, Two Thousand and Nine subject to the consent of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

Motion

Be it resolved that:

- 1.) the Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby consents the document entitled Nunavik Inuit/Labrador Inuit overlap area. Attached to this resolution is Annex A being added to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement is Chapter 24;
- 2.) The Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby consents to deletion of Schedule 2-A of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and the insertion in its place of Schedule 2-A attached to this resolution is Annex B;
- 3.) The Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby consents to the deletion of Schedule 19-A of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and the insertion in its place, Schedule 19-A attached to this resolution is Annex C;

the amendment to Schedule 19-A referred to in paragraph 3 of this resolution shall come into effect on December 1st following the date on which the amendments referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this resolution have been consented to by Canada and the Province pursuant to Section 2.16.1 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement.

Mr. Broomfield: I'll give the Members some time to read through this document, so we can break 10 minutes to read through this document so that you become familiar with it. Good Afternoon everybody, I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. Before we proceed with the resolution introduced by the Honorable First Minister, I'll give Members an opportunity to ask any questions that they may have in regard to the resolution. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I just had a couple of questions and I'm not sure whether I will ask them all together or should I just separate them I guess I'll proceed and if I need to be reined back in for a lack of a better word I'm sure the Speaker will do that. My quick review of his amendment doesn't cause me any great concerns other than without having the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement in front of me, I would like

to ask the First Minister if he can give me an overview of the Sections referenced in 24.2.2 regarding Article 5 of the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement with respect to rights under Article 5, I'm wondering if the First Minister can help me to understand what those rights are and whether or not they have any implications for the Labrador Inuit and I think the other question is a little bit lengthy so I think I'll ask the First Minister questions in sequence if you don't mind. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You have to bear with me, the Members next question is lengthy and I'm trying to find Article 24.2.2, just a second I'm sure that I will. Mr. Speaker to be certain to provide the Member with the best possible answer I believe that I can answer but I would not want to make a mistake in answering a question a couple sittings ago to the Member, I had to come back the next day. I do not want to do that for a second time to the same Member, Member from Canada. I hope the Member of Canada will understand that we can with the help of officials from my Department certainly can answer this question. If the speaker will permit I would like to call upon my Deputy Minister to answer the question. He's gone? I may have to receive some help from my Colleague, Ordinary Member for Nain, who's most familiar with this resolution and I had some conversation with him and he could perhaps better speak to those articles of the Nunavik Land Claims Agreement better than I, from his experience, from his past experience. Would he be permitted Mr. Speaker to answer the question on my behalf if the Ordinary Member from Nain is willing?

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable First Minister. Certainly, to provide light on the question asked by the Member of Canada. The Chair recognizes the Ordinary Member for Nain.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In relation to the question that the Member of Canada raises under Section 24.2.2, both side in the overlap agreement that we as Labrador Inuit Beneficiaries, beneficiaries to the Land Claims Agreement, we can go over into their area in the Ungava portion for harvesting purposes for subsistence needs. They also have the same benefits of doing the same, harvesting for subsistence needs. In the Park you will note that that is the overlap area. As we have the right to go and harvesting not harvest, quarry I guess if you will, carving stone, some amount, they also have that opportunity to do the same to take some carving stone out of the Park that nobody else can do and again it's been over the last number of months contentious on our side that non-beneficiaries want to go in that area to harvest and that we have help from our side anyway, that we have help for beneficiaries only will harvest within the Park and that's been agreed to by both parties, so, to your question more direct, can we go and harvest over there, yes, the answer is yes. Will they harvest over on our side, yes they will, as they've always done and it's fully agreed to and it does not take away, it does more to the point of your question, it does not take away. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope that helped, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. That's a very clear answer. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I again direct my question to the First Minister and if the First Minister needs to call upon the Ordinary Member for Nain it certainly would be okay with me, under part 24.4 Carving Stone, Section 24.4.1 it references not withstanding Section 4.6.9, I'm wondering what that is referencing is that Section 4.6.9 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement or is that referenced Section 4.6.9 of the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Andersen: Again Mr. Speaker, I don't know, to be honest, it just says 4.6.9. I'm not sure if it's our agreement or if it is the Quebec agreement, I would have to look at the agreement, I believe some people at that back have a copy of our agreement.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Again before we proceed be good to get this issue clarified we will recess for a few minutes.

Mr. Broomfield: Good Afternoon everybody. I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. At this time I would like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Finance, it should be the Honorable First Minister my apologies.

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We'd also like to thank the Member from Canada for his patience. In answering his question Mr. Speaker, to reference 4.6.9 is indeed reference to our agreement it makes reference to and perhaps I best read Section from our Land Claims Agreement it says 4.6.9 in a National Park or National Park Reserve, Inuit have the exclusive right to extract carving stone but exercise of this right is subject to the terms and conditions of Park and Impact and Benefit agreement is subject to Section 9.2.12 and may only be for the carving purposes of Inuit. If I may reference another chapter in our agreement is Section 9.2.12 which is of course Chapter 9 of our agreement which is National Parks and Protected Areas, Section 9.2.12 except as provided Section 4.6.9 and except for quarrying of quarry material maybe required for construction necessary for or related to a National Park, National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area, or National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, Exploration for Development of Subsurface Resource shall not be permitted in a National Park, National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area, or National Marine Conservation Area Reserve in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. In reference Mr. Speaker which is part 2.4.4 carving stone allows the Inuit from Labrador and the Inuit from Nunavik for taking stone for the purposes of Inuit carving, thank you Mr. Speaker, again I'd like to thank the Member of Canada for his patience in letting us find the correct information for him. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. That is a very clear answer for the Members. Any more questions? Chair recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps I should have done in the beginning the resolution that I read and I will not read it again Mr. Speaker but I will read the title

“Resolution of the Nunatsiavut Assembly consenting to amendments to Chapter 2 and 19 of the Labrador Land Claims Agreement and the addition of Chapter 24 to the agreement, was Moved by myself and Second by the Minister of Education and Economic Development, Minister Shiwak.” Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. First Minister. The motion, it is in order. The Honorable Minister would have an opportunity to offer some opening remarks should he wish to do so. Certainly the option is his to make.

Mr. Andersen: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I do not have much to say. In my conclusion I did reference the money attached that we would receive in the time line in receiving that as well my colleague the Ordinary Member for Nain, Member Barbour spoke to other agreements that we’ll be able to benefit and move forward as well as a result of this amendment to our agreement and let me say only in closing again that I hope that the Members of this Assembly will pass this resolution today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. First Minister. The floor is open to debate should any Members like to speak to the motion. Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. For those of us around the table that have been party to the negotiation of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, we were well aware that this was coming down the line at some point in time as there was ongoing negotiations going on between three parties and with the Inuit of Nunavik and I’m satisfied with the answers that the First Minister and the Ordinary Member for Nain has provided on my questions and I would just like to offer my support to this amendment, I think it is necessary and I think that we would welcome the addition twenty million dollars from the Government and I think that would go a long way to helping provide and make things somewhat more easier for beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Therefore I give my support to this amendment. Nakummek.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Chair recognizes the Ordinary Member for Nain.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I just like to thank the Member, Constituency for Canada and I put my support behind the First Minister in proposing this amendment to our Land Claims Agreement he made reference in his fairly lengthy opening remark about looking at commercial activity we now overlap with the Makivik Inuit or Nunavik Inuit but that would have required a reopening of two other major agreements that there was no appetite by Canada by the Government of Quebec and by the other two parties being the Cree and the Naskapi in Quebec. So this was the most reasonable plan and quickest solution to this overlap agreement so without being very lengthy I do so put support behind the First Minister to make the amendment and that helps not only us but I think our working relationship with the Nunavik Inuit as we know, those us who do deal with them that good working relationship lets keep that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Does the Ordinary Member wish to speak? Does the Honorable First Minister wish to conclude debate.

Mr. Andersen: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I wish to conclude debate.

Mr. Broomfield: The motion to consent to amend Chapters 2 and 19 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and the addition of Chapter 24 to the Land Claims Agreement requires your consent. By a show of hands, the number of Members in favour of supporting this resolution. Thank you. By a unanimous decision of the Assembly the resolution is carried. Thank you.

Applause

Mr. Broomfield: Before we continue with our agenda we will take a 10 minute break.

Mr. Broomfield: I would like to call the Assembly back to order. We will continue with item seven on our agenda, Minister Statements or Announcements. Any Ministers like to make statement at this time? Chair recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Andersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just like to inform the Assembly, the Deputy Minister from my Department attended a workshop in St. John's just last week with representatives from Environment Canada, DFO, INAC and the Newfoundland Government, Department of Aboriginal Affairs, and the purpose of these workshops to discuss implementation of Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, how Governments are fulfilling or not fulfilling their obligations under LILCA to discuss obligations and interpretations processes set out in the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement (LILCA) and it is to provide and insure that other Government Departments as well understand our Agreement and become familiar with it, I have to say Mr. Speaker apart from the Department of Aboriginal Affairs from the Province, negotiators from the Federal Government and INAC we often find that Bureaucrats and politicians alike from other Departments know very little about our Agreement it is our intention to work towards educating them, with the help of knowledgeable people from their Governments as well, the Implementation Team plans to have workshops in May and September 2009 and January 2010 to be held in Ottawa, St. John's and Nunatsiavut, as well Mr. Speaker for the benefit of the AngajukKâks, my Department plans a similar workshop later this year for the AngajukKâks to discuss their roles and obligations under Chapter 17 of our Agreement as well as the interpretation of our Agreement for the benefit of AngajukKâks so that may if they are not already better educated and more familiar with our Agreement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. We will move on. Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a couple of quick things, one to do with the language, the Inuvialuit Language Nest is on our radar we currently have a contract out for this Language Nest, to research, evaluate, review the program, and they'll meet with

the people in Hopedale, develop a report on recommendations on how the program can be better adapted in the community of course when we move along with that, I'll give you updates another thing regarding the youth there'll be a sealskin making workshop, our Youth Division is planning to have a seal skin boot making course to pass our culture and traditions to our youth, they'll be buying seal skin from the Rigolet plant, we had an opportunity to visit that plant with the AngajukKâk from Rigolet, Mr. Michelin last week, he gave us a tour through and it's a real good set up, this is just one thing that we'll benefit from already, there's no date set for that yet, but as we move along we'll keep you updated. Nakummek, Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just got a couple of quick updates as you know some of you know our Department of Health and Social Development has just opened a new building in Postville, the staff has moved in, we had a little bit of difficulty with the sewer there but with the help of the Community of Postville, Community Government and AngajukKâk, I'd like to thank them for helping us out with getting our staff moved in there, when we work together we can certainly get things done, I'd like to thank the AngajukKâk and his Council for getting our people in there and I'd also like to extend a congratulations to Gwen Watts, Director of Mental Health and Addictions, she received the Canadian Association of Social Work Award for her work in the field Social Work so I'd like to say congratulations to Gwen, she's real dedicated to the people in Nunatsiavut and her Department so on behalf of our Department I'd like to say congratulations for her fine work.

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

Ms. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to report on Human Resources Department, Human Resources is now working on Two Thousand and Nine summer student program the Director is currently doing work on a proposal to the Federal Department Indian and Northern Affairs for funding. Money is also being put aside in the HR Department Budget to subsidize this program we anticipate to be the biggest year yet with regards to student hiring. The Salary Review Committee, Carolyn Janes, Kim Saunders and Lena Blake have been working with consultants for the NG salary benefit review, initial meetings and reviews have already taken place, consultants are already working on other Northern organizations on their Northern Benefit package to develop a recommendation for Nunatsiavut we anticipate for the review to be completed within the next two months. IT Department, during the winter months IT Department has been tasked with responding to increased number of network outages in our Inuit Communities; these range from basic failures of aging equipment to ongoing chronic problems with network connectivity to our older infrastructure from our service provider, our licensing agreement with Microsoft is being renewed and is in effect till March Two Thousand Twelve, all NG computers now comply with software licensing requirements for our standard desktop productivity applications. Developmental efforts are progressing on a new website for

NG, the anticipated delivery date is April Two Thousand and Nine, the new site will provide a more efficient programs to our beneficiaries allow for easier and more timely contact on the entire NG civil service in the NG Assembly and will become a vehicle for accessing all reports and publications of NG, the new website will allow potential employees basic capacity for applying for careers online and will function both in English and Inuktitut its reliability and ease of maintenance will be significantly greater than our current site. Private web line will available as we get closer to the delivery date for those interested in seeing the development proceedings. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Couple of quick notes here I'd like to mention that seven of our beneficiaries completed a four week interpreter/translator training in family law in Happy Valley, Goose Bay at the College of the North Atlantic, this is just the second module completed, congratulations to the graduates, another note our Social Work Program that we were designing with McGill University to be delivered here in Labrador is not ready to go in September but will go ahead in January. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. We will move on to *Member Statements*, Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain.

Ms. Erickson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to congratulate and recognize the winners of the Inuktitut Speak-off that was held here in Hopedale earlier this winter and it was Roxane Anderson of Nain, Georgina Abel of Hopedale, Mary or Binky Anderson of Nain. These four three young women proved that they could speak Inuktitut, the language of the Inuit, I say congratulations to them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Applause

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. We will move on to question period. Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I just have one quick question for the Minister of Finance and Human Resources, Minister Gear you referenced yesterday in your Member Statement and Announcements the Pre-budgetary consultations that was held by your Department, and I was just wondering if there was a copy of the Pre-budgetary consultation by way of report; I'm just wondering if that report has been done or is it available to the Assembly. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Chair recognizes the Minister of Finance and Human Resources.

Ms. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To my knowledge it's still being worked on but it will be available soon.

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

Mr. Dicker: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources the land use plan when will that be in place and when will you have something to present to this House of Assembly?

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

Mr. Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To answer the AngajukKâk from Postville the land use plan will be ready and completed December Two Thousand and Eleven. However it will be presented if completed before that time we'll present it the Assembly as soon as it is available. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Makkovik

Mr. Jacque: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the President. Last visit that you made to Makkovik, myself and Town Manager and our Community Constable met with you, and we would like to know what the status on that meeting was. Thank you.

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

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Herb could you clarify the question I only met with the Community Constable and yourself, and what did you want?

Mr. Jacque: The Constable's salary.

President Lyall: Thank you. I think it was decided at that time, the First Minister and I would arrange meetings the meetings have not taken place with the Minister of Justice of the Province, however when that happens we'll update you and let you know. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct a question to Minister Ponniuk I was wondering after this fiasco with the children up in Nain trying to receive money to go to an event. My question is, is the Minister going to make it easier for any children in Nunatsiavut to get money out of your Department even though there not, as the word is highly qualified to go to any sports events, my question is there any programs in your Department for the children that want to go outside of Nunatsiavut who want to go to any sports events or cultural events, is there anybody going to be made available to those children. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are funds there available for sporting events, cultural events things likes of that nature, we do have criteria in place I noticed that you mentioned about highly skilled, I'd have to say to the AngajukKâk from Rigolet that has nothing to do with it, little bit of background, this hockey team from Nain were going to an Invitational tournament, to make my point about not being highly skilled, there's people around this table Mr. Winters, Mr. Russell, people who went to invitational tournaments, that they were more highly skilled than any Regional, Provincial or any the skill level didn't have anything to do with it, in regards to the funding we had to put criteria in place few rules and regulations and this team did not meet the criteria but in saying that, this is our first stab at it and we're open for criticism, comments any help we can get in saying that there was quite a few events what have you came across our desk and they were approved, the reason we put invitational in there one of the people when we do our community one of the business people said it in a sentence basically this business person said that there was so many invitational tournaments going on that if you start every second weekend there's an invitational, we just had to put something in there to cover that and there is only a small pot of money but I'd like to say that its our first stab at it we're willing to take suggestions comments whatever and we're open and what we got here is not in stone anything that we start there's going to be some glitches in it. Thank you very much.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet to ask a supplementary question.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplement question I don't think my question was really answered I asked if there was going to be more money for further cultural and sporting events for the children of Nunatsiavut if you do have money in your Department how much do you have left? Nakummek.

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

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We're hoping to get more money but due to budget constraints we had to cut rather than ask for more as I said the pot of money was small it was ten thousand dollars and there's six thousand dollars left you asked how much was left, there is six thousand dollars left that would dry up pretty quick, when we requested this, it came out of one of our pots and at that time that was the funding that was available hopefully we'll get more than that as I said this is a first time thing and hopefully it will grow. Thank you very much.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain.

Ms. Erickson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you AngajukKâk for raising that and sort of feeds into my comments on the whole situation. I'd like the Minister, Minister Ponniuk I'd like to maybe a little more explanation on why, actually that was answered let me start again you explained that the Nain hockey team was denied funding because they were going to an invitational tournament in Lab City, it was considered an invitational tournament and based on that and other comments that were made they were

denied funding for that, and part of the reason is because it being an invitational it doesn't go on to any Regional or Provincial championship, this was a Regional tournament be it be an invitational or not, there's a drum dancing troop that got money from the fund to go to Winterlude by invitation and they got the funding from the Community Recreation fund, I want some clarification on Invitational is it just for the sports teams is it for cultural events, if Minister could provide that.

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

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We do view a sporting event and a cultural event a bit differently when we got the application from the drummers in St. John's there was a bit of discussion. They met the criteria it was a cultural event I think there is a bit of a difference in an invitational sporting event and a cultural event and we looked at that part of it but in saying that to the AngajukKâk from Nain. If you have any recommendations or suggestions as I said earlier, we're open and take certainly some directive if we have to from you or anyone else on table. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain.

Ms. Erickson: I just want clarification you still have six thousand dollars left in that pot. Thank you.

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

Mr. Ponniuk: The Member from Nain asked if we still have six thousand dollars left in the pot, yes we do. Get your application in. Thank you.

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

Mr. Russell: Thank you. My question is directed to Minister of Finance, earlier on today we basically had to put a halt to looking at the non-consolidated financial statement of Nunatsiavut Government because they were not in line with what is required by our Constitution is it true that your Deputy has the consolidated financials in his possession at this sitting and either himself or yourself made the call not to present that to this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes it's true he do, he do have the consolidated statements in his possession and he did make the call to not present it here today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. We will conclude question period, are there any written questions to be presented? Before I recognize the Honorable

Minister of Education and Economic Development to introduce the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust we will recess for five minutes.

Mr. Broomfield: Good Afternoon. I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. At this time I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Minister responsible for the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust and on behalf of the initial Trustees I present the list of nominees to be elected to the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust as trustees by the Nunatsiavut Assembly the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust was made effective in March 2006 and amended April 2007, the purpose of the Trust according to the Trust Indenture is to provide financial management, economic and other assistance to the pursuit economic and social economic strategies that establish, promote assist or otherwise positive employment, business and other relationships and undertakings which enable or intended to enable eligible beneficiaries to gain or acquire additional skills, knowledge, assets or properties of any kind that have economic value. The selection of qualified individuals to be Trustees is essential to the success of the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust and the success of Nunatsiavut. I presented to you eleven nominees and their credentials of whom by part about to be appointed by the Assembly by special resolution, according to the Trust Indenture two of whom have to be Senior Management people from Nunatsiavut Government, three non-government people and the Assembly must also determine compensation that the Trustees will receive for serving on the Trust. The Trust nominees put forward by the initial Trustees are; Jack Hilliard, Mike Voisey, Clint Davis, Gerald Anderson, Charles Martin, Ronald Jamieson, Ron Johnson, Chesley Anderson, that's for the non- government nominees to be trustees, the Government nominees are Tim McNeil, Isabella Paine, and Wyman Jacque. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. As this is a new process to myself and to the Assembly I've been trying to for days or possibly weeks trying to formulate as to how we move forward you have the information of these individuals who are nominated by the current Trustees, I should say put forward by the current Trustees which is the required process, the Assembly is required to appoint up to five Trustees to serve on the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, we have several names of non-government members and the process I will use is to call each name one at a time and we will vote on each person that is, that has been put forward by the current Trustees, I'm not sure if you want to take some more time to review the information that is provided for you, and we certainly can take a couple of minutes to do so, so that is the process we will use, we will choose the non-government names that are put forward first then we will choose the Government names that are presented to the Assembly. So I will give the Members a few minutes to review the information that they before we begin the process of selecting Trustees.

Discussions in back ground

Mr. Broomfield: Good Afternoon everybody. I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. At this time I like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Pottle: Question of Privilege Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Member will state his Question of Privilege

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I just want it on public record to clarify for this Assembly, but excuse me if it's already been on public record, but I don't think it has, if by chance that the Assembly don't approve five Trustees here, this afternoon, will the names of the people who are selected become the current Trustees or will the Trustees have to submit other names if we don't select the Trustees today, Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. In order to be certain going forward for the benefit of Members I will check on the Question of Privilege raised by the Member for Canada and certainly in order to do that we need to recess for a couple minutes so stay seated please. Good Afternoon, I'd like to call the Assembly back to order and thank you for your patience it's certainly not an easy task, the question of privilege raised by the Member for Canada is certainly a valid question and something that we need to clarify before we move forward we are required to appoint five Trustees, the current Trustees have submitted the names to the Honorable Minister of Education for the Assembly's consideration which is what these Trustees are required to do. Should the Assembly not appoint five new Trustees, the current Trustees will be required to present more names to the Assembly in the near future to be considered to be Trustees to fill the quota of five Trustees, so with that I would like to hand the floor to the Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We'll take a couple of minutes to go over each of the nominees give a brief summary for the Assembly. First we'll start with a non-government nominee, Jack Hilliard. He recently retired as Vice President for the Bank of Montreal, worked with various capacities for BMO for management development commercial operations in Western Newfoundland he has a MBA from Dalhousie University served on advisory on Economy Corner Brook Economic Council, St. John's Board of Trade, second one would be Mike Voisey he was recently the General Manager of LIDC for two years. He owns his own craft shop in Happy Valley- Goose Bay. He was the Manager of the Labrador Friendship Centre. Not to put bearing to any one of the candidates but Mike is a beneficiary. Clint Davis is a beneficiary as well. Again it has no bearing putting out there, currently CEO of Canadian and Aboriginal Business. He has four years of experience in Aboriginal Markets for BMO. He was a Senior Analyst. He was a Senior Advisor to INAC Minister and a Senior Policy Analyst. He's a graduate of Business Administration. Going on to Gerald Andersen. Again another beneficiary for the past twenty two years, he was a Manager for Marketing and Business Development for the Marine Institute in St. John's. He was a self-employed fisherman, considerable work in the fisheries training development in Nunavik, Nunavut and

Nunatsiavut and has a Bachelor of Arts. Charles Martin is currently a Senior Strategic Planning Advisor for ACOA. He was a Senior Advisor; he was a Senior Policy Issues Analyst for INAC, Policy Analyst for ACOA. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Dalhousie. Ronald Jamieson, as the First Minister keeps telling me he is from the Mohawk Nation. Is that true, Mr. First Minister? He is the Senior Vice President of Aboriginal Banking at BMO. He was a Principal with Aboriginal Investment Services, very senior positions in the Brokerage Industry. He is the Chairman of the Board. He has advanced the Executive Program at the University of Western Ontario. Next we go on to Ron Johnson. He is currently Chief Financial Officer for Torngat Fishery Producers Cooperative in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. He was the Manager for the Fogo Island Fisheries Cooperative. He has an abundance of knowledge in the financial in Labrador operations. Lastly on the non-Government side we have Chesley Anderson. We all know Chesley fairly well I do believe. He was the Senior Negotiator for the Nunatsiavut Government for many years. He has now moved into I don't have his position, but he has a senior position within Aurora Energy. Now we go on to the Government people. First on the list is Tim McNeil. Like Chesley Anderson, he has served as a Trustee on the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust for the past three years. Now he is the Deputy Minister for Education and Economic Development. He has quite of bit of experience in Economic Development and Education. Isabella Paine she is currently our Senior Negotiator for Nunatsiavut Government. She works for, what used to be Voisey Bay Inco, which is now VALE Inco for many years. She serves on the Trust. She also has been a negotiator for the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Lastly, we have Wyman Jacque. Again like Chesley and Tim has served on the Trust and the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust for the past three years as an initial appointee. He is currently the Deputy Minister of Finance for Nunatsiavut Government and again he has quite a bit of experience in Economic Development through the Trust for the last few years. That's it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. It was my understanding, correct me if I'm wrong, the whole idea was new Trustees. Is this correct, I'll address I guess this to Mr. Shiwak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Shiwak: I think, they may state new Trustees, I have to look it up in the Trust Indenture but when the Assembly convenes next Trustees I would assume, I think the term new is, would apply to anyone who is new to the Trust, as you recall, these are initial Trustees, this is put in place until the Assembly can put new Trustees in place, I think, I may be wrong whoever you put in place will be the new Trustees no matter if they were initial Trustees, does that make any sense?

Mr. Broomfield: Just to clarify the Minister's statement, the current Trustees are eligible to put their names forward to be Trustees, yes they are. Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Then going forward at the next time that this has to happen, this current term will be served and expired, than is the scenario incorrect? If the Trustees wanted they can certainly put their names forward again and have them as the only submission to this Assembly. It was made clear to us earlier that these are the only names that we can vote for, so in a sense can the Trustees insure that they are Trustees in perpetuity? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Not necessarily. The Trustees, allows the current Trustees to put their names forward to the Assembly, for the Assembly to appoint these new Trustees. It does not necessarily mean that, as you elude to that this process will continue into perpetuity, it's the Assemblies decision certainly to decide if this will happen or not, by appointing five individuals from the names that are presented to us. So it is our responsibility to appoint new members to sit on this Trust. Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I think the Member for the Upper Lake Melville's point is well taken, I just have a bit of concern with respect to how the Government members were selected. I guess I direct my question to the Minister of Education and Economic Development, did these Government individuals submit their names through an expression of interest and would there be a conflict with these current Trustees in bringing in their own names forward to be considered to be Trustees of the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Shiwak: With regards to conflict I'd have to check with the Trust Indenture but the only obligation that the Trustees have to do towards me, to bring to the Assembly is to provide me a list of names. I have no, they do have to provide to me an explanation as to how they came up to that list they have to provide list and this is what they provided. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Are there any more questions? Saying that this is our first stab it again if you will, at appointing new Trustees, I certainly allow more time for more questions, should, the in order for our part are clearer in moving forward. So with that we will actually get into selecting names of the individuals and we will use the process I eluded to earlier by calling each individual by name, we will do the non-Government names first. For these individuals to be appointed to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, we will need the approval of twelve Members present, for these Members to be appointed, the Trust itself puts that requirement in place for that it will take the approval of seventy five percent of the Members present to indeed to appoint these individuals to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, we have sixteen members present, we will need the approval of twelve Members to constitute an approval rate of

seventy five percent or three quarters the first individual the Assembly will make a determination on will be a Mr. Jack Hilliard, as a non-Governmental representative for the Trust, by a show of hands the number of Members in favour of appointing Jack Hilliard to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, we have seven Members in favour, the number of Members opposed to appointing Jack Hilliard as a representative to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, we have seven Members in favour, we have nine Members opposed so we can remove this name from the list, the next individual is a Mr. Mike Voisey, the number of Members in favour of appointing Mr. Mike Voisey to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, raise your hands, one, was your hand up? The number of Members opposed, order please, we have one Member in favour of appointing Mike Voisey fifteen opposed, so this is another name we can remove from the list. Next individual is Mr. Clint Davis, the number of members in favour of appointing this individual to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust raise your hand, thank you, we have a unanimous decision to appoint Clint Davis to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, sixteen Members, next individual is a Mr. Gerald Anderson, the number of Members in favour of appointing this individual to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust raise your hand, thank you, the number of Members opposed, thank you, we have ten in favour for this individual and six Members opposed so we can remove this name from the list. Mr. Charles Martin the number of Members in favour of appointing this individual to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust raise your hand, thank you, the number of Members opposed, thank you, thirteen Members voted in favour of appointing Charles Martin to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, three Members opposed, so this gentlemen is indeed eligible. Mr. Ronald Jamieson, the number of Members in favour of appointing this individual to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust raise your hand, thank you, the number of Members opposed, thank you, we have six Members in favour of appointing Ronald Jamieson to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, we have ten Members opposed, so this is another name we can remove, next individual is Mr. Ron Johnson, the number of Members in favour of appointing Ron Johnson to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust raise your hand, thank you, the number of Members opposed, thank you, we have three Members in favour of appointing Ron Johnson to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, we have thirteen Members opposed, this is another name we can scratch from the list. Mr. Chesley Anderson, this would be our last list from the non-Government Members, our last individual, the number of Members in favour of appointing Chesley Anderson to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust raise your hand, thank you, the number of Members opposed, thank you, we have one Member in favour and fifteen opposed, this is another name we can scratch from the list. We'll move on to our Government Members, these are the names put forward by the current Trustees we are required to appoint two Government Members. The first individual is Tim McNeil, by a show of hands the number of Members in favour of appointing Tim McNeil to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust raise your hand, thank you, the number of Members opposed, thank you, the number of individuals in favour of appointing Tim McNeil to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust to the is ten, the number of Members opposed is six, so we can remove this name from the list, the next Member is Isabella Paine, the number of Members in favour of appointing Isabella Paine to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust raise your hand, thank you, the number of Members opposed, thank you, we have fifteen Members in favour appointing to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust we have one Member opposed, this name is accepted by the Assembly. Our last individual is Wyman Jacque,

the number of Members in favour of appointing Wyman Jacque to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust raise your hand, thank you, number of Members opposed raise your hand, we have one Member in favour for appointing Wyman Jacque to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust. We have fifteen Members opposed. We can remove this name from the list.

(Back ground discussion)

Mr. Broomfield: Order please. Good Evening everybody. I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. The Assembly has made their determination from the list of individuals put forward by the trustee, the current trustees, of the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, these names were presented to the Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development. For non-Government Trustees the Assembly approved Mr. Clint Davis and Mr. Charles Martin to sit as Trustees of the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust. For Government members the Assembly chose Isabella Paine to sit as a Trustee of the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust I'm fairly certain that the process now is that the original Trustees will present in the future more names to the Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development for the Assembly to consider at a later date. We can appoint another non-Government Trustee and two more Government members to be Trustees, one more, I'm sorry my apologies. I think we'll also be required to recommend a daily remuneration for these Trustees. Did you want to speak to that Honorable Minister? The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When the Trustees presented this list to me they also said we should and it is the responsibility of the Assembly to do it, put in compensation for Trustees to sit on this Trust and that is something we have to do here today to put in the same resolution as the appointing of the three Trustees. From what I can gather from independent advice I am recommending to the Assembly that the daily remuneration or compensation per Trustee on this Trust and this is my reason for is that I believe that I have high hopes for this Trust to be the Economic Engine for Nunatsiavut. I have high hopes that it will generate employment; great economic development and to do that we need very qualified people in place to do it. The only way you're going to get very qualified people to sit on this Trust is if you compensate them well. People aren't going to do this for volunteer. They need to be compensated. Therefore, that is why I'm recommending for my feeling is that the compensation for daily remuneration for Trustees should be five hundred dollars. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Just to be clear on, certainly, from my part, we are required to I guess, appoint one more non-government and one more Government, so my apologies for the incorrect math. The floor is open for debate. Certainly on the comments the Minister made. Should any Member wish to speak to that? The Chair recognizes the Member for the Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Was there compensation in place for the initial Trustees? If so, how much? My second would be pertaining to the second category of Trustees which would be Government Members; can we be expected to be in a sense

double paying individuals? For example, I mean if you're in on Trust business are you officially off work and not compensated for that or are you paid five hundred dollars a day on top of your Director or Senior Management level salary from Nunatsiavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For your first question on the initial Trustees, there was no compensation paid to initial Trustees. They were, as you know all Government employees and they earn their Government salary instead of this Trust. For the second question, with regard I think you're asking will they be compensated on top of their regular salary for Government people. No that is something we have not to put there. It's not in the resolution they will not be compensated on top of their regular salary. That is something that we can discuss but that is not something that we have put into the resolution, in fact the resolution says that they will not be compensated five hundred dollars or anything on top of their regular salary, they will just earn the regular Government salary like anybody else, any Government person sitting on the Trust.

Mr. Shiwak: Mr. Speaker to clarify in the special resolution of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to appoint the Trustees, point number two says pursuant to Section 5.14 of the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust indenture a non-Government Trustee will be compensated at a rate of pay day which is determined by the Assembly, this does not include Government people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Russell: I apologize for the question that could have been avoided had I correctly read what was on the paper that was handed to us but while I have the microphone I'll ask another question. Do we have any idea of the minimum or maximum amount of days we will be requiring their service because I mean this can come down to quite a large new expense for our Government if they were to be doing this several months out of a year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Shiwak: Mr. Speaker. To address your question the number of days at this point cannot be determined how many that will be sitting or meeting. I will say that we'll be very busy as new Trustees because they have to evaluate the situation in the Trust right now with regards to what they have there and with regards to LIDC and so it's going to be very busy up front starting off this Trustee is not paid by Government the Trustee is paid by the revenue or earnings of the Trust, it's not, we do not pay their salary or compensation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I believe we already have a precedent set by way of the Land Claims Agreement, and the compensation for the boards coming out of the Land Claims Agreement I don't have the numbers here but if you go to the Implementation plan to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement my recommendation would be that we follow the process and compensate based on the highest compensation that's identified in the Land Claims Agreement for Advisory boards coming out of the Land Claims Agreement. I stand to be corrected but I believe the top figure in the budget as per the Implementation plan is the range of three hundred fifty dollars per day plus expenses. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Any more recommendations for salary? The Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain.

Ms. Erickson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Actually I don't have a recommendation I just have a question for the Minister of Education and Economic Development, where did you the five hundred dollar figures that from comparable type of remuneration or is it somebody had recommended that, that may know. I just wanted to know where you came up with the five hundred dollars from.

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

Mr. Shiwak: The five hundred dollars in discussion with counsel and with advice from independent advisor, specifically Mike Flatters, who does have experience in Trusts across this Country and knows Economic Trusts quite well. He recommended five hundred dollars per day. I'm not going to say but we significantly lower than that but he said five hundred dollars per day is probably an average of Trust for doing this sort of work for an Economic Trust. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Any more recommendations for a daily remuneration? The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's not a recommendation per say, I guess it's more or less a concern given that the recommendation was given from Mike Flatters who's already on contact with Nunatsiavut Government and I don't think it's fair that a member of a current Trust established by and operating at arms length from the Nunatsiavut Government set their own rate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of the recommendation made by the Minister for the amount of five hundred dollars a day. Looking at the resumes that was provided to us and knowing that some of these people are very

experienced financial wizards, I'll use that word, given the length of experience they've had, bankers, what not, and I believe that the advice we received said that those people don't come at a cheaper rate. I did hear and appreciate what the Member from Canada said on the boards and the committees that were established under the Land Claims Agreement and the rate is the true ranges from two hundred fifty to three hundred fifty a day, but this is not a board, this is not a committee Mr. Speaker, this is a Trust that will very much determine the success, the financial success of how it moves forward and how we are able to provide for monies to operate and run our Government. It has to be given special attention and I think that if we want to attract the best people then we should be able to provide, we should be prepared to provide suitable, whatever it is, financial compensation to those people. Again, I stand in support of the Minister's recommendation of five hundred dollars a day.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Do we have any more recommendations for a daily remuneration? Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. And I do appreciate the comments from the First Minister but I believe in setting a daily rate, we have to look beyond that because there's more in compensating people for sitting around a board room discussing particulars to putting forth recommendations in developing strategies to, for lack of a better word, to support the work of this Trust. There also has to be considered Mr. Speaker, in addition to a daily rate, a meal rate, accommodations, travel, which we haven't considered. I'm just wondering how that would be worked out? I would recommend at this point in time, maybe we need to go to the Trustees of the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, ask them to put together a budget and than maybe come back to this Assembly for approval of that budget. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. What are we being asked to certainly set is a daily remuneration and I would certainly hesitate to step outside of that daily remuneration and discuss other issues certainly that are related to the Trust. I will briefly recess; I would ask you to stay seated while I certainly provide some clarification on that issue. Good evening, I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. I did some checking on the issue with our Director of Legal Services. We've actually looked at the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust Deed, the out of pocket expenses, travel, accommodations are certainly provided to Trustees. They are compensated from the Trust and I've been advised by an original Trustee, Tim McNeil that they normally use Nunatsiavut Government rates for accommodations, for, you know, so these things are covered by the Trust itself. But all we are asked to provide is a daily remuneration for these Trustees. So we have two amounts, we have five hundred dollars per day, we have three hundred fifty dollars per day, are there any more recommendations. The Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Cut her right down the middle.

Mr. Broomfield: Do you have a figure to put forward?

Mr. Russell: Four hundred twenty five dollars, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you for the clarification. Are there any more recommendations? We have three recommendations for the daily remuneration. Again we will use the same process of elimination. Certainly we're not required by a resolution of three quarters of members present, we will use a majority vote on these three numbers for a daily remuneration. Any more recommendations before we begin the process for voting? Okay, on the first one, five hundred dollars per day, the number of members in favour, raise your hand. Thank you, the number of members opposed, raise your hand. Thank you. I think it's going to work for this process, so how do we set a daily rate? We have three figures. Okay we'll...I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. It seems we already have determined our daily remuneration for Trustees of the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust to be five hundred dollars per day. That was determined by a majority vote of nine to seven. So having accomplished that we will break for supper, reconvene at 7:15pm.

Mr. Broomfield: Good Evening everybody. We were scheduled to do a second reading of our Budget Bill starting now, certainly we are learning as we go, the proper manner with the budget is to be tabled in the Assembly, also the Assembly is required to receive the annual consolidated financial statement, I just been informed that certainly the Deputy Minister of Finance has gone to prepare copies of the annual consolidated financial statements for the benefit of members before we actually begin to discuss the Budget Bill there is one more issue that I need to bring to your attention and certainly is that issue we based today. 8.11 of Labrador Inuit Constitution require that there be an Auditor for Nunatsiavut, the Transitional Assembly did not appoint an Auditor nor has this Assembly appointed an Auditor to date. 8.11.2 of the Constitution states that an Auditor is to be appointed by the President on nomination of the Assembly. The Auditor for Nunatsiavut shall hold office for a term of five years. In light of the fact that certainly no Auditor has been appointed to date, and it is a constitutional requirement that an Auditor be appointed by the Assembly, appointed by the President, excuse me, on nomination of the Assembly it's something that we have some time to discuss that now in order to be proper and move forward, it would be good if this issue could be addressed. The only ones, certainly from my perspective, who has done the auditing to date, is Mr. Paul Janes of Deloitte, I'm not sure if this is the individual that this Assembly would like to appoint as an Auditor for Nunatsiavut. Get some thoughts on the go that would be appreciated. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain.

Ms. Erickson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May be we could put out proposals in appointing an Auditor, none of us here are really experts in selecting an Auditor, see what's out there. That's what I would recommend.

Mr. Broomfield: I think that would be a proper process to follow, certainly give individuals a chance to have an opportunity to apply to be an Auditor for Nunatsiavut. Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we certainly cannot have an Auditor that has an existing relationship with Nunatsiavut Government as it stands right now today.

What we witnessed here earlier on today is that we've had two Auditors sit before us and explain that they were directed by a Deputy Minister and followed to the letter his instructions. I believe an appointment of an Auditor by the President on nomination of the Assembly would have to be somebody completely third party who's job it is which this applies, perhaps the accounting processes and the preparation of statements for the various entities of the Nunatsiavut Government. It certainly could be someone that has been up to this point, effective calling and working for anybody to date. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. And certainly from my part I'm not exactly sure how we would approach the process of nominating an Auditor for Nunatsiavut. It is something that certainly we need to put some thought into, and not doing it for the sake of doing it, in light of events that certainly happened today, if the Auditors have not come forward in presenting their information to the Assembly, we certainly would have to deal with this issue at some point in the near future, the sooner we can address it and dissolve it certainly we can be better off we would be, anymore thoughts on how we should proceed on that matter? I like the suggestion from the AngajukKâk for Nain, is a good one and certainly open and accountable and gives individuals a chance to apply for this position. The Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. A concern I guess like everybody else around this table is an Auditor being appointed by the Assembly, the processes that would lead, if we're going to tender this it has to be done with respect to the Nunatsiavut Government Procurement Act, I just wanted to throw this in for consideration.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Certainly there has been no Auditor appointed by the Transitional Assembly. And it certainly has to be done by this Assembly. So would you like a process of tendering, the Department of Human Resources putting out a call for an Auditor for Nunatsiavut would be the first step?

Mr. Russell: Inaudible discussions, contract from an audited firm inaudible my point being that non-consolidated statements that were produced today they were presented in that form for the federal funding agencies (inaudible) our management teams work with (inaudible) the Auditors even said we don't want everybody seeing everything (inaudible) keeps us on our toes, make sure that everything coincides with (inaudible) and Auditor General is someone forensic for us, for lack of a better word, to make sure that we're doing things correctly. And that we're being watched on.

Mr. Broomfield: Certainly from my perspective, I would like to see this go to tender, if you want to call it, make it public to those who are qualified Auditors to apply to be an Auditor for Nunatsiavut, I think that would be the correct process, as a Government, would be the least that we should do and even more, for us to appoint someone by making it public knowledge certainly be corrected (inaudible).

Mr. Ponniuk: Anything over Fifteen thousand dollars inaudible.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a concern, I don't know what's already in place, one year, two years or three years and what that contractual agreement is.

Mr. Broomfield: We'll take a short recess before we proceed further. Good Evening everybody, I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. Certainly nothing has come easy today as you are all aware, but at the same time I feel we are accomplishing a great deal of work. In regard to the issue with an Auditor for Nunatsiavut I would like to call the Deputy Minister of Finance to the table and certainly to explain the issue to the Members of the Assembly, certainly if the Deputy Minister could come forward.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I guess the question was posed to myself about the current Auditors year to date, Deloitte and Touche, the information that I can give you is, in the summer of 2006, we put out for Audit Tender, we put out an Audit Tender for the Constitution, and we had received tenders back, the Deloitte boys were chosen as the Auditors for a five year period the fiscal year would have started March 2006. So it's a contract we have with them which was put out for tender, and I guess the contract would end on March 31st Two Thousand and Ten. Do that answer you question Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Broomfield: Certainly this clarifies the issue on a go forward basis, when the term is up for the current Auditors, we certainly need to nominate Auditors for Nunatsiavut, and the President will appoint an Auditor at that time. Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I was just wanted to know if we could ask questions of the Deputy Minister at this point.

Mr. Broomfield: I would say yes, in an attempt to clarify the issue at hand, I would certainly say so, if the Deputy Minister is willing to take questions, we'll have the members ask a few questions.

Mr. Jacque: Certainly I'll answer your questions the best I can.

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

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Wyman for sharing that information. I would just like to know the date that you mentioned is the summer of 2006; was this during the transitional phase of the Nunatsiavut Government, I like to know why the Auditors were not appointed by the Transitional Assembly or why this was never brought to the elected Assembly? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Jacque: Thank you. I apologize I never stood earlier, I should've, to be fair I can only speak to the point that the tender went out in March 2006, sorry summer of 2006 for

year end March 2006, I can tell you that, that information was brought back to the Executive Council cause they had to make a decision because there were two Audit tenders, we had two firms, we had five chosen, five tenders sent out and two came back, that was the firm that was chosen, that was Deloitte and the firm that was chosen, unfortunately that's the best I can give information on.

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

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Then I guess we have a paper trail I can confirm that, the Auditors we are talking about now, the Auditors referenced in the Constitution are one and the same, documented by a nomination by the President and approval of our Transitional Assembly. Am I correct in assuming that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. I've been looking at the Hansard that was produced by the Transitional Assembly. I certainly can not find any reference in that, that states that the Auditors was nominated by the Transitional Assembly as appointed by the President so that information certainly is not in the Hansard or produced by the Transitional Assembly so, based on that I would assume that we shouldn't have a problem. Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. More a comment than a question, but if that's the case and it wasn't documented and the procedure wasn't followed, at present we are still in violation of Constitution and the Auditor that's referenced in there is not one and the same, the one we have a five year contract with. For whatever reason, we have a five year contract with Deloitte and Touche for, is totally separate than the issue we addressed today in reference in the audit in the Constitution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Again certainly I will take a brief recess and I would like to do that certainly we have to be certain of our processes and find the correct answers. We'll take a brief recess. Good Evening everybody, I would like to call the Assembly back to order, and extend my thanks to the Deputy Minister of Finance for sharing this information with the Assembly. Granted there is a provision in our Constitution that seems to be amiss, the important thing is that the tender was called, in, I would assume in 2006 for Auditors for Nunatsiavut, an Auditor was chosen, the step certainly the Assembly nominating an Auditor and the President appointing seemed to have that missed, we are a new Government and we are learning as we go, certainly from this time on when the term is up for our current Auditors, Deloitte and Touche, the correct process will be followed, I think that we should take this on a move forward basis and not criticize and look backwards but certainly learn from events that have happened and move forward. It certainly a difficult issue and there are many provisions in our Constitution, our Assembly Act and in our Land Claim Agreement that we need to be aware of and as time goes by, as we grow as a Government we will certainly do our best to comply with all these provisions but it will take time for us to do that. Make no mistake about that we will learn and we will grow and continue to strive to be a better Government and certainly the events that transpired today will give us the ability to take part that chain and become better moving forward rather than looking backwards, so I

think that we should take this as a big learning curb, learn from events that happened and take it from here and move on. At this time, sorry Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I like to agree with what you just said but I'm still a little bit concerned for the record that there is no record of an appointment for an Auditor, so I'm wondering whether or not we should do that retroactively at this sitting to ensure that there is a record, that the Auditors, that we are currently utilizing is sanctioned by this Assembly. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The Member raises a good point and certainly in order to be proper and to act in the manner that a Government should act and be in compliance with our Constitution although be it late in the game. There is certainly no harm in doing that. The Assembly would nominate an individual to be an Auditor and the President would appoint, we already know that Deloitte and Touche has a contract for a five year period that began in 2006, so would a member certainly put forward a motion to nominate Deloitte to be the Auditor for the Nunatsiavut Government? Until they run out of their current term. Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, that the Auditing firm of Deloitte and Touche be appointed by this Assembly to be the Auditors for the Nunatsiavut Government for the remainder of the term of the contract that was developed with Deloitte and Touche in the spring of 2006 until the end of their term of March 31, 2010. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: In Two Thousand and Ten?

Mr. Pottle: Yes.

Mr. Broomfield: Okay. Motion is in order. Certainly the Assembly is required to nominate and the President will appoint, the process we follow for motions and the member has an opportunity to offer his opening remarks if he wish to do so. Chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'll be brief in this given that this Assembly has recognized that this has been an oversight with respect to this process that you have happened during the Transitional Phase of the Nunatsiavut Government in 2006. I have no problem with Deloitte and Touche as they are a very reputable and national recognized accounting firm and I believe that they produced the work that we requested, it's a matter of direction, clear direction needs to be given by this Assembly in order for Deloitte and Touche to carry out the work that is so directed by this Assembly. Therefore Mr. Speaker I encourage this Assembly to support this motion based on that fact, and I hope that we can finalize this very critical issue I guess and a very necessary one at this point in time. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. The floor is open for debate, should the Member wish to speak to the motion. If no Member wishes to speak, does the Member wish to conclude debate?

Mr. Pottle: Aye, Mr. Speaker, Nakummek. I wish to conclude this debate.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Motion to appoint to nominate Deloitte and Touche as Auditors for Nunatsiavut, requires the approval of this Assembly, by show of hands the number of Members in favor approving this motion. Thank you. By show of hands the number of Members not in favor. Thank you. Fifteen Members are in support of this motion to appoint Deloitte as Auditors for Nunatsiavut, one Member is opposed. The motion is carried. Certainly now Mr. President we now put it to you to appoint Deloitte as the Auditor for Nunatsiavut.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will certainly do that.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. President. Before we get into second reading of Budget Bill 2009-01 we will take a very quick recess and we will reconvene shortly.

Mr. Broomfield: I have been informed by our translators that we are having trouble with our recording equipment certainly you can see the OK Society here filming this sitting so that all the information can be captured for producing a complete Hansard. It is very good to see that. Thank you. I also like to thank the Member for Canada for introducing that motion on a go forward basis, certainly, I've been stressing to be proactive that is a proactive measure, so thank you for that. At this time I would like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Finance to do the second reading of Budget Bill 2009-01.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I seek unanimous consent for debate in standing orders 118 and 119 to proceed second reading of Budget Bill 2009-01 today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The Honorable Minister of Finance seeks unanimous consent to proceed second reading of Bill 2009-01. Does the Minister have unanimous consent?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: Proceed Minister.

Mrs. Gear: Mr. Speaker. I move, second by the Member for Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak, Bill 2009-01, Budget Act 2009 be read for the second time.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The motion is in order, the procedure or second reading debate will be a clause by clause review of the detail of the Bill each member may speak for up to fifteen minutes on each clause if they wish to do so. Does

everybody have the Budget Bill? Budget Act 2009, Budget Act 2009 is an act to enact consolidated financial plan of the Nunatsiavut Government for the fiscal year beginning April 1st, Two Thousand and Nine and ending March 31st, Two Thousand and Ten. We'll do a clause by clause review, if you look at the acts being enacted by the President of Nunatsiavut and the Nunatsiavut Assembly as follows: On one, short title, this Inuit Law may be cited as the Budget Act 2009. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: Clause 2: interpretation, in this act, unless the context otherwise requires act based the Budget Act 2009 that's a, b, budget is the consolidated financial plan referred to in Section 3 of this act, c, Nunatsiavut fund means the consolidated revenue fund of the Nunatsiavut Government established and maintained in terms of chapter 8 of the Labrador Inuit Constitution. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: Clause 3: budget approved and adopted, the consolidated financial plan of the Nunatsiavut Government for fiscal year dated April 1st, Two Thousand and Nine and ending March 31st, Two Thousand and Ten tabled in the Nunatsiavut Assembly on March 17, Two Thousand and Nine a copy of which is added next to this act as Annex A is hereby approved and adopted as the consolidated financial plan of Nunatsiavut Government for the fiscal plan dated April 1st, Two Thousand and Nine to March 31st, Two Thousand and Ten. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: Authorization to raise and collect revenues, Clause 4, the Nunatsiavut Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to raise and collect revenues set out in the Budget have to pay the same into the Nunatsiavut Fund. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: Goods and Services Tax and fiscal financing agreements remain in affect, Clause 5, nothing in this act affects the GST Act 2006, the administration agreement entered into pursuant to the Nunatsiavut GST Act 2006, or the fiscal financing agreement would remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: Statements must be authorized, Clause 6, low payments may be made out of the Nunatsiavut Fund during the fiscal period April 1st, Two Thousand and Nine to March 31st, Two Thousand and Ten except in the accordance with the Budget, pursuant to a funding agreement entered into by the Nunatsiavut Government for in accordance with an authorization under some other act of the Assembly. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: Time limit on payment authorized under this act, Clause 7, subject to section 64 of the financial administration act, no payment may be made under this act, after March 31st, Two Thousand and Ten. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: Appropriations in respect to Assembly and departments, clause 8, in accordance with the Budget, the following persons may requisition from and out of the Nunatsiavut Fund the following amounts for the following purposes: 8a Nunatsiavut Assembly, there may under requisition of the Speaker be paid from and out of the Nunatsiavut Fund up to the amount of one million seven hundred nine thousand and thirty one dollars, for the fiscal year beginning April 1st, Two Thousand and Nine in respect of the Assembly and its Members. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: 8b: Nunatsiavut Secretariat, there may under requisition of the President be paid from and out of the Nunatsiavut Fund up to the amount of one million seven hundred fifty six thousand five hundred and fifteen dollars, for the fiscal year beginning April 1st, Two Thousand and Nine in respect of the functions, programs and services of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: 8c: Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs, there may under requisition of the First Minister be paid from and out of the Nunatsiavut Fund up to the amount of seven million six hundred and twenty three dollars and four cents, for the fiscal year beginning on April 1st, Two Thousand and Nine in respect of the functions, programs and services of the Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: 8d: Department of Finance and Human Resources, there may under requisition of the Nunatsiavut Treasurer be paid up to the amount of six million four hundred and thirty three thousand four hundred and thirty one dollars, for the fiscal year beginning on April 1st, Two Thousand and Nine in respect of the functions, programs and services of the Department of Finance and Human Resources. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: 8e: Department of Lands and Natural Resources, there may under requisition of the Nunatsiavut Minister of Lands and Natural Resources be paid up to the amount of two million five hundred and three thousand sixty five dollars, for the fiscal

year beginning on April 1st, Two Thousand and Nine in respect of the functions, programs and services of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: 8f: Department of Health and Social Development, there may under requisition of the Nunatsiavut Minister of Health and Social Development be paid up to the amount of thirty million two hundred and fifty five thousand two hundred dollars, for the fiscal year beginning on April 1st, Two Thousand and Nine in respect of the functions, programs and services of the Department of Health and Social Development. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: 8g: Department of Education and Economic Development, there may under requisition of the Nunatsiavut Minister of Education and Economic Development be paid up to the amount of six million nine hundred and ten thousand and five dollars, for the fiscal year beginning on April 1st, Two Thousand and Nine in respect of the functions, programs and services of the Department of Education and Economic Development. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: 8h: Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, there may under requisition of the Nunatsiavut Minister of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, be paid up to the amount of one million one hundred and thirty three thousand six hundred and twenty six dollars, for the fiscal year beginning on April 1st, Two Thousand and Nine in respect of the functions, programs and services of the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: Clause 9: appropriation in respect of Inuit Community Governments Budgets in accordance with the Budget, and subject to section 10 there may under requisition of the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, be paid from and out of the Nunatsiavut Fund, up to the amount of seven million two hundred and thirty two thousand three dollars, for the fiscal year beginning on April 1st, Two Thousand and Nine in respect of the functions, programs and services of the of Inuit Community Governments. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: Clause 10: requirement for requisition in respect of Inuit Communities, the Nunatsiavut Treasurer shall before making any requisition under Section 9 be satisfied that: a) the budget of the Inuit Community Government has been approved with Section 10.3.6 of the Labrador Inuit Constitution and b) the requisition is consistent with the advice of the Communities Joint Management Committee with respect to the

equitable division of the Inuit Community Governments of the amounts to referred to in Section 9. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: Clause 11: appropriation in respect of Inuit Community Corporation Budgets, in accordance with the budget subject to Section 12, there may be on requisition of the Nunatsiavut Treasurer shall before making any requisition under Section 9 be paid from and out of the Nunatsiavut Fund be paid up to the amount of one hundred fifty thousand dollars for the fiscal year beginning on April 1st, Two Thousand and Nine in respect of the functions, programs and services of the Inuit Community Corporations. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: Clause 12: Inuit Community Corporation Budgets, must be approved by the Executive Council, the Nunatsiavut Treasurer shall not make any requisition under Section 11, unless the requisition is made with respect of an annual Budget of an Inuit Community Corporation that has been approved by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: Clause 13: other requisitions must be budgeted for and be authorized by the Executive Council, any requisition for payment from and out of the Nunatsiavut Fund that is not authorized specifically in Sections 8, 9 and, 11 of this act must be provided for in the Budget that must first be authorized by order of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: Clause 14: transfer between funds for Departmental budgets, nothing in this act prevents the transfer of an amount between funds or Departmental Budgets in accordance of the Financial Administration Act. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: Clause 15: executive date, this act comes into effect upon its registration pursuant to the Inuit Laws Registration Act. All in favor.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: The Members has already approved Annex A, I'll give you some time to certainly read through it. In the Hansard, for people who wish to do that, and see the information, this will be Schedule Annex A and will certainly be incorporated in the Hansard. Chair recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, not a show stopper, just a slight discrepancy on page 6 on the updates to the House of Assembly Budget; I'm prepared to make an adjustment to that.

Mr. Broomfield: That concludes the clause by clause review of the Bill; does the Minister wish to conclude debate? Thank you, that concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2009-01?

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Broomfield: Accordingly with unanimous consent of the Assembly Bill 2009-01, Budget Act 2009 has had second reading. Mr. President the Assembly has given second reading to Bill 2009-01, Budget Act and is too presented for a set.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Members, as President of Nunatsiavut Assembly, I hereby assent to you Bill 2009-01, Budget Act 2009 and hereby sign them into Law. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. President.

Assembly: Applause.

Mr. Broomfield: Having completed second reading of Budget Bill 2009-01, we will adjourn for this evening and reconvene tomorrow morning at 9 am. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Ullakut Illonasi, Good Morning everybody. I'd like to call the Assembly to order. At this time I would like to recognize Reverend Brian Burrows to do the opening prayer.

Reverend Burrows: Prayer recited.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Reverend Burrows, Nakummek. For the information for the members, we have two pages, Samantha Abel and Hilda Pijogge. I'd also like to recognize our translators John Jararuse and Gus Semigak, also to staff of the OKalaKatiget Society for filming this sitting. I also like to welcome the visitors in the gallery. Also for the information of the members, the office of the Clerk is working on getting a flight into Hopedale today sometime and we'll certainly keep you up to date as to what's happening there. We'll move on to item four in our agenda, *Minister's Statements*. Do any Ministers wish to make a statement at this time? The Chair recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope this is the appropriate time, I was asked during question period two days ago by the Member from Canada and I wish at this time to respond to his two questions. Correct me, I'm sure that the Member will if I'm wrong, but I believe that the first question that the Member asked was from what fund did the

monies come for a Five thousand dollar compensation that was paid to beneficiaries. I can tell the Member, Mr. Speaker from Canada, the Member from Canada that the funds came from and I will use this term that I know that the Members are most familiar with, Chapter Nineteen dollars. The second question that the Member posed Mr. Speaker is, was there a money bill, that's not exactly his wording but I'm sure that he would agree that that's basically what he asked and acknowledged that he is not, he nodded, Mr. Speaker, I think most Members are aware that there was a resolution from the LIA board at that time that these monies were paid out it was during the days of Transitional Government and that in fact the Member is correct when he says he is unable to find the legislation that there was a Money Bill passed for the payment of this money of what has become known as the five thousand dollar payout and the Member is correct. I would say that however, Mr. Speaker that the Assembly acted or the Government acted in accordance with, to comply with a resolution, a decision that was made prior to the effective date of the Land Claims Agreement and that I would go further to say Mr. Speaker that there was no wrong doing, no intent, no misappropriation of funds and perhaps there should have been the proper Money Bill and the proper legislation in place, and I acknowledge at this time there wasn't as there was for other payments in those early days of transition, there was no money bill. I hope that answers the Member's question, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just some positive news I'd like to share with you regarding the Drummers and Throat Singers. Our Drummers and Throat Singers from Upper Lake Melville will be going into Lab City to perform at the closing of Cain's Quest. They also did some drumming and throat singing at the Big Land Dog Team Challenge race in Goose Bay. It seems like the throat singing and drumming is coming back as the Member from Canada had his Drummers and Throat Singers go to Ottawa. Also the Drummers from Nain are going to Vancouver so I think it's good that the drumming and throat singing is coming back, not only in the communities but outside of the communities and I commend everybody that's involved in this. Nakummek.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Honorable Minister. It's easy to see that a traditional activity is being revived as you say it's good to see that. Thank you. Any other Ministers wish to make a statement at this time? We'll move on to Member Statements. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

Mr. Michelin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to, when I first came here my Members Statement, I asked the Nunatsiavut Government to help the people of Northern Labrador and Labrador in general I would imagine to have a better Ferry Service, Ferry and Freight Service especially for the North Coast communities of Labrador. In the past our freight and passenger service has not been up to par and it's not proper for this day and age. We are people, we should not be treated like, I don't want to say the word, but what I want to see the Nunatsiavut Government, Ministers and AngajukKâks, and Members hold together and make sure that the people of Northern Labrador get a better

Ferry Transportation System because we deserve it. We, unlike the Province, Island portion of the Province have to go with second hand equipment and that is not good especially when your life depends on it. It is vital for Economic Development in the North, and it is vital for the survival of the Inuit. Seeing that we are isolated and forced to be isolated, I hope and I try that we all can pray together and lobby the Provincial Government to give us a better transportation system for Northern Labrador. Nakummek.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Any more Members wish to make a statement? We'll move on to *Tabling of Documents and Petitions*. Are there any documents or petitions to be tabled at this time? We'll move on to item seven, *Question Period*. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Postville.

Mr. Decker: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Acting Minister for Lands and Natural Resources. As you're well aware I guess the Land Tenure, I hope I got it right and the registering of trap lines and cabins have, I say caused great disturbance in my community. People are upset with that. They asked me if anything can be done. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: The Chair recognizes the President.

Mr. President: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To answer the AngajukKâk for Postville, I think Bob Warren and his committee is traveling the communities and I hope at that time you make your concerns to him and brought them all forward and as you're well aware there is a process in place where you can still continue to make your cases to him and he will be bringing them to the Nunatsiavut Government. Thank you very much.

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

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I direct my question to the President of Nunatsiavut. Mr. President, a couple of weeks ago you put out a call for Ordinary Members to be available for Strategic Planning in Nain during the week of March 30th to April 2nd. I did ask you a question by email as did the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, as well as an email and telephone call in respect to asking if you could share your rationale with us why the full Assembly was not invited to participate in this Strategic Planning Process. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. President: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To answer the Honorable Member for Canada. The Strategic Planning session as you're well aware as you mentioned is for the thirtieth of March I think it begins up to the second or third of April whatever times it takes to get it completed. The rationale at the time was that we would be inviting all the elected Members; however there hasn't been a final decision made as you all are well aware, I haven't said that we aren't inviting the AngajukKâks. We may well do so yet, it's a matter of planning, hotel space and funds; however I am well aware that they are looking

to me to be able to attend and a decision won't be made probably until sometime next week at which time I will notify the Members. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Any more questions at this time? The Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Minister Ponniuk. I'm aware of numerous applications that was submitted to your Department from the community of Makkovik in relation to the funds for recreation and community festivities. The criteria states that it would be six weeks. Can you tell me if any applications has been approved. Thank you.

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

Mr. Ponniuk: In the criteria, it does say six weeks but under some circumstances where six weeks notice could not be given there were exceptions made and there were applications approved within that six week period. In regards to your question, if there were applications approved, yes there was but right at this time I'm not sure which ones were, that file is with my Deputy, I'm not sure if he's here now, yet Sheldon is here now and I'm not sure if he got that information with him but if he wanted to know he could certainly get it for you. Thank you very much.

Mr. Broomfield: Any more questions? Are there any written questions to be presented? So we will move on to item 9 of our agenda, *Written Questions*, at this time I would like to recognize the Honorable First Minister, as the Honorable First Minister is not quite prepared we will take a brief recess. Good Morning everybody, I'd like to call the Assembly back to order and at this time I would ask that the Deputy Speaker to take the Speaker's chair.

Mr. Pottle: Ullakut Illonasi. At this point in time we will continue with our Orders of the Day. The Chair recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm sure that there's no secret why I'm standing, I'm standing to put forth a name to nominate an individual for the Portfolio Minister of, I don't even remember it half of the time, Lands and Natural Resources and I will do that Mr. Speaker, but Mr. Speaker I have to say that I am a human being, I take my job very seriously but at some times there can be a little bit of emotion in how we do our business and this is an important day. It certainly is for that individual, it's an important day but I would before I do that Mr. Speaker is I'd like to take just a second to express my personal appreciation for my friend, my colleague and fellow Ordinary Minister from Nain, who was a short time ago the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and I wish to say Mr. Speaker that from the bottom of my heart during my time as First Minister, during the months I served as Acting President, I can say in all honesty that you fulfilled your duties as Minister of Lands and Natural Resources very well, than many times I relied on you and you gave not only advice to me from your portfolio as Minister of Lands and Natural Resources but you drew upon your experience

as President for many years of the LIA and for that Mr. Speaker, I again wish to thank you. There were some hard times and I for one that particularly comes to mind Mr. Speaker is during my times as Acting President then when Minister Barbour introduced what became a very controversial and what became know as the moratorium on mining and milling of Uranium. It was not an easy time for me and as the Minister responsible for introducing that legislation I know that it was not easy for you and it do stand out in my mind because it showed Mr. Speaker what that person was made of and he stood the bombardment not only from Exploration Companies and not only from Members of the Assembly but members of Communities. He stood his ground in what he believed to be in the best interest of Nunatsiavut and I think that was an example for all of us. There are times its not easy and it is difficult and I wish to point that out. It is not with reluctance that I stand here to nominate someone and I'm certainly not saying that we are doing anything wrong here Mr. Speaker, I just wish to express my personal appreciation, I thank as I said from the bottom of my heart, Mr. Speaker, to my friend, Ordinary Member from Nain. (Applause) Mr. Speaker, I stand and I wish to nominate the portfolio the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Ordinary Member from Makkovik, Mr. Broomfield, in saying so, Mr. Speaker, I ask that the Assembly will accept that nomination. The Member from Makkovik in his duties as Speaker, I think, that there is no one that will question his, the way that he had conducted and brought honor to the first appointment to that seat of high esteem, the Speaker of the Assembly. I know that in the early days and it still is early days, the things that were not easy for him in doing his job. There was no one in this House that could give advice to him, he relied on I suppose the Legal Counsel and help that we were able to bring in from the outside. He has done a tremendous job and indeed it will be sad to see him leave, leave that seat but as a Government we have to from time to time meet new challenges and move when called upon to do so. I've known the Member from Makkovik and I will say that since he was a little boy not to say Mr. Speaker that I am old, certainly I am not, but that it's just that he a little bit younger than me. I've known him and his connection Mr. Speaker to the land; I've known how he stood up many times to express his concern over issues regarding land and resources. It is perhaps, truly he has proven himself again as I said as the Speaker and the honor that he has brought to that office but long before his election as Ordinary Member for Makkovik he was quite active in speaking on issues with respect to Land and Resources in Nunatsiavut and I have to say that he will bring a great deal of knowledge to that portfolio. Not ramble on and on too much this morning Mr. Speaker, I can only say it is with great pleasure that I put forward the name Mr. Broomfield, the Ordinary Member for Makkovik to fill that position Minister of Lands and Resources. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Honorable First Minister. Thank you for your words and I agree that it must not be an easy choice and decision. You obviously weighed the pros and cons of your decision and this House respects that. That being said, the process for nomination of a new Minister to the Nunatsiavut Government is outlined in the Constitution, the First Minister nominates and the Assembly consents or does not consent to the nomination. There is no process that I'm aware of that allows for debate on this matter but in all fairness to the people for sitting around this table I will make allowances for individual Members to address the nomination if they so chose. At this point in time

is there any Assembly members who would like to speak to the nomination of the Ordinary Member for Makkovik for the position of Minister of Lands and Resources? The Chair recognizes the Ordinary Member for Makkovik.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It seems pretty strange to say that I guess, with your blessing I'll have to get used to that and I would like to thank the Honorable First Minister for his words that he has chosen. Being the Speaker has been very difficult with no rules to sort of guide me other than the Assembly Act itself and our Constitution and trying to interpret that on the fly has been very difficult and yet at the same time very rewarding and I feel that the Member for Canada will fulfill that role in a manner that it should be. Should you, as an Assembly consent to this nomination I would accept this position with honor. I will strive to put Nunatsiavut first and I will continue to do that with your support. Thank you.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. Broomfield. Is there any other members who would like to address this Assembly on the nomination for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources? If there are no other members who wish to speak to the nomination, I would like by a show of hands from the Assembly all those in favour who support the nomination of the Ordinary Member for Makkovik for the Minister of Lands and Resources. Thank you, by unanimous consent the Assembly has given it's blessing to this appointment and I thank you for that and I welcome the Honorable Minister of Land and Natural Resources to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. (Applause) The Chair recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut.

Mr. President: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will at this time administer the Oath of office your new Minister of Lands and Resources. Todd repeat after me, I, Todd Broomfield solemnly affirm that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut and the Inuit of Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

Mr. Broomfield: I, Todd Broomfield solemnly affirm that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut and the Inuit of Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

Mr. President: I will obey, respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution, all Inuit Laws and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

Mr. Broomfield: I will obey, respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution, all Inuit Laws and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

Mr. President: I will hold my office as Minister with honor and dignity.

Mr. Broomfield: I will hold my office as Minister with honor and dignity.

Mr. President: I will be a true and faithful councilor to the President.

Mr. Broomfield: I will be a true and faithful councilor to the President:

Mr. President: I will not divulge directly or indirectly any secret matter entrusted to me.

Mr. Broomfield: I will not divulge directly or indirectly any secret matter entrusted to me.

Mr. President: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader in accordance with all applicable standards and codes of conduct.

Mr. Broomfield: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader in accordance with all applicable standards and codes of conduct.

Mr. President: and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously and to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Mr. Broomfield: and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously and to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Mr. President: Thank you, Todd. (Applause)

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you.

Mr. President: Your signature and again Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. President. And again congratulations Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources. At this point in time I ask you to take your seat at the appropriate place in this Assembly on the side of the table with the other Members of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. With the appointment of the Speaker, the former Speaker to the position of Minister of Lands and Natural Resources obviously this creates a void in this Assembly that needs to be filled and in order for this Assembly to proceed and carry out its function there must be a Speaker named to the House of Assembly. At this point in time the Chair recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut.

Mr. President: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to appoint a new Speaker to our House. I won't be as eloquent as Tony but I'll very briefly say that I know that this Member will treat the position fairly, wisely uphold the Constitution and with no bias. I'm indeed pleased to announce today that I nominate Danny Pottle as Speaker of the House of Assembly. Thank you. (Applause)

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. President. And thank you for your confidence, and I thank the Members from this Assembly for your confidence as well, in order for this appointment to be sanctioned I would like to know if the Assembly supports the appointment of myself, to fill the duties of the Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

Assembly: Aye.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek. Again I would like to thank the Assembly for your confidence, the former Member has left a very huge pair of kamiks for me to step into. I will do my utmost to ensure that I will follow; I will do my utmost to follow in his footsteps. At this point in time I'd like to call upon the President to administer the Oath of Office for the Speaker.

Mr. President: In the presence of the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and in full realization of the responsibilities that have been entrusted to me by the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

Mr. Pottle: In the presence of the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and in full realization of the responsibilities that have been entrusted to me by the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

Mr. President: I, Danny Pottle swear that I will obey, observe, uphold and maintain the Rights and Privileges of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and the standing orders and procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and I solemnly and sincerely promise.

Mr. Pottle: I, Danny Pottle swear that I will obey, observe, uphold and maintain the Rights and Privileges of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and the standing orders and procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and I solemnly and sincerely promise.

Mr. President: to represent and speak for the Nunatsiavut Assembly with integrity and honor to preside over business of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and enforce the rules and procedures of the Assembly with independence, fairness, impartiality, patience and understanding.

Mr. Pottle: to represent and speak for the Nunatsiavut Assembly with integrity and honor to preside over business of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and enforce the rules and procedures of the Assembly with independence, fairness, impartiality, patience and understanding.

Mr. President: and to promote the efficient operation of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and prevent the obstruction or frustration of this Assembly in the conduct of its business.

Mr. Pottle: and to promote the efficient operation of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and prevent the obstruction or frustration of this Assembly in the conduct of its business.

Mr. President: So help me God.

Mr. Pottle: So help me Gude. (Applause)

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. President. And I'd just like to reiterate, I'm honored to hold this position and I will do my utmost to ensure that the processes and procedures of this House are followed to the nines. That being said there is another duty that I have to

perform and I believe that it is important to perform this duty before this Assembly ends its session and that is to appoint a Deputy Speaker to the Assembly. At this point in time I would like to recess for a few minutes until I have the opportunity to consult with the two members who are eligible for this position. In all fairness to the two members who may not have known that this process was unfolding today. I would like to have in the spirit of Inuit values, a consultation with the two Members who are eligible to be appointed to this position. With that we will take a 15 minute recess and reconvene at approximately 10:25.

Mr. Pottle: I would like to call the House back to order. At this point in time the Speaker would like to appoint a Deputy Speaker, I would like to appoint the Ordinary Member of Upper Lake Melville for the position of Deputy Speaker for the remaining session of the House of Assembly. Moving on, (Applause) moving on with our agenda are there any motions to come forward in the House at this time? The Chair recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut.

President Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know if I'm out of order, It's not a motion its just an announcement, also I would like to let the rest of the Assembly know that there has been a Cabinet shuffle Minister of Health and Social Development, Diane Gear now Diane will be the Minister of Health and Social Development who's moved from Finance, and Minister Flowers is now going into Finance. Thank you very much.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek Mr. President, for sharing that with us, and for following the process of making the decision and I welcome Minister Flowers to his new position as Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology I just want to, before I congratulate the Minister Diane Gear of Health and Social Development, I understood from earlier consultations with the President that the responsibility for the Status of Women was also to be moved over to the Department of Health and Social Development, am I correct in making that assumption Mr. President?

Mr. President: Yes, Mr. Speaker. That is correct.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. President. Welcome Minister Gear to portfolio of the Department of Health, Social Development and the Status of Women. I wish you both luck in your new roles and I'm sure you'll carry out your duties to the best of your abilities. If there are no other motions to be brought forward in the House I would like to call the 6th Session and the 12th sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly closed. Thank you and we look forward to our next session. Nakummek.

(Applause)