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**PARLIAMENTARY  
REPORT**

*March 9-11, 2010*  
Speaker: Honorable Daniel Pottle

**In Attendance:**

Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Honorable **Daniel Pottle**

President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable **Jim Lyall**

First Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Ordinary Member for Nain, Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Honorable **Anthony Andersen**

Minister of Health and Social Development and the Status of Women, Honorable **Diane Gear**

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

Minister of Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Honorable **Todd Broomfield**

Ordinary Member for Nain, **William Barbour**

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

Ordinary Member for Hopedale, **Gregory Flowers**

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

AngajukKâk for Nain, **Sarah Erickson**

AngajukKâk for Postville, **Keith Decker**

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, **Judy Dicker**

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, **Herb Jacque**

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

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

Legal Consultant, **Veryan Haysom**

Clerk of the Assembly, **Mary Sillett**

**Absent:**

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

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

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, **Daniel Michelin**

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

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

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

Acting Director of Communications, **Bert Pomeroy**

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

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*Assembly commenced at 9:00 a.m.*

**Mr. Pottle:** Ullakut Illonasi, Good Morning I would like to call the 8<sup>th</sup> session and the 15<sup>th</sup> sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to order. To begin our orders of the day I'd like to call upon elder, John Jararuse to do our opening prayer.

**John Jararuse:** Prayer recited.

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek, John. Order number 3, Orders and Recognitions from the Chair. For the benefit of the Assembly Members, we have 2 pages to assist with this sitting of the Assembly. They are Donna Flowers and Priscilla Nochasak. Nakummek and welcome. For the benefit of the Assembly Members as well we have four support staff assisting the Clerk and her staff for this sitting of the Assembly. They are David Abel, Amos Jararuse, Agnes Millie and David "Sonny" Abel. Nakummek and welcome. I'd like to say thank you to our translators John and Wilson Jararuse. Also thank you and welcome to the Members of the Okalakatiget Society for filming this session of the sitting of the Assembly. Welcome Janelle Barbour and Silpa Saurak. Any Members needing assistance with travel and/or accommodations, please see Hilda Hunter, the assistant to Mary. Absent from this session for medical reasons is the Minister of Culture Recreation and Tourism, Ben Ponniuk and the Chair of NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation for Upper Lake Melville. Max Winters, who we all know has been in the hospital for the last few weeks. We wish Max all the best for a speedy recovery. During this sitting of the Assembly we will be having guests presenting from the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador who are on the way and they should be here sometime this morning. The Honorable Susan Sullivan, the Minister of Human Resources, Labor and Employment and 3 of her support staff will be here to inform the Assembly Members of recent changes with respect to some programs that have been evolved from the Federal Government to the Provincial Government. Minister Sullivan will do a presentation and we expect that this House will take a break from our proceedings and we will convene as a Committee of the Whole in order for Minister Sullivan and her entourage to present to the Assembly Members. I would also like to thank Robert Ford, the IT support personal from our IT Division for assisting with the technical aspects of this sitting as well. I understand that the Honorable Patty Pottle will also be here to observe Minister Sullivan's presentation to the Committee of the Whole and I would like to welcome her in advance as well. And I would also like to welcome visitors to the gallery and I'd like to say nakummek for your interest and for taking time to come view the proceedings of the House of Assembly. That concludes announcements and recognitions from the chair. Order number 4, tabling of documents and petitions. Are there any documents or petitions to be tabled at this sitting of the Assembly? The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time I would like to table the Nunatsiavut Government annual report 2008-2009. It's this document, one cover is

English and on the other side is Inuktitut. As well, Mr. Speaker I would like to table the 2007-2008 Implementation Committee Annual report. It has one cover Mr. Speaker, and it is in English, French and Inuktitut. As well, Mr. Speaker I would like to advise the Assembly that the 2008-2009 Implementation Committee reported is drafted and it is in the translation stage and as well I would like to say that the layout and the covers for these two reports was done by our own Nunatsiavut Resource Center in Goose Bay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable First Minister, in keeping with our Standing Orders I would like to thank the Minister for announcing that he would be tabling these reports but I would ask the First Minister to move that these reports be tabled and accepted by the Assembly under Standing Order number 9. The First Minister.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move.....

**Mr. Pottle:** Order please. I would ask you to do your moving and tabling of these reports under Standing Order number 9 Reports of Standing and Special Committees.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my apologies.

**Mr. Pottle:** No problem, thank you First Minister. Are there any further documents or petitions to be tabled at this sitting of the Assembly? The President of Nunatsiavut.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be providing later on this morning our strategy plan for the next five years. It's not available right now but it will be available later on this morning. Thank you very much.

**Mr. Pottle:** Are there any further documents or petitions to be tables? The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I move that the letter by Mr. Charles Donald Martin dated March 8, 2010 be accepted by this Assembly. A copy has been provided in the back of our binders and it is a three page letter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. We have had some discussions on this issue and it seems to be unclear in our Standing Orders and the process is not there for tabling of letters or such correspondence. So in the absence of that we will accept the tabling of this letter as a document and I would like to seek the advice of the Assembly on how you would like to proceed on this matter. For clarity's sake, in past we had had such letter of correspondence presented to the Assembly but we have no clear approach for dealing with such correspondence. Therefore I need to ask the advice of the Assembly on how you would like to have this document addressed. The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I feel that all letters from any beneficiary that takes the time to communicate directly with this Assembly, if they are not specific to a

Minister, to a portfolio, to a Member for a particular Action and have general concerns for Inuit, I believe we should accept them as any other document that could be tabled in this House regardless of its origin, especially a letter that is as sincere as this one and as important as this one and contains many issues that we will have to address as an Assembly. I believe it's the least we can do is to accept it in the Tabling of Documents. Even though it is not, even though it is from a particular individual, I still think there's merit in having it discussed at the Assembly level and officially put on the record as have been tabled and accepted by this Assembly. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. The Chair recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to suggest that the document from Charles Martin should first be addressed, go to the Minister responsible for the concerns that he is facing, the Minister then would deal with the issue and if there is any further clarification it would be brought back to the Assembly at a later date. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, President Lyall.

**President Lyall:** I would suggest that for the interim it would go to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources who would bring it to the attention of LICST and the LIDC. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Is there any more advice? The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. I would like to say on behalf of Mr. Martin to our President that that's already been attempted long before he received this letter by Mr. Martin. Mr. Martin came to me as his representative at the time. I also approached those individuals for some help, some guidance, some clarification on the issues outlined in this letter which are extremely serious. I got no where and Mr. Martin got no where with the issues outlined in this letter. I believe that it's our duty as an Elected Assembly, the representative of the people to launch a full investigation through whatever means necessary, through whatever the proper channels are to clarify and define the relationships between the Minister, the general manager of LIDC as outlined in this letter as well as the Trustees because at this time. It's not clear what that relationship is between the Trustees of the LICST, the board of directors of the LIDC, the general manager of the LIDC and where the Minister of Economic Development and Education fits in there or the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources as you just mentioned earlier. We have no idea exactly who's responsible for making the hard decisions to deal with this matter here and again if it's the intent of the Speaker to launch this into the debate right now, I'll certainly do that. You can stop me at anytime of course, but the bottom line here is we've had, I believe a great wrong done to somebody and if its this Government's position to support and bring back our educated and experienced beneficiaries back to Labrador, back to eventually Nunatsiavut in order to have them become contributing Members of our society and our government then we have to stand up. We have to do what's right and I believe the only way this is going to happen is to

launch a full investigation into the entire situation, an entire recounting of events that happened and people have to answer for what's been said, for what's been done and how things have unfolded in this situation. We can't simply, out of one side of our mouth say that one of our great strategies is to bring back the experienced and the educated and to have them contribute and then on the other hand let non beneficiaries and executive positions run wild. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The AngajukKak for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I point back to your original question. You were looking for some advice or direction as to what to do with documents. I think really it should be up to the individual. We receive a lot of letters. There are some that we can deal with ourselves and some we feel that can be contained to a certain department or in our case community government but I think in some instances and I'll say, I'll use Mr. Martin's letter as an example. In his letter he specifies what Actions he tried and what he has tried to solve, what he feels are his issues and his challenges and they weren't addressed and in something like that where in the letter it says that it hasn't been addressed by whomever he directed to and he's not getting the answers he feels he needs then, I think it should be taken then upon a Member to bring it to this table or to the Assembly. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** The First Minister.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The letter, if it is a letter, it starts off "Dear Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly" and I guess it ends "Sincerely Charles Martin." That is a letter. The process however, Mr. Speaker outlined by the Member for Upper Lake Melville that there should be a full investigation. It is a dangerous precedent that we could set that every a beneficiary or an employee has employment terminated all that person has to do is write a letter to the Assembly and we will launch a full investigation and over the course of time we'll probably spend a lot of time at this Assembly in investigating the concerns of disgruntled, expelled, suspended or terminated employees. Our Government, Mr. Speaker is not without rules and procedures with respect to employee rights under our own public service laws, there are conditions, I suppose for termination and appeal process for employees, as well I believe that the Member is fully aware of the Employee Manual for the LIDC. We are going through some new changes where the LIDC now operates under the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust but I'm sure that there are roles. If they are a way out I'm sure there are labor laws in this province that allows for people such as Mr. Martin to have his fair time, to express if he was wrongfully dismissed or whatever but I feel Mr. Speaker that this would not be the place if we were to become, the Assembly becomes a Board or a Commission for hearing appeals from employees that were terminated. I don't think that this Assembly is the appropriate place. I would agree more with the President and that we do have a Minister that is responsible for the LIDC and that is the Minister for Economic Development and Education at this time and it would be I think in our interest to have the Minister's staff look into this letter, do his own departmental investigation and then to make a response to Members of this House who are concerned or have concerns and get a report from the

Ministers office. Otherwise Mr. Speaker as I said we could set a precedent where we become an Appeals Board or some kind of Commission that listens to letters from people that were terminated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you First Minister. Are there any others Members? Honorable Minister of Finance and Human Resources and Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have some different advice for you again from the Honorable First Minister and the AngajukKak for Nain and the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. This letter that was addressed to the Assembly, who is not addressed to any one person in particular, the Speakers office represents the Assembly. The Speaker speaks on behalf of the Assembly for Assembly issues. This letter was not addressed to the Minister of Economic Development for his Department to resolve. This letter was addressed to the Assembly. My advice to this Assembly is that the Speaker be tasked with responding to this letter that was addressed to the Assembly by Mr. Charles Martin. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** President of Nunatsiavut.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to clarify. Maybe there's someone here that know but I'm of the understanding that Mr. Martin is going to the Human Rights Commission on this. I don't know if that's correct or not but if he has I'd think we'd be interfering with the process if we stepped in now. I think if he has decided to go Human Rights Commission we should let that play out first. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** If there is no further advice, I would like to make a ruling on this matter. I don't want this to be a free for all debate because it wasn't the intent of me asking for advice of the Assembly Members. The advice is well taken and I believe as Speaker and the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology 's point is well taken and that this was addressed to the Assembly, but I believe that it is an issue relevant to a Department and I support the advice given by the First Minister that because this is an issue that crosses the Department of Education and Economic Development I believe that the responsible person for addressing this matter should be the Minister Responsible for Education and Economic Development. Therefore I will bring this matter to the attention of the Minister and ask him and his departmental staff to scrutinize the details of this letter and come back with a response to Mr. Martin. Is that acceptable to the Assembly?

**Assembly:** AYE

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Members for your advice on the matter. If there are no further documents and petitions to be at this time, we'll move on to order of the day 5 "Ministers Statement or Announcement." Is there any Minister who would like to make a statement at this time? The President of Nunatsiavut.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a couple of announcements and also a short statement. I'd like to advise the House that you are all probably aware that the 4<sup>th</sup> of May will be Election Day. I'm calling today for an election to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May and I also wish to announce the closing of nominations will be the 31<sup>st</sup> of March at 2pm. I also wish to advise this House that the Administration Centre in Nain will be having a grand opening on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. We had a number of dates set earlier, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup> but this date now from my understanding is the final date. So I advised all elected officials to come to Nain for the opening. And also Mr. Speaker I rise today first of all to say how extremely proud I am today to be able to present to this House a Strategic Plan, I understand that it is not in the building but it will be here sometime this morning. This is our blue print for the future. As you know Mr. Speaker this plan has been years in the making but for a number of reasons, the process was often stalled. When I was elected President, less than two years ago I made a commitment to put this plan in place. Last spring we engaged the services of GDB Consulting of St. John's to begin the process of putting the plan together. As you know Mr. Speaker, several strategy meetings were held in Nain and 1 session in Goose Bay involving elected Members and senior officials. I want to thank everyone who was involved in making this plan possible. While the plan did not address all of our needs it's a good starting point Mr. Speaker. It provides us with the opportunity to move forward as a government in a more constructive manner. In the past we have been accused of not doing enough to advance the interests of beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit land Claims Agreement. We have been accused of being to complacent of only reacting to issues rather than Acting on issues. Take for example Mr. Speaker the on-going labor dispute at Voisey's Bay. We have encouraged both sides on numerous occasions to get back to the table and to end this strike. Our people are hurting, our communities are hurting and it hurts me Mr. Speaker that our hands are tied, that we have no means whatsoever to intervene so that our people can go back to work. I have to admit Mr. Speaker when Labrador Inuit placed their Trust in me as their leader I though I had all the answers, I thought I would solve all the problems and I am sure Mr. Speaker that there are those around the table who feel the same way, nothing can be further from the truth for any of us. As elected Members Mr. Speaker our first priority is to represent the views of our constituents. As a government we are charged with the responsibility of trying to address the social and economic needs of our people and our communities while at the same time maintaining our way of life, way of culture, our heritage and our language. The challenges are enormous, Mr. Speaker and as President I am committed to meeting those challenges. By working together as elected Members, as a government we can overcome all of these challenges. We have been united, we all have to work together or we all fall together. I am confident Mr. Speaker that our strategic plan will put us on the right track towards economic and social prosperity, it will guide us in our decision making and it will help us lay out a solid foundation on which to build out future. All you have to know Mr. Speaker is where you are going. The answers will eventually come. By the time this Assembly meets again Mr. Speaker we will have gone through the second election for our Ordinary Members for this government. For those of you that are seeking re-election I want to wish you all the best. For those of you that will not be returning, I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication to our beneficiaries and for making Nunatsiavut a better place. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



**Mr. Pottle:** Is there any other Minister that would like to make an announcement or statements at this point in time? The Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I must say it's been a challenge to say the least to become familiar with the operations of the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. When the President asked me to take on this role, to transfer me from Lands to Finance I must admit I almost quit because I was making such good progress in the Department of Lands. About a month after that I guess I was pretty much in shock. But after getting into and learning the financial issues for this government I must say it's been a real challenge. Working with my Deputy Minister who was I guess himself at the time a bit unsure as to all of the conditions in the Financial Administration Act, really this is the bible for the Department of Finance. We operate our department, our financial affairs in terms of the conditions in the Financial Administration Act. So it has been a work in progress and I'm sure it will be on-going for years from now. One thing that I would like to bring to your attention is the quarterly statements that are being given to the Members by me recently. My department intends to make this a standard practice going forward to provide quarterly statements of the Nunatsiavut Government to this Assembly. This is in compliance with Section 41 in the Financial Administration Act and we intend to make this standard practice moving forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Minister of Health and Social Development.

**Mrs. Gear:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I got one announcement and a couple of updates. Department of Health will be hosting the National Inuit Early Childhood gathering in Goose Bay on March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. 125 delegates are expected from the four Inuit regions. This will be a time for staffs in Inuit regions to share resources, ideas and best practices. Also the DHSD has partnered with Health Canada and Labrador Grenfell Health to place "Rosie" the robot, in the Nain clinic. This robot can be the eyes and ears of physicians who can operate the robot from a distance by computer. From all accounts the robot has been well accepted by residents in the community and the clinic staff. The rest of the country is watching to see how this pilot project works and waiting in line for their robot if this is a success. The Trauma and Addictions program is fully staffed and moving forward with programming. Training has been completed with community staff and clinic assessments are on-going. Pre-treatment began in Hopedale in October and full treatment program was set up to begin in February but was delayed due to bad weather. The program will now begin this month with approximately twelve clients. The Healing Lodge in Hopedale is near completion and we hope to use this facility for parts of the treatment program in Hopedale. Representatives from DHSD have been meeting regularly with Labrador Grenfell Health and the Province to look at options for the Pine Lodge. All residents have been assessed so that they can be properly placed if necessary. DHSD is supporting a proposal submitted by two individuals (one beneficiary), one of them is a beneficiary to use the Paddon Home as a personal care home when the new long term facility becomes available. This would not only provide a home for the Pine

Lodge residents in Goose Bay but also other seniors requiring this level of care. DHSD has had ongoing discussions with the new Department with Child, Youth and Family Services. They are aware of our intent to devolve CYFS by 2014 and support our efforts. They are very interested in beginning the transition with the formation of the new department April 01. I would also like to announce that any beneficiaries travelling to St. John's for medical treatment now have the option of staying at the Holiday Inn as well as the Governor's Inn, if they so choose to do that instead of staying with friends or at the Friendship Centre there. I like also to take this time to wish all of our athletes in Goose Bay all the best of luck and hope they have fun which is the main thing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** If there is no other Minister.....Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Quickly the President has announced the opening of the Admin Building and I assure you that there will be an opening. The Admin Centre in Nain will be completed within the next two weeks. As well, I should on behalf of my colleague, Minister of Health, advise that the healing lodge at Little Bay near Hopedale is also very close to be complete. Mr. Speaker, everyone is aware that the Land Use Plan authority and the delays they have experienced over the winter because of weather and certainly, Mr. Speaker that we know just sitting around every day since we've been here spent a lot of talk about the winter and the weather. As well, Mr. Speaker I wish to advise the Assembly at this time that we've experienced some delays in drafting and bringing forth a draft of the Environmental Protection Legislation that I had advised the House it may be tabling at this session. Because of these delays Mr. Speaker, weather and a couple of other set backs and because where now, the election has been called already by the President that I wish to advise the House that this Draft Legislation will not, I will not be tabling any Environmental Protection Legislation at this sitting of the House but I fully expect and believe that the Department of Lands and Natural Resources will table this Environmental Protection Legislation in September or October sitting. If the Assembly is called back in September or October, we don't know what month at this time. So there is some delay there Mr. Speaker but I fully expect that this environmental protection legislation will be in place as we had forecast when we introduced the ban on the mining and milling of uranium that this environmental legislation will be in place by March of 2011. We are still on track to do that. Mr. Speaker, also I just like to point out that I have in my hand here the Federal Order in Council giving effects to the amendments to the Labrador Inuit Lands Claims Agreement and this adds to our Land Claims Agreement Chapter 24, the Nunavik/Labrador Inuit overlap area. Members of the Assembly will remember these amendments were approved by our Assembly in March 2009 and by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in October 2009 and there is now Mr. Speaker Chapter 24 to our Land Claims Agreement and certainly copies can be made available to our Members who wish to review it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** That concludes Minister's Statements or Announcements. We'll move on to Order of the Day number 6, Member's Statements. Are there any Members who would

like to make a statement at this sitting of the Assembly? The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. I would like to sincerely thank the communities of Mud Lake, North West River and Goose Bay for their continued support, especially with the last two public meetings where we put everything on the table and had a very frank discussion on my views on the Nunatsiavut Government, their views on the Nunatsiavut Government and how we move forward. They've echoed I guess the sentiments of almost every Member's Statement I've had in the House since we've began in 2006 and basically reiterating the need for increased communication. Their willingness to be engaged and have their say which they don't feel is happening enough in terms of perhaps things like surveys, more public meetings, getting a chance to go to a microphone and say their piece. But basically they want to move forward as well, as I do. This has not been an easy role to fulfill in the House being an Ordinary Member for such a large constituency. I'd like to thank them for their guidance, their continued support and for letting me know that I am on the right track even though it's been difficult and not too much progress has been made in some areas but it has been my privilege and my pleasure to have served the people up to this point and I hope to continue to do so in the future. It's been my pleasure and privilege to work with everyone here, including those involved with several heated discussions, arguments in the past but it has been healthy in my opinion, it's been a way of venting, it's been a way of getting issues to the table, it's been a way of letting the opinions and the ideas I guess of those beneficiaries outside of Nunatsiavut, letting those opinions and those ideas get to this table, wrong or right, people have the right to be heard and I convey their sentiments to the best of my ability. Again, I think that we have a lot of good things happening in this government, we can do a better job. Some of us have worked extremely hard, some of us have not, I'm not particularly pointing to anybody or singling anybody out but we can all do better. It's up to the people to pick those representatives that are going to do their best and they're going to engage this government at all levels in order to try and make some headway with this issues the beneficiaries may have. I won't go on and on but I would just like to say I thank each and every one of you here for having the opportunity to have worked with you, I thank everybody in the civil service, and we have some great people doing great things and working very hard and I thank each and every beneficiary that I've engaged whether their from my constituency, other constituencies, it's always been a good discussion about where we're going in our young government and I hope we can do the right thing going forward. I'm glad to hear the President mention the Voisey's Bay strikers in his statement, they've been wondering what our position has been, I know we had some press releases but they still want this government to help them out in any way possible not just necessarily in terms of a press release but anything we may have to offer, any guidance to anybody involved there and with that I'll say thank you to everybody again for allowing me the opportunity to work with them in making things better for the Labrador Inuit. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Is there any other Member that would like to make a statement at this sitting of the Assembly. The AngajukKak for Makkovik,

**Mr. Jacque:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand here this morning on behalf of our small community of Makkovik. In January and February, I must say that we went through quite a difficult time losing three of our residents. I like to stand here this morning and thank all the organizations, the constituency, the airlines, all the organizations in our community for helping out at the time where it was greatly needed with small income families. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you. The Chair of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation.

**Mr. Tuttauk:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. The Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation is pleased to announce that its application to the Climate Change and Health Adaptation in Northern First Nations and Inuit Communities Program of Health Canada has been conditionally approved. Our proposal, Traditional Knowledge: A Blueprint for Change is a partnership between Sivunivut Corporation and Labrador Institute has been approved in the amount of \$118, 000.00. This proposal has been developed as a one year project with the flexibility for a second year of study, depending on research findings and subject to funding. It will include significant local youth training with respect to the collection and documentation of traditional knowledge. The Labrador Institute of Memorial University will help provide training to our community Members on methods for collecting and analyzing traditional knowledge, including the use of GIS, video, audio and interviewing techniques. Once training is complete, Inuit youth of North West River will collect traditional knowledge on the location, importance and threats to fresh water, sea ice, sensitive habitats and species. Our study is centered on North West River and will focus on current and historic Inuit land and resource use of the region. Once these locations are specified, data will be entered and a map of these sensitive/hazardous areas will be developed for public viewing and use. The traditional knowledge gathered on these areas will be documented and kept as a record for future use. It is anticipated this project will begin in late summer/early fall of 2010. I would like to congratulate Jenna Broomfield from North West River who was chosen to attend the 2010 Inuit Youth Council conference and to perform with Inuit Youth from across Canada at the opening ceremonies of the Vancouver Olympics. I would like to join the Minister of Health for extending best wishes to the athletes of North West River and all of our communities at this years Labrador Winter Games. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you. The Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

**Mr. Flowers:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to say a few comments to the people of Hopedale for putting their faith and Trust in me for the last three years. I know there's a lot of work that still needs to be done in our community and there's a lot of things that we've done and we're on the right track I think in moving forward and there's always struggles and there's always going to be points of view that people think different, right, wrong, as a group we have to work for all of our beneficiaries to try and find the best thing, the best ways we can move forward. We're a young government but we are a government that's learning every day and we'll make mistakes tomorrow and we'll make mistakes in the future. As long as we can learn from those mistakes and mover forward and try to do our best, that's all we can ask for and like I said before the people of

Nunatsiavut has a long history of trying and working and having sometimes a lot of bad luck but I think that we as a people have endured and I think that we will be around for a long time to come. I think that there are people that can step up to the plate in Nunatsiavut and do a hell of a job and I'd just like to say that I won't be running for the next election. So I hope that we find some good people in Hopedale that wants to step up and try and make this a better place. Nunatsiavut to me is, it is my home, it is my heart, I believe in our people and I hope that some day we accomplish the goals we set out to do and it's going to be a challenge but I think that we have good people in Nunatsiavut that can certainly to the job. I like to thank everybody around this table for putting up with me in a lot of ways and having the chance to sit at Executive Council meetings and having the chance to sit as Ordinary Member for Hopedale so I'd like to say that we will endure. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you. The AngajukKak for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to say today that I had the absolute honor of attending the Inuktitut Speak Off in Nain that was held about two weeks ago, three weeks ago. We had all the communities except for Postville unfortunately attend and we had two youth from each community come to Nain and participate in the Speak Off. I was absolutely blown away the four young ladies in particular, Germaine Onalik, Alicia Dicker, from Nain, Germaine from Hopedale, Georgina Abel from Hopedale and Mary Binky Andersen from Nain. They were absolutely, absolutely amazing and for anybody that was there I'm sure they seen it, they felt it. These young girls got up and they spoke the language, they used the language. The three that placed in the top three in particular and hats off to the judges, John Jararuse, Wilson Jararuse and Fran Williams who had to make a call as who they thought you know would have been the top three. Germaine came in third, and she got up and she spoke about where she wants to be and what she wants to do, Alicia got up and she spoke about the different holidays that we celebrate in Nain in the Moravian Church and Mary Binky Andersen got up and she spoke more of the traditional values and who she is as an Inuk, that she had learned from her parents and it was just absolutely, absolutely amazing and well done to them, very well done to them. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you. The AngajukKak for Postville.

**Mr. Decker:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I certainly like to thank the President I guess and the Nunatsiavut Government for additional monies, the twenty million that was there for the Inuit Community Governments because the only other additional funds we get is the FFA dollars that go to water and sewer and it's really not enough to go around but with this twenty million dollars we've been able to get some badly needed equipment in our communities and the other thing I guess is we're looking at new elections coming up, like a lot of the Minister's said, I certainly enjoyed working with each and everyone of you, we didn't always see eye to eye but that's all a part of it, if we did we wouldn't even be here so, anyway whoever is running again, my good buddy there is not running again but I'm sure we're going to cross paths somewhere down the road but whoever is running

again I wish you all the best and I'd like to wish all the athletes on the coast that are gone to Goose Bay all the best of luck and have fun. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you. The AngajukKak for Hopedale.

**Mrs. Dicker:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to let you know that we did a trial run I guess on the caribou hunt for this year. Where the ice is not that good and the weather has been terrible. So far we have six caribou and I think next week we'll probably be sending out some more hunters if the weather keeps cold and I'd also like to thank all the athletes on the North Coast and wish them the best and hope they all do well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you. The Ordinary Member for Nain.

**Mr. Barbour:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Recently at the request of the President I attended a press conference in Goose Bay on the announcement of the Proposed Minimal National Park Reserve. In going there I was already at a Co-operative Management Board Meeting of the Torngat Mountains National Park. I'm pleased to inform the President and the First Minister right after that meeting that that Co-operative Management Board has now approved a management plan of ten years for the Torngat Mountains National Park, a living document which can change. Having said that I think it's good to say and it's a good way of saying that for the communities of Rigolet and Upper Lake Melville that the President has already written a letter to the Federal Minister of Environment stating, not asking, stating the fact that if there's any impact in our settlement area or adjacent to our settlement area that there must be an impacts and benefits agreement. I don't know that the President has received a response but it is our position that we have to negotiate yet another for the Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve. We now have the benefit with the Torngat Mountains National Park Reserve Impacts and Benefits Agreement. Of having that experience of gone through that exercise that we can now take to a table and it's yet another challenge for the Nunatsiavut Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you. The President of Nunatsiavut.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would suggest if possible that we could recess for a couple of minutes and reconvene as a Assembly as a whole to discuss the issues with the delegates from the Provincial Government. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek, President Lyall. The President has asked that we recess this Assembly and convene as a committee of the whole to entertain the presentation from the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador from Minister Sullivan from the Department of Human Resources, Labor and Employment. Is the Assembly in favor of the motion proposed by the President?

**Assembly:** AYE

**Mr. Pottle:** With that we will take a short break, give our invited guests an opportunity to set up their presentation. We will convene then as a committee of the whole, hear what the Province has to say, and then we will reconvene again as the Nunatsiavut Assembly following the presentation by Minister Sullivan.

**Mr. Pottle:** Ullakut. I'd like to call this session of the committee of the whole to order. The proceedings for the committee of the whole are similar to the proceedings of the House of Assembly but we are somewhat more relaxed in our proceedings. We will ask the delegation from the Province to do their presentation. After the Province has done their presentation Members of the Assembly are welcome to ask questions of the delegation after you've had an opportunity to hear the presentation and there's allowances for Members to ask more than one question. Is everybody clear on the process? At this point in time I would like to welcome Minister Susan Sullivan, the Minister of Human Resources, Labor and Employment for the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, her support staff, Pam Toupe, Lynn Vivian Brooke and also to welcome the Honorable Patty Pottle, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Jennifer Bruce who is participating as observers to the presentation from the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Minister Sullivan.

**Minister Pottle:** Actually I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Nunatsiavut Assembly for giving us an opportunity to do this today. As a caucus we had the presentation back in the fall of 09 and at that time, this is going to be an overview of Labor Market Programs and Services that the Humans Resources. Labor and Employment now delivers for the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and I think that it's always been here, it's been delivered by the Federal Government before but we haven't always been taking up on it so when I seen the presentation I approached Minister Sullivan and I asked her if she would mind coming up into the district and doing this presentation up here and hopefully it will help generate some ideas, give more information and information about the program and services that the Province now has and I really want to thank you for taking time out of your Assembly sitting to allow us to do this and I would really like to thank Minister Sullivan and her staff for coming up today and delivering this presentation to you and with that I'll pass it over for the presentation. Nakummek.

**Minister Sullivan:** Thank you very much Minister Pottle and thank you all for having us here today. We're certainly very excited to be here and I've asked the question two or three times and the answer appears to be yes every time I ask the question and that it is are Minister Pottle and I the first Minister's from Newfoundland and Labrador to present to the Assembly and we're hearing that it's yes so I consider this to be a very historic day and I'm very happy to be here with you. As Minister Pottle said the idea of coming here sort of came about in the fall but I'd like to think that it cam about even earlier than that. The Minister, your representative is very, very passionate about this area of the Province and we sit together in the House of Assembly, we used to sit together at Cabinet but they squeezed a few in between us now but we've had many opportunities to have conversation and I had said to the Minister back I think maybe this time last year that I really wanted to come to the north coast. To experience and see first hand what was

happening here so Minister Pottle was very gracious and hosted myself and Minister Joan Burke here in the summer and we had a truly wonderful time here and met with some of you then and it was a very uplifting experience for me and so when Minister Pottle mentioned this to me back in the fall about coming back a second time I was absolutely delighted to say yes again and I hope this is the beginning of many times that we have opportunity to come to reach out to each other and to work together. We believe we have a lot to offer and we believe that we have a lot to learn as well. So, together forging that partnership I truly believe that we can move ahead and make lives better for all of those that we serve, you and I and so therefore we're certainly very happy to be here. Minister Pottle alluded to the fact that my department has undergone a number of changes in the last little bit of time and certainly that is true. Years back we were known as the Social Welfare Department of Government if you will. Our support was on income or our focus was on income support. On social supports and so on, but I'm happy to say that we have expanded our portfolio and our mandate to include a number of different areas now, primary among those is an attachment to the labor market and it is particularly that end of my Ministry that we're here to talk about today. Recently, in November of this year we devolved from the Federal Government of Canada to programs, well the Labor Market Development Agreement and also the Labor Market Agreement, the LMA and the LMDA we like to refer to them as. They used to be, the LMDA used to be delivered by Services Canada so you would've known some of the programs and I think particularly of the JCP Programs, you would've known some of those programs from Service Canada. The benefits though of having devolved the LMDA to Province is that now can tailor make those particular programs to suit the needs of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians and that is our view right now, that is our emphasis and focus. Recently we asked in the Department how many Labor Market programs we had I guess we started counting and gave up on that. So what we will try to do now is to streamline those programs to better focus on the needs of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. With the addition of these new programs I'm fairly comfortable in saying that we can service the needs of everyone within Newfoundland and Labrador. We have programs; we developed one hundred and thirty two million dollars from the LMDA to the Province and together with our other monies within Labor Market we feel that we can serve the needs of all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. We're no longer just tied to delivering Income Support or helping people who are on Income Support or on helping people who are on EI attached. We can help those who are non EI attached, we believe we can help just about anybody in Newfoundland and Labrador and so at the end of this presentation I'm hoping that you will have that appreciation and that understanding of our strategic directions and where it is that we are going. In terms of our mandate we have a number of different areas where we focus. Labor Market Development of course is primary among those particular focus areas and so we're working very hard at improving the employment outcomes for people in Newfoundland and Labrador. We work also with employers, so we're helping employers find the workers that they need for their industries, for their businesses. We're working as well on attracting newcomers and creating harmonious communities to our immigration and multi-cultural office. It's a new office that we've set up through my department and we're working very hard at attracting and finding ways to support and keep newcomers in our area. Our poverty reduction strategy rests within my department as well and it's something that we're imminently proud of. We have a budget of 132



million dollars last year for poverty reduction. We have received national accolades for that particular strategy and yet we realize we still have a long ways to go in terms of preventing, reducing and eliminating poverty in this province but we certainly also believe that we have made great strides and we're prepared to continue that work because it's work that has to be done and must be done. We have a new Youth Engagement Strategy, in fact if you have; in the packages you will see here Creating a Province of Choice youth retention and attraction strategy for Newfoundland and Labrador. It's a strategy just developed by youth for youth and our focus is to ensure that we create this province as a province where young people will want to stay, will want to live, will want to work and so together with the Premier back in November we launched the strategy, it's a 15 million dollar commitment to help young people stay in this province. We're not putting boundaries around them, we're not corralling young people in and saying you must never leave but what we are saying is believe that most Newfoundlanders Labradorians consider home to be very core part of who they are and will always want to have a role in development in this province and a future in this province as well, so we're very proud of that strategy. Inclusion with persons with disabilities is another mandate of my department. We've recently opened a disability policy office and I'm happy to say that jointly with that just about six weeks ago we had our very first Advisory Council meeting, the Advisory Council for persons with disabilities and I believe that there is a lot of work to be done there as well in terms of including persons with disability in every aspect of our society, but I believe that we're well on the way to doing that. Income Support Services of course are probably the services that we offer that most people are familiar with although some of our statistics particularly from the coast are statistics we would like to see improved in terms of numbers. People who can take advantage of many of our programs there and we can talk about that in some more detail as we go along and of course our emergency social services which we hope never to have to implement but generally speaking do many times a year and in fact right now if you've been following the news on the Bonavista Peninsula and the ice storm or do they call it an ice storm, I'm not sure what they called it. Our department is very much involved in helping out people of Newfoundland and Labrador in that area as well. So, a fairly broad mandate within HRLE as we finally call it Human Resources, Labor and Employment. We have a budget of a little over a 1/2 of Billion dollars, five hundred million dollars and I always joke that I really don't know how much that money is but every year they tell me that I overspend it so that's all right. We have twenty eight offices throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, HRLE offices of various sorts and we have fourteen Career Work Centre's, two of them not yet opened but we have twelve that are already opened in fact when I was here this summer we opened up the Career Work Centre in Happy Valley Goose Bay. So that's a little bit about our mandate. Our priorities in terms of the Employment and Training programs which we've come here to talk about today, firstly of course to assist individuals and we want to help individuals prepare for, to find and to keep employment. It's a big mandate, sounds like a little bit of work, it's a big mandate. We want to assist employers as well, to find and keep the workers that they need. Particularly in small and medium sized businesses that are often a challenge to be able to find and keep workers. Another piece of work that we just recently launched was an HR tool kit for small and medium sized employers, small, medium sized businesses. Our feed back on that, even though it's only been launched about a month, has been very,

very positive and perhaps Pam will talk about that in a little bit more detail and give you some information if you're interested on that piece yourselves. Making sure that people have the right information, making sure that people have what they need in order to make career choices or in order to make informed decisions about futures, is a very important mandate of what we do within HRLE as well and helping employers throughout the province to respond to the many changes and challenges in the workplace if we only have to look back over the last year and we know and have experienced some of the challenges within our workplace. Who do we serve? Well we serve community agencies and partners; particularly in this area you would have heard of perhaps Random North projects like Bridging the Gap. There was a project here sometime during this year I believe it started toward the end of the spring last year. Newfoundland and Labrador Vegetation Control had a project in Labrador that was very, very successful. TIOW targeted initiatives for older workers. Those are some of the kinds of projects that can be offered through our community agencies that can be of great benefit to the workers certainly but to our partners and our agencies. We also serve individuals, we serve those who are unemployed, those who are under-employed, those who are EI eligible and now of course those who are non EI eligible through the new programs that we have with our LMA. Individuals who are receiving income support, those who are under-skilled, low-skilled, under represented groups, persons with disabilities would come to mind immediately there. Older worker, workers who have lost employment because of the down sizing of certain businesses or in my case, my district is Grand Falls-Windsor/Buchans and so in my district, the mill has closed, a hundred year old paper mill, trying to find employment opportunities for those seven hundred plus people with limited skills, not a lot of education has been a challenge in my area Buchans is also a part of my district, Atlantic Barite just closed shop in Buchans that's as big as losing an Abitibi Bowater Mill in Grand Falls-Windsor, in a town the size of about seven hundred, so we work in helping older workers as well. Youth for sure, single parents, students through our many student summer programs and bursaries, wage subsidies and so on, youth, the general public. We try to provide services for everybody and as I mentioned before certainly our employers we believe we can find service and opportunities for just about everybody through the sweet of programs that we are able to offer. So what I'll do now is I will turn it over to my senior staff and they will do some of the discussion around the specifics of those particular programs so I'll start with Lynn Vivian-Book who is our ADM of Youth and Employment Services and all kinds of things. Thank you.

**Ms. Vivian-Book:** Thank you, Minister. In your package that you have, you have a copy of our presentation deck and you also have some samples of some what we're calling fact sheets. We're working towards having better information on all of our programs and services so there's some samples in your package of that as well as a copy of the guide to Government Services programs that was developed through the poverty reduction strategy. We're working to broaden that to include all of the new programs that have just come over from the federal government so any feedback you have on any of those presentations or any of the outlines of the fact sheets we would really appreciate it. I'm going to speak a little bit about two main areas, I'm going to speak to the community partnerships and community agencies that we support and some of the different examples of how we support that group and some of the services and programs that we provide to

individuals which is quite extensive and then Pam Toupe, our senior director for Labor Market will speak to particularly those federal programs that have transferred over, she's our reigning expert in that area and as well as employers and how we support employers through our programs. So the first area, some of these you'll be very familiar with, HRLE supports a wide range of community agencies and I'm speaking to slide five in the presentation area. The first one being Community Youth Networks which would be, throughout the province now we have twenty two hubs and another eleven satellite sites now servicing about forty nine communities in the province and about twelve thousand youth between the ages of twelve and eighteen in the province daily avail of programs offered through Community Youth Networks and they're very different whatever community you're in you have some very different programs here on the coast that you offer through the community youth network and when we were here for the poverty reduction strategy consultations the fall before last we were in the youth centre when we did the consultations and unfortunately not long after there was a fire in building. So from the Community Youth Centre perspective there is a site in Cartwright, here in Hopedale and also in Nain and in Happy Valley, I think you've also changed space in Nain recently in terms of space for the Community Youth Network, no, ok good. It's the same area? Okay, excellent. In terms of grants, community partnerships initiatives there are several organizations throughout the province that are supported through HRLE they can be providing basic service supports to as we would call core funding which keeps the lights on, heat, rent and programming costs and other community agencies provide direct career and employment services to individuals and some of the groups that we support as the Minister highlighted are single parents, clients with mental health issues, persons with disabilities and youth organizations and an example in Labrador would be the Labrador Friendship Centre which several programs are supported through there. We also have funding for organizations that support persons with disabilities like the Canadian Paraplegic Association, the Vera Perlin industries and all of these kinds of groups. The grants to youth organizations, this is a very broad group of funding for organizations like the girl guides throughout the province, boys and girls clubs and other organizations like youth centers', there's a youth centre in Mary's Harbour receiving support. A teen centre in Wabush and Lab City so different areas that don't have Community Youth Networks, we're supporting them through Youth Centers' throughout the province. The other community partners are with different funding sources like the target initiative for older workers which is a fairly new, I think we're in our third year now in supporting workers that are between the ages of fifty five and sixty four who have experienced lay offs and downsizing within the industry in their towns where we just called for proposals and Actually we close to forty applications for the target initiative for older workers for projects this year and think it was fifteen that we funded last year very successful projects throughout the province. The business development projects which is also working with community organizations supporting marginalized workers and again there are a number of projects up and running in the province and more to come. Probably the one that's most familiar to many people is the acronym JCP, I had learned with that, Job Creation Partnership Programs and again throughout, this one is focused on EI eligible clients and work experience that goes with that and lastly through the labor market partnerships there are many partnerships with community agencies that support labor force adjustment and labor market strategies for particular areas of the province or particular businesses.

Moving on to the next slide where will we focus a bit now on our individual supports which are quite extensive. The department offers many forms of wage subsidies and work experience programs and there are wage subsidy programs that are focusing on income support clients, focusing on EI and non EI eligible clients, persons with disabilities and specific programs for students and youth. Another example, our hope I guess what I would say from these wage subsidy perspective is we have multiple wage subsidies, what we need to do is do a better job of defining that so that people accessing those programs and calling and wondering about that don't need to learn about ten, twelve or thirteen different wage subsidy programs. What they need to know is I think I'm interested in a wage subsidy or I may need work experience and it's our job to provide that in a way that is easy to identify which program or which area makes sense for you. So that's our challenge and that's what we're going to be focusing a lot on over the next little while to reduce that complexity. I've been with this department, I come from a Health and Community Services perspective, I've been with the department for two and a half years and there's not a day that I don't learn something about a nuance or a new element of a program that HRLE offers. Another area is the Graduate Employment Program which seen considerable growth over the last two or three years and this program assists graduates from postsecondary, from university as well as college programs to find work in their field of study . I think have about two hundred and ten, two hundred and fifteen individuals this year that are availing of that support and that can be up to ten thousand dollars per individual with an employer to support that subsidy and here in Labrador some of those are availing their first year apprentices in carpentry, a welder and somebody doing hairstyling that's all availing of this type of Graduate Program here on the coast and here in Labrador. Another example of a program that is available in this part of the province is the high school support for summer jobs in the summer, we call it Level I, Level II, Level III which students are working through community agencies and there was an issue for quite awhile in terms of the tuition voucher and that did not make sense in many ways in terms of this particular program and that has been changed to a stipend or an honorarium check that provides Actual cash to students so that they can use that following throughout their employment. Under the High School Program we've also funded some of the community recreation centre's, like the Nain Inuit Community Government recreation department, Rigolet, Postville and Hopedale in terms of some of the recreational supports. There are many other career and employment planning supports and a lot of programs that combine the wage subsidy and the work experience and some of those is NL Works and then there's targeted wage subsidies, this is an example of how we have all these different titles and names to programs but really what we need to do is to identify what are the needs of the individual and match that individual as the Minister said we can provide supports as of the Fall to anyone with any eligibility criteria so unlike not that long ago we would say if your not on income support or have a recent attachment to income support we can't support you. Now these programs are widely available to all. With the NL Works Program there has been a project funded here in Hopedale, a deckhand has been working through the NL Works Program and in Mary's Harbour there's recently a cashier, waitress, plant worker and other different types of employment. Under the Student Summer Employment as well there have been several projects but then again this is an area we'd like to see more uptakes in coastal areas and provide good information and make it accessible to groups in

your communities. From a Career and Employment planning perspective our staffs are working with individuals to develop employment plans. This is an area where it's provided primarily Goose Bay at this point in time in this region of the province and some of the other supports in particular I'm pleased to say the employment supports for single parents we have a new Employment Transitions Program focused on group experience and work experience for single parents just starting this week in Happy Valley Goose Bay through the Labrador Friendship Centre. The new program opened in the fall and Grand Falls-Windsor and has their first graduating class, very, very successful in terms of providing supports to single parents has been over, close to eighty percent success rate in terms of single parents moving to permanent employment following this program and the support they receive from working together with other women experiencing similar challenges. Employment Development Supports for individuals, this is primarily for individuals in receipt of income support or eligible to receive income support and this is support for short term training, like Adult Basic Education, job readiness training and these also provide supports for travel, for tools, for fees, for any certificates required but the focus for the Employment Development Supports is on short term training for individuals. So that's an example of some of the individual supports and I'm going to turn it over to Pam to speak to some of the newer ones.

**Ms. Toupe:** Okay, as Lynn said I'm going to build on the programs as she was just describing to probably get into some of the areas where we significantly increased our capacity over the past year with the federal transfer of programs or some newer areas where we've started building capacity in our program and services that we haven't done before. So, the first of those would be our skills development and training supports and I'm thinking most of the people in this room would be well familiar with those types of supports that we have available if not through our programs certainly through some of the aboriginal human resources development agreements because it's a very similar type of support and I'm going to try to point out some similarities as we go through because there's lots of opportunity for leveraging these programs as we move forward with implementation in the province. So, under the skills development supports we provide for EI eligible individuals, tuition, books, training expenses, living expenses, anything and everything that would go along with helping a person complete their training program and right now we currently fund and support training programs that are one, two or three year college level programs and that's across the province at every college location whether it's public or whether it's private. We also fund, recently some people that are not EI eligible so we start delving in to using some of the federal funding to begin supports for people who've never been able to access it before under the federal programs which was a big gap for us and as Lynn mentioned we do some short term training supports. So I know that for example through the recent or yesterdays announcement for the Labrador and Aboriginal Training partnership some of the things and some of the programs that will come through include short term training for employment and career orientation and those types of things. That's what we would be referring to there; they're very similar types of programs. Another program area that we recently expanded quite a bit are self employment and entrepreneurship supports, we've always provided supports to people who are participating in the income support program to help them with their own businesses but with the transfer of the programs and with our new youth strategy

we've focused a lot more on self employment and entrepreneurship as a means of for people not only to generate their own jobs but to be generating jobs in the community. So we have support available for people throughout the province again to start looking at setting up their own businesses and growing their own businesses and we hope to expand some of those areas particularly for youth and young people as we move ahead.

Adjustment services is another type of service that we provide for individuals whether it's a major employer in a community an example would be Dominion in Marystown recently whether it's a major industry such as the forestry sector that's being impacted. We can mobilize and we have mobilized our staff whether it's a small mobilization or a big mobilization to work with those workers and make sure that they have easy access to all of the supports that we have available to help them with any transitions including getting back to school or switching occupations. An Employment Assisting Services is another area that we've expanded a lot in the past year and this is where individual can go into various offices throughout the province, we fund third party organizations as service providers, it's not our department itself, I think we have ninety sites across the province right now and people can go in and access information, access counseling, access support for planning for their training, access employment job attachment, so everything and everything around employment training and planning for the future are available through these site locations throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. And then of course is our Career and Labor Market Information which goes hand in hand with those offices because you can't exactly deliver those services if you don't have that information available so we've been building our Career and Labor Market and information services and each of the pieces that are listed here we like to view it as a click call come in so you can visit our website to get access and to find us. You can call a toll free hotline from anywhere in Canada so if you're an ex-patriot living away or living here you can phone out hotline and get the same sort of advice and feedback and information or you can come into any one of our Career Work centers', our EAS offices or our local offices to get the information. I'm pointing out and I should point out very clearly because it's not showing up on either slide, last October we launched the provinces first job sight and I remember it wasn't on our sight and that sight provides employers with free job postings, so they can post online free jobs without having to pay any kind of fee which most job sights do and job seekers from across the province or outside of the province can go in and look at what jobs are locally available and we can post those jobs by region and by local community area whereas before anything you go and look at would only be for the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. We currently have almost three thousand employers registered on our job sight and we're posting now upwards of two hundred a week, new jobs that are coming up there so at any given time we have a lot of new jobs being posted for opportunities including Labrador. I'm going to move away now from the Services for individuals and begin to focus on the services for Employers and Workplaces and this would probably be the one area that we have really started trying to build our capacity for the past year. I put wage subsidies here first and I know Lynn went through the whole list of wage subsidies and pointed out we have numerous of them. I'll put it here again to give a different slant to how we're going to be looking at wage subsidies for employers. We often promote wage subsidies as a means for individuals attached to a workplace and have approached employers for taking unemployed workers and continued to help us get this person a job. We really want to start focusing the wage

subsidies as well towards economic development and supporting local investment and growth. So wage subsidies outside of being a means for an individual to obviously get a job and attach the workplace. It's also a means for investors that are considering opening up their own business or for people that want to grow their own business to take advantage of a program that once benefits individuals but also benefits their business for growth and that's a different kind of way that we haven't presented the wage subsidy programs before but we will be actively working with employers to promote it as the same. Another area that we've been building services for employers and I think that many employers in Labrador have been well aware of it and challenged by it in communities for a long time are recruit and retention services. So now what you've probably experienced up here especially for specialized positions we're trying to do some services to help employers and communities with that challenge. One program that we've introduced and one type of program we've introduced that we were never able to do before is actually a workplace based training. So most of the funding that was ever available for programs was either for income support or is available for EI eligible because of the federal government. People who are employed are not EI eligible obviously and their usually not on income support, yet they still need skills access skills development and training so we've just this past September launched a few programs focused on workplace training and development so employers can actually deliver or have delivered in the workplace training programs or vice versa, send their employees out for training at the local colleges. That's another area that's brand new for us and brand new for the provincial government in getting into. Labor Market partnerships, I spoke to adjust services earlier, Labor Market partnerships I want to focus on a little bit more because I'll go back to the Labrador and Aboriginal training partnership which was, I'm not sure if everybody is familiar with that but it's a program that will provide it's leveraging some federal dollars to provide training and employment supports here in Labrador especially with reference to Lower Churchill and it's done with NelCor. But the funding mechanisms for that partnership is very similar to what this Labor Market partnerships and research funding is for. So, while not as the same scale as the programs that are funding that particular initiative up here. It funds similar types of thing at a community level, an industry level an organizational level, so, if you're looking to do some human resource research and like what are your challenges and what are some of things you could be doing or you want to pilot certain initiatives or pilot certain employment strategies. That's the funding mechanism that is available through the province now that can support that kind of research if you guys are thinking about those kind of things which we've never had that available to us either before to be able to promote and it used to be done through the federal government but now again it's provincial. So it's another good leveraging opportunity. The Minister referenced the HR Tool Kit earlier, we have developed an online tool kit for employers that are also available in paper based form so if anybody would like it in paper base they can contact us or download it from the web and the website provides basic information for employers around. Here, are all the steps involved in finding/keeping a skilled workforce that you need. It's a fairly basic website but it is a website that employers we consulted with, I think over a hundred Canadian employers throughout the province, they supported the development of the website. That's the newest thing that we launched which was in January, I can't even remember the date, February and you have in your packages was

referenced earlier the Strategic, the Youth Retention and Attraction Strategy again that's another strategic initiative but inside of that if you take a look through you'll see a number of initiatives widespread initiative that focus on employment and entrepreneurship for young people as in means of helping retain and attract young people here in Newfoundland and Labrador in case you go through and you have any questions feel free to follow up on information about it after. And the last slide is Access to Programs and Services and we've included this one here only for your information if you want to get in touch with us and you want to find out about any of the things we spoke to here today, here's the mechanisms that anybody can get through who wants to find out about the programs and services. Thank you.

**Minister Sullivan:** I want to mention this as well, in the back Employment and Labor Market programs and it will show you for particular programs who you can contact and it gives a telephone number that you can use as well to reach these people within Labrador for any of the programs that we sort of touched on here today and again within the kit you have some of those programs are further delineated so you have some sense what it is that they are about. Again, I think the important thing is the basic information that there are a number of ways that we can assist individuals with finding jobs with getting training with accessing wage subsidies to be able to get that opening to get into some sort of a job. That we can help employers as well to find the labor force that they need by providing the wage subsidies and I like the way that Pam framed it. If there is a new business opportunity and they're not sure where do we get employees in this region, then we want to be there and help out with that piece of it too to say "you go on and work on your business plan", tell us the kinds of employees that your going to need and we'll look at recruiting and training them for you, if that's the piece that is necessary. So there are so many things that we can do to help out and the HR Tool Kit you know we touched on it but it's important for you to go online and download that and really look at it. For any small/medium businesses that are out there and are saying "we haven't got time to be worrying about all of those issues, we've got businesses to run" this tool kit has a number of templates for example, a number of easy access points within that tool kit that we believe that can be really helpful. So when we say a quick call or come in we really mean it, you can go online and find a lot of this information, you can call us and get all of this information and you can certainly pop into any of our centers' and get this information as well, we're always open to those calls, to those enquiries, to those emails, whatever it is, however it is that we can help out and find employment and find opportunities for employers, that's what we're about with these new programs through the labor market division of our department. So that's sort of the broad strokes overview of ways that we can help out. We're certainly willing to answer questions here this afternoon for you or this morning, we're still only morning, my God they had me up for so long I'm sure it's afternoon but we're certainly willing to answer any questions or to sort of get further into any of these particular programs if you want to but the broad strokes overview is there and again I would encourage you to look at the Youth Retention and Strategy something that we're very proud of and I think it has a number of opportunities for our young people as well. So with that I'll turn it back over and we can open up the floor.



**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Minister Sullivan, Pam and Lynn. Certainly some valuable information to share and we certainly welcome that. If there are any Members who would like to ask questions of the provincial delegation or want more information on some of the programs and services they've outlined here, now is your opportunity to pick their brains while they are here. Minister of Finance, Human Resources and IT.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I like to say thank you to the delegation for the informative presentation. It seems like this fund is a people oriented fund for getting people the tools they need to further their lives I guess if you want to call it that but I was just wondering, we have lots of artisans, craft producers in Nunatsiavut, but they do not have a craft centre in their community where they can sell or display their crafts for tourists that come through the communities. Do you provide funding for infrastructure say if a community government wanted to put a craft centre in their community to support the craft producers, would you provide funding for that type of infrastructure?

**Minister Sullivan:** Infrastructure dollars are something that can be found in other ways, we're more concerned about the people end of it as you so rightly pointed out. But there are opportunities within the entrepreneurship programs that we have here and I'll let Pam speak to some of the details with regards those particular programs and perhaps she can offer you some more advice along those lines.

**Ms. Toupe:** Thank you Minister. One of the things what we've been learning is that many communities have utilized several different programs at one time and we as Provincial Government departments have, behind the scenes, worked together to make sure those proposals go through. So, for example, we've had, say a town hall or town council come forward that they want to build a centre, our department of Innovation and Trade and Rural Development has also provided infrastructure funding to some degree. They also leveraged ACOA, which is the Atlantic Federal Funding Agency and we will provide the people resources such as the employment, the wage subsidies and through the job creation project. So we'll blend it all in to one lovely package and within our own programs, infrastructure supports right now are provided upwards of about 10% to 15 % of the overall cost. So there is some that we will do through the people programs but not a lot. So, we will work with our other departments if there's a project, we were looking at several now, if there's a program there that has infrastructure, we'll try to incorporate everything that's available across the provincial government to work it.

**Ms. Erickson:** My question is I know we have HRLE staff already in Nain, are they going to be given any sort of familiarization or training, especially with the newer programs and the possibility of them holding public information sessions for the communities themselves so that the Actual people in the community that can take advantage of and hear about it first hand and know who to go to by having the local people give the presentation?

**Minister Sullivan:** That's a really good question Sarah. Certainly in terms of providing some in servicing for the local people or the HRLE staff that we have certainly we are looking towards doing that and ensuring that people are up to speed as to what the

programs can do and how we can tweak them because as I said to you at the outset of this conversation, what we're trying to do is take all of these programs and streamline them so that we can say "look we know we have basic needs, we need to be able to match people who are looking for employment with the employers who are looking for employees, so we know we have basic needs but we have all these programs and bits and pieces fit in all over the place. So what we're trying to do is find a way to streamline all of those programs and some of that is going to be through trial and error and we're going to learn as much from our HRLE staff who are out there trying to work with these programs as we are when we go out to Actually do the in servicing with them. I like your suggestion with regard to having sort of the open meetings and having people come forward and learn about that and to my knowledge we haven't put anything in place to do that, have we? No, but I do like that idea a lot particularly in our smaller communities you know I can't imagine if we held a session like that in my community of Grand Falls/Windsor that anybody would come out but I'm sure that in some of my smaller communities and I'm thinking my district, Millertown, Buchans junction, the people would come out and have all kinds of ideas and suggestions and be asking those questions, so I like that and I thank you for bringing that forward, that's a piece of information that we'll take back and work toward.

**Mr. Pottle:** Go ahead Sarah.

**Ms. Erickson:** I only said that out of I guess selfishness because a lot of these programs are available and there's nobody in the communities that the people can go to to find out, so if HRLE took it and did it themselves then they would stop coming to us and go to the people who know.

**Minister Sullivan:** But you make a good point because capacity building is so important, you know empowering people with the information and the knowledge to self direct is a very important part of who we are with HRLE and that capacity building is certainly something that I want to reach out and do and my staff have heard me say that on a number of occasions, that building capacity is extremely important for us so that people do know what their options are so that everybody has an opportunity to participate as fully as possible in labor Market or in whatever aspect of society, you know it is about that capacity building. Minister Pottle, do you want to add to that as well?

**Minister Pottle:** Yes. I just remembered a conversation I had with Sarah about a year so ago and we was talking about, there was at one point an outreach service stationed in Nain through Service Canada I believe it was, but that position is no longer there and it was someone that people could go to to help fill out applications, go to to get your individual plan put together and that was a suggestion she had back then and I thought that was a great idea and if we can in any way, shape of form try to bring that service back to some of our small isolated communities, it would be a great benefit.

**Minister Sullivan:** Thank you and I hear that point and I certainly understand that point and would support that and in fact in terms of Career and Employment Services one of the pieces I am quite prepared to go back and explore and share with you is that

opportunity to increase staff here on the north coast and perhaps assign somebody to work out of Happy Valley Goose Bay but with a mandate to serve the north coast and to spend a bit of time up here on the coast.

**Minister Pottle:** Minister, it doesn't have to be someone out of Happy Valley Goose Bay. We actually had someone in Nain before that did that, held that position. So, we'd like for you to consider someone stationed in one of our communities that would travel and serve our people down here.

**Minister Sullivan:** Do you notice how quickly she cut off my mic as I started to talk. She does this to me in the House of Assembly as well. That is certainly something I will commit to exploring to see if we can find the finances to put that position in place and it's certainly something that I'm willing to take a look at and come back and I would suggest it as a pilot project because obviously we can't commit a person forever and ever amen and then at the end of five or six years we're not sure if this is really serving any purpose. So I would commit to a pilot project to see about how successful that particular piece could be on the north coast and report back to you. I'd be happy to do that.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology

**Mr. Broomfield:** New graduates coming out of secondary training often find it very difficult to find employment because employers don't want to hire graduates just out of school; they want somebody with experience if though they are qualified to be a heavy equipment operator for example they find it very difficult to find employment in their field of trade. Have you given thought to I guess to provide funding for those employers to I guess hire these students to give them the work experience they need? I know in my community of Makkovik for example, I am a Member of a local Trust and we provided funding to the community government for the community government to hire their first female heavy equipment operator and it worked perfectly you know. But this person, she had the training to be a heavy equipment operator but she was hard pressed to find a job because she had no experience. So, if the community governments could access funding for these purposes to give somebody who got a trade in carpentry for example to find work in the community that will give them work experience, right? So, would you fund that type of proposal?

**Minister Sullivan:** Through the Youth, Retention and Attraction Strategy you would notice that there is a Section there on specifically all of those items that you have referred to. There are Graduate Employment Programs, I don't recall if Pam or Lynn or both have mentioned it, there's opportunity for some two hundred twenty persons to be funded through a wage subsidy program. So, that's one of the ways we are looking at helping a new graduates to find opportunities for work. The other thing that I would say to you is that together with the Minister of Education and the Minister for Industry, Trade, Rural Development, perhaps one of the single most important issues for us is that piece around apprenticeship particularly and we have been struggling with that, we've just recently announced an initiative through the Youth Retention and Attraction Strategy that saw, and I'm never good on numbers, and extra 1.25 million? in the apprenticeship program

and we did that through departments of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and we offered money through Transportation and Works, through Newfoundland and Labrador Housing and so on and so forth as ways to try to stimulate others to start thinking about taking on apprentices in this province because as you would agree and I'm sure your own Assembly has these discussions, it can't all about government providing opportunities for people to get this employment business needs to step to the plate as well and quite often what we're learning is that businesses are saying that we haven't got time to take on these new apprentices or we don't have opportunity yet but we can tell you from what we know about the gaps that are going to exist in our labor market very, very soon that those businesses are going to be crying out in a few years for the workers that they couldn't take five years earlier to help them with their apprentice able hours and so that's a piece of work that we are all struggling to try and to do and its to encourage government to take a lead and we've been doing that but also to include business in that and asking business to help out now as opposed to five and ten years time when they're not going to have the workforce that they need if they don't start to do that now, so I certainly appreciate your question, it is an area in which we are looking and we are exploring as many new options as we possibly can. We work with our business coalition partners as well to try to further their interests in understanding the need to do this. Did you want to add Pam?

**Ms. Toupe:** To build on the apprenticeship piece, going back to non-profit agencies and community governments that often don't have a lot of funding or you're not operating for a profit, we've also introduced a new programs that's for non-profit agencies for wage subsidies so technically it's almost not a wage subsidy anymore, it's almost full wage supplementation. So, another thing that we're also looking at is outside of that program, is how we can be better responding to non-profit and community organizations. Already we do some of that with some of our programs but if that was where part of your question was coming from we would be looking at that too.

**Mr. Pottle:** The First Minister

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you. One of the problems that, talking about apprentices in north, for many of the trades is that employment or the construction season is very short, whether it's electrical, heavy equipment or carpentry, so apprentices they are accumulated only a few hours each season and you probably already are aware of that but I was wondering when there is a subsidy for employers to hire on these people, I think that for our apprentices to take full advantage of that. There may have to be consideration for a travel, some kind of a travel subsidy for them because they gets so few hours, it takes them so long to finally reach that fifth year or fourth year, whatever it is and because of the short summer that at the end of the summer they don't have the money to travel to look for work in other places, it's barely enough money to get them through the winter. But that's something I ask of you or to make you aware of Minister and Minister Pottle as well to make aware of that these are the kind of problems that a friend and his staff across/ come up against from time to time.

**Minister Sullivan:** Thank you very much for that. It's certainly an idea, not a new idea to as it is something that we have heard before and we've been exploring and trying to find ways in terms of trying to find opportunity for adequate apprentice able hours for our young people. We have particular partnerships, for example with Alberta, where they've agreed to take some of our young people and provide them with the hours but I understand what you're saying has to do with the travel piece if it as well to provide that kind of funding and that's new to me, that's not anything that I had considered but I certainly, I saw Pam pick up her pen right away and write that down, so that's another piece that we can explore as we look to find ways because it truly is one of our biggest challenges right now, it's finding opportunities first of all and convincing business that they really need to take these young people as well. That's the other important piece for us and it's something that we all have to work on and I suggest we can work on that together as well. But, thank you for bringing that point to out attention as well.

**Mr. Pottle:** Are there any more questions? If not I would like to ask a question I guess related to possible relationship with funding within your department that may cross over because I'm not clear from the presentation here whether or not you even look at opportunities for Community Development Officers. That's something that's quite an issue from time to time in our communities so I'm wondering if you can speak to that, I mean is there anything in this package that we'd be able to enhance or leverage some funding for current CDO's within our communities?

**Minister Sullivan:** There is. The details of which are in Pam's head and not mine. I know that through INTRD, that kind of funding has happened for other communities where they've been looking for development officers. I understand that we've funded what the relationship is between the two, I'll let Pam discuss with you in a little more detail.

**Ms. Toupe:** As the Minister referenced, usually INTRD is responsible for community development generally and not this Innovation Trade and Rural Development but what we use are Labor Market Partnerships funding for is for those similar types of positions and we've seen a lot of it happening in the recent years across our region, Economic Development Boards for example where the focus on the work for those positions becomes very Labor Market focused. So, organizations that are at their communities, out there will apply for funding for a three year period or could be maximum, we have gone to three years and they use that to support the Development Officers out there when they start taking the Human Resources slant in the community about what we could do to recruit and retain local workers or what do our local young people need to do for training, so that blend when we see it is where we have provided funding before and that's been happening now for several years before we absorbed those programs.

**Minister Pottle:** I just got a question back because I didn't think this was an issue with funding I thought this was an issue with collaborating your paperwork or whatever, I thought the money was there but, so I don't understand like do we have it all straightened out yet or not? Because it's really our zonal board that was devolved to NG to take over

and we created CDO's out of that money didn't we? So, I don't know if someone's got an update on that?

**Mr. Pottle:** The Minister of Education and Economic Development

**Mr. Shiwak:** Thank you. A quick update I guess on the status of that, a little bit of background, the Innovation Trade and Rural Development, they do partial plumbing for those CDO positions but most of it comes from ACOA. We've been having some trouble getting the plans and the financials out to ACOA they are out there now but the money is on it's way back from ACOA for those positions but I think one of the problems even though we do get that funding when we do have it on track is that those positions aren't paid sufficiently to do the job, to do the work that the communities want done. I think that they are about a thirty thousand dollar position and you remarks that they're hugely under funded. I think that's where you were going, Mr. Speaker. But the money is coming but there are still huge problems in preparing plans in getting that money on time. That's something that we're working on with ACOA to straighten out for future years that we don't run into this problem anymore.

**Minister Pottle:** From a zonal board perspective, then are we on par with other zonal boards in the province? Are we getting the same funding from INTRD and ACOA that other zonal boards are getting?

**Mr. Shiwak:** That's a good question; I know that we are a little bit different from the other zonal boards that our funding comes in CDO Officers. I'm not sure if that's the case in other parts of the province.

**Ms. Toupe:** I'm building on a comment that I think you had made earlier and were talking about funding but also what has to happen in some of the other regions in province are the Regional Economic Development Boards which hire these positions have also moved into Employment Assistant Services in some cases so when we talk about how each of our communities throughout the province or local areas such as communities on the northern coast here could access employment training. There's two ways we can go about it we do direct supports with our own staff which we're quite able to think about but the other mechanism is when the organizations at the community level take on those services themselves and we fund them through our Employment Assistant Services. So, there's two pieces, one you got Community Development that you can access Labor Market or some of our Labor Market Partnerships funding for, that's to do research and general capacity building around HR but the other is also from a service delivery perspective and that would come into putting positions directly in the communities that the town owns or the whole government owns and runs for Employment Assistant Services that we would supporting on the other side. So, I just put that out there but I know that other regional and economic development boards have been doing some of that it's not widespread but the supplement that they're funding that they have not been getting from ACOA because that's a common concern that they been going through like adequate funding but that's one way they have gone. So, that's something for an idea.

**Mr. Pottle:** Sarah.

**Ms. Erickson:** Okay so I just want to clarify, if we have eventually or ever get funding back for our CDO and we hire on a CDO then am I understanding that we could apply for additional funding to pay that person more given that they provide some of your programming or some of your services, is that what you are saying?

**Minister Sullivan:** No, but nice try Sarah.

**Ms. Toupe:** You could apply instead for our CDO for your own type of CDO in which case your proposal outlines what salary you want to pay them. So it's not us that hire them and to be a local agency, a local entity, a local organization that does the hiring.

**Minister Pottle:** What is it like? A top up?

**Ms Toupe:** No? See under the EAS Services currently we're spending about seventeen million dollars a year, around seventeen million, for third party, and I say third party organizations but in some cases it's a Regional Economic Development Board and in some cases it might a Women's Advocacy Agency, in some cases it might be an employment centre that was set up specifically just to do employment services and they come in and look for what is basically an operating grant. We generally fund for two to three years and they provide, they say we're going to serve this many people over this course of time and we fund them for it and they set up, they put in place Career Officers or Career Counselors so they have the equivalent of what we would have going throughout the province and they deliver the services.

**Minister Pottle:** So they deliver what you're offering here in this package, like they give the information back?

**Ms. Toupe:** They can give the information on them and in some cases they deliver them but.

**Minister Pottle:** So, that's different than the CDO?

**Ms. Toupe:** Yes.

**Minister Pottle:** So this would be another position?

**Ms. Toupe:** Yes.

**Ms. Erickson:** But the way it works now because there is nobody especially in Nain because Nain's a larger community when we did have a CDO that's what the CDO was doing.

**Minister Pottle:** Was doing, yes. So there's that gap there?

**Ms. Toupe:** Yes, I hear what you are saying, and I'm sorry when you said CDO I was thinking you were saying CDS which is our staff, are called CDS's. CDO's you could be looking for supplemental funding around other things not necessary salaries but around other things that you are doing, as long as they're not funded by government, it can't be funded by government, we're not allowed to fund ourselves.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The Department of Education, Economic Development agreed to take on as a middle man, if you want to call it for the CDO program. It's not working, it's ACOA requires audited financial information from the CDO program before they release funds to us, to us I mean NG, we're the middle man. We don't have that information because we don't fund the CDO program so there's a lot of issues there that has to be addressed internally before they even, funding the CDO is going to be on a solid foot. So, I guess if we look to you guys to pick up the slack for fund the CDO it's still not going to work because the program itself is not working. The Community Government has to take ownership for each individual CDO, they get the funding, they have the audited financial information to provide to ACOA and that's the only way it's going to work. So, we discussed the issue in our last joint management meeting and again we agreed to I guess eventually hold a meeting between the Minister's department and ACOA to get the issue straightened out. So, it is a work in progress.

**Minister Sullivan:** Yes and I think that is the right path to pursue. You know if other CDO positions that I know of around Newfoundland and Labrador, you know the conversation, the direct conversation with ACOA I think is certainly the way to go and try to get those issues straightened out and they can be straightened out one by one. You're talking about a particular CDO position, they can be straightened one on one with ACOA, I have no doubt about that. I have generally found the ACOA people very good to work with as well.

**Mr. Broomfield:** And that seems to be the issue that ACOA requires that financial information. The Minister's department doesn't have it because he doesn't fund the CDO program right? But that's what I understand the issue so it's something that has to be resolved.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

**Mr. Flowers:** I guess I have a quick question or some clarification on self employment and entrepreneurship support. I know that in the past people who want to start their own business has real difficulty in getting funding and going through a lot of red tape. Can you just explain a little bit about it and is it making it a little bit easier for them or is it still a lot of red tape to go through?

**Minister Sullivan:** There probably always will be a lot of red tape, certainly our department businesses got a mandate to try and get rid of red tape and we've seen huge reductions there and I think the last report Patty was somewhere around twenty five, twenty seven percent reduction in our red tape, but there will probably always be. From



out perspective from what we're looking at when we talk about supports around entrepreneurship, certainly with regard to our students and our young people they are some opportunities and I would encourage you to look at the Youth, Retention and Attraction Strategy to see what opportunities we're able to provide there. Successor ship is one big piece for example lots of businesses out there and the business person is ready to retire, is ready to move on, has no one to pass it on to, those kinds of issues and so there are ways that we can help out there. There are opportunities for us to provide wage subsidies and that's fairly straight forward. Other areas I think that you might be referring to with regard to entrepreneurship and getting set up are probably not necessarily areas where we work. Those are areas where other entities of government work. We are still very client centered, we're centered on looking at how we can help the individual to get attached or to somehow get started up through wage subsidies and so on but not at the Actual purchasing, setting up of, putting in place the infrastructures. I don't know if that answers the question you were asking there Greg? Pam did you want to add to that or Patty.

**Minister Pottle:** Greg, through Industry, Trade and Rural Development in Goose Bay they have officers on the ground that can be assisting people in giving advice and guiding you along as to how to proceed with any business ideas or whatever, so, there are different agency out there that can be assisting and I could provide more information if you want to forward individuals to us or whatever.

**Mr. Flowers:** People that try to start businesses, they don't know Actually where to turn or where to go.

**Minister Sullivan:** My experience with working with these people with Industry, Trade, Rural, Innovation, Trade and Rural Development I think, INTRD, my experiences of them is that they are very, very helpful. They will sit with you one on one, they will help you to develop a business plan, they will help you to outsource other areas of support that you might need and so on and again it's an important piece of community building to get that information out there to help people understand what supports are there for them and that's why I really appreciate Sarah's comment earlier when she talked about you know what are we going to do to help people understand and what opportunities are there for them and that's another piece of it in terms of entrepreneurship and it's a piece that I'm certainly willing to discuss with Minister Skinner in terms of trying to make sure that we build that capacity for people. Pam.

**Ms. Toupe:** And to build on the linkage you're making between the supports for the individuals and the business planning we've Actually used a labor marketing agreement funding to enhance INTRD's complimented staff across the province for the past year. So, hopefully they will be able to do that piece of the walking people through to get to the point and once they have the support we can provide the funding for a year or two for living expenses.

**Mr. Pottle:** If there is no other questions or comments I would like to thank Minister Skinner, Minister Pottle and their respective delegations for taking the time to travel to

Nunatsiavut to share this information with us. Obviously some new and exciting things happening in the province as a result in the devolution and transfer of some programs and servicing dollars to the province. I certainly would encourage each and every one of our elected officials whether that's Ordinary Members, AngajukKak's or Chairs of Community Governments share this information with your departmental staff and your communities. There is a wealth I believe of opportunity thrown at us today and I think if we're diligent enough and we're concerned with respect to enhancing and leveraging some of our programs and services that we currently offer I certainly think this is a wonderful opportunity and I don't think we should let it go off your radar screen for lack of a better word. So, with that I would encourage each and every one of us to take advantage of that. Minister Skinner. Minister Sullivan, I'm sorry.

**Minister Sullivan:** It's alright, the last time Mr. Skinner was in my district they introduced him as Minister Sullivan so I like that a lot. I just want to again thank you all for opportunity to come here and at least start the process of disseminating the information and opening up the dialogue. I certainly will commit to going back and looking at that pilot project that we discussed earlier about having somebody available in terms of Career and Employment Services to the North Coast of Labrador and with staff we will certainly commit to going back and doing that. And I'd be remised if I didn't mention that within our poverty reduction strategy we will be doing another round of consultation and I believe it's extremely important for us to spend time here on the North Coast of Labrador and to make sure that we have a good understanding of the needs so that together we can work forward and so I will certainly commit to doing that as well as we move forward with that strategy, the Youth Retention Attraction Strategy I left you a copy of. I would certainly appreciate any feedback that you've got on that and finally as I've said the Labor Market piece that we've discussed here today, I agree has great opportunities for all of us and however we can moving forward is certainly the direction we need to go and I think this open dialogue, this communication and conversation will be a large part in doing that, so I thank you very much for this opportunity to be here today to have those initial conversations and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

**Minister Pottle:** Yes I just want to thank Minister Sullivan and her staff for coming out this morning. I hope it was useful information, I hope it's something that you can, are using in our communities and help improve the employment situation here on the coast and get some of our residents in the communities trained by using some of the programs and services that we were educated on here today. I do appreciate you talking a break from your Assembly to allow us to do this morning. Thank you very much.

**Mr. Pottle:** With that, concludes our Committee of the Whole and before we break we usually break, this is for Members of the Assembly, I'd like your advice on this, we usually break for our lunch hour at 12:30, I'm wondering if you would like to break and reconvene and come back as an Assembly at 1:30?

**Assembly:** AYE

**Mr. Pottle:** Okay we see you at 1:30.

**Mr. Pottle:** Ullaakut, Illonasi. Good afternoon I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. Before we took our break we finished order of the day number six, we're now on order of the day number seven, oral question period. Are there any Members who wish to ask questions during this order of the day oral question period? The AngajukKak for Makkovik

**Mr. Jacque:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Health, just for clarification purposes, it's been brought to my attention in the community of Makkovik, the question is; is the policy regarding ground transportation the same in every community? It seems like there's inconsistency and we'd just like to have some clarification. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Minister of Health and Social Development.

**Mrs. Gear:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To my knowledge only place that's different is in Upper Lake Melville. Along the coast we have no means of transportation and by that I mean patients in our communities can't call say for instance to the clinic and say they want a ride to the airstrip, they can't call and say they want a ride to the clinic for an appointment, but in Happy Valley Goose Bay you can. So, that's the only difference. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You must forgive me if I ramble on a bit before I ask my question. My question will be directed to the Honorable First Minister or the Acting Minister of Lands, I'm not sure which one but it may be an implementation issue so it may be directed to the First Minister. Mr. Speaker, one of the backbones of all of our communities in Nunatsiavut is the fishery. Our communities have had a historical attachment to the fishery for Greenland halibut or turbot for many years. These last few years this fishery has been in a decline because of management issues put on us by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Canada is a Member country in NAFO. NAFO accepts the quota for turbot in NAFO area two and 3K which includes the Labrador Coastal areas. Our Land Claim Agreement, Chapter thirteen obliges the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to offer percentages of quotas to the Nunatsiavut Government. Mr. Speaker, to date the Minister has not seen fit to offer any quota for Greenland halibut to the Nunatsiavut Government and in my humble opinion Mr. Speaker the Federal Minister is obliged by our Land Claim Agreement to offer a quota of turbot to the Nunatsiavut Government. My question to the Honorable First Minister is will he pursue this issue with the Federal Minister to I guess see where it would take us and to indeed know at least if we are in a position to be offered a percentage of the quota that Canada puts out annually? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable First Minister and Acting Minister of Land and Natural Resources.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Member for Makkovik, the Minister of Finance is aware and he's correct that if there are new quotas that we should receive a percentage if it's adjacent to the Lands Claims area. The quota that the Member speaks of, the annually allocation is not new quota and the new quota that was announced I think it was, if my memory serves me correctly, December was not adjacent to the zone and most of the quota went to Nunavut with a small percentage to Inuit of Nunavik. But it was determined I guess by my staff and officials from our Government that we were in fact not adjacent. Further to that Mr. Speaker we have been in discussion with Department of Fisheries, in fact there were discussions that were started by the Minister of Finance himself when he was the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and he started a process which I've continued and that although at this time we don't have quota, we haven't received from the Minister notice that we will get a percentage of that quota but our discussions with the Department are continuing. We believe as the Minister stated that absolutely we should have part of that quota so that we can give in a meaningful way be able to forecast how well our fish plants in Nunatsiavut would do. In a meaningful way we can start to plan, upgrade, and do upgrades to the plants in Nain because we would be able to count on a guaranteed annual quota. As well the same would apply to the plant in Makkovik. It will also be a huge improvement I think for a number of our fisherman from Nunatsiavut that would be able plan whether it's for bigger or better boats or even to purchase boats. As the Minister is aware that without that quota things do look fairly bleak in trying to secure funds for either for upgrade to the plants and or for fishermen to move forward with their own planning for their own enterprises. So, it is our hope that as early as this upcoming fishing season that we hope that there will be such an announcement made but at this point I have nothing that allows me to say that that's a guarantee but an answer to the Minister's question certainly my department is fully committed to working toward that end Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development, did I see your hand raised for a question?

**Mrs. Gear:** It was more of a comment.

**Mr. Pottle:** Are there any further questions? The AngajukKak for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Economic Development and it's the same old, same old, where is the CDO funding? Need I say more, we've harped on it every sitting, we're still waiting, and we're still without CDO's.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

**Mr. Shiwak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I realize that the communities are still waiting for this funding and it's been a long time, longer than it should've been, way longer than it should've been. The latest we have on it, if I go back a little ways, ACOA was waiting,

I think the Minister of Finance referenced it this morning, we was waiting for a consolidated financial statements from NG before they released the money for the CDO file 40809. Once the Department of Finance got those consolidated financial statements, they sent them to ACOA, ACOA has to received them and is in the process of sending money to NG. We Act, as we said this morning we Act as the middle man in this program as faulty as it may be right now, but the money is on the way for 08-09. We did submit a plan for up to September 09 and again they had to wait for financial statements for that period as well and there may be a possibility of getting funding up to December 09. But that is the latest update on where the funding is right now other than that I can't tell you any more other than it's coming from ACOA, ACOA is sending the money. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Supplemental question.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and again it's directed to the Minister of Economic Development. Would the department entertain the idea of the joint management or the AngajukKaks in particular would like to have a meeting with Nunatsiavut, your department specifically and the Department of Finance, Innovation Trade and ACOA to get this sorted out and of this meeting would the department entertain the idea of the Inuit Community Governments and more specifically the joint management taking ownership of the CDO's to avoid this in the future?

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

**Mr. Shiwak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Certainly we would be open to discussing any options for making this CDO program function for the communities and I think that's the key word "is the communities" the communities are the experts in this issue, they know how the community functions, they know what programs are set up in the communities. So it should be the communities who take the lead roll in this and I am open to having that discussion and we'll certainly set up that meeting as soon as we can, in the very near future and I hope that my colleague, the Minister of Finance will be welcome to sit in on that meeting as well and all of the AngajukKaks. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Are there any further questions? The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My questions is also directed to Honorable Minister For Economic Development and Education, over the past two weeks I've been through Deputy Ministers, I've been through two Ministers, namely the Minister of Finance, and my question was regarding the balances of the Trusts. I've been put through I guess, jumping through some hoops here trying to get some answers, my question is very simple. What is the current balance of the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

**Mr. Shiwak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately I can't bring that number on the top of my head in front of you today or in front of the House today. I certainly can get that number but you're aware as well that you are a beneficiary to the Trust and that information should be available to you if you request it. But I will also certainly work to get that number for you or whatever number you are requesting and I know that he had requested this from me, I don't think it was last week but the week before and I did not get back to you but I certainly would get that to you as well as your other request. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Supplemental question Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker again back to the Honorable Minister for Education, Economic Development, it does have bearing on my original question basically today at this Assembly sitting we're going to be presented in these binders some consolidated financial of the Nunatsiavut Government. They represent a large amount of losses of the subsidiary companies within the LIDC umbrella. Most notably would be the closure of our pharmacy in recent months. What are we doing within in LIDC to ensure that we do make up some ground and there is some turn around in terms of the continuous year after year after year losses that we are experiencing? Our government is supposed to be depending on economic development in order to become a revenue stream, in order to at least maintain that status quo of what we have today in terms of programs and services and benefits offered by our agreement. What are we doing specifically to change things? In my opinion it's the same ole, same ole. Can you change my mind on that matter? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

**Mr. Shiwak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Member for Upper Lake Melville is absolutely correct. This government is and will be dependent on revenue that has generated from other sources. One of those sources will be the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust and LIDC. Specifically right now I understand that the Trustees are reviewing all of the financials and all of the workings within LIDC, within the subsidiary companies to determine the best direction in moving forward. They are sort of in a transition phase as you are aware, you should be aware, you've appointed these Trustees to this Trust. I'm very confident that they will try to make the right decisions in moving forward. They do not want to lose money anymore in the future either. They want this thing to function as a business as they should. They want to make this thing work and generate funds that would come to NG as a beneficiary or any beneficiary of the Trust. But I Trust that they are doing their job and I've been instructed that they are reviewing all subsidiary companies under LIDC; under the Trust to determine which way is the best direction forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Second supplemental question, the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Also at this sitting we've been presented, again back to the Honorable Minister of Education, Economic Development we've been presented with two Trust indentures. The Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust indenture is not present here today. When will we be receiving that updated Trust indenture because I believe the latest copy that probably anybody has electronically has the old Trustees. I for one would like to know have there been any amendments to that Trust and when will we get a copy of that Trust? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

**Mr. Shiwak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will certainly find out if there are amendments to the old Trust indenture and if there all I will supply all Assembly Members with that Trust indenture whether there are amendments or not. All Assembly Members get a chance to read it and are aware of it and know the rules of the Trust and what are your rights and beneficiaries under that Trust. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The AngajukKak for Postville.

**Mr. Decker:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. I question I had originally had he answered this morning in his Minister's Statement but I guess the question is you know we're getting close to 2011, Aurora is down to probably three options now for tailings. The question is, do we have the people with the expertise that is going to make sure that we're going, you know when this go ahead it's going to be safe for everybody and if we don't have them will we have them in place?

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable First Minister and the Acting Minister of Land and Natural Resources.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess we are getting close to 2011, eight months away, but you're right. He is right Mr. Speaker it is close and the way that these things work it is upon us before we know it happens. I have to say Mr. Speaker that he referenced Aurora and the only Aurora I know of as a company is the Aurora that has a significant uranium deposit holdings, they're an exploration company. I have to remind the Member that currently the mining and milling of uranium is banned by Inuit Law Mr. Speaker and as such I've not directed my officials in any way study or to put in place procedures or roadblocks as to deal with the mining and milling of uranium. That will come I suspect Mr. Speaker after there is a review of what is known as the moratorium. There has to be a review after March 2011 and Mr. Speaker I suppose that the Department of Lands and Natural Resources will at that time make a decision as to whether or not, no need to bring in more staff to deal with companies such as Aurora and this time Mr. Speaker I have to say that I felt it is not necessary however I wish to assure the Member that we do have a good dialogue with all exploration companies. We make them aware of policies and procedures of our department. We answer questions that exploration companies such as Aurora have and we try to keep them in the loop as to where we are. We make them aware of progress with respect to as to what time they

could expect environmental protection legislation from us. We assist them in any way with interpreting things for land use planning authority, information that we're able to provide for them but as such my department has not made plans at this time to bring in people that are professional or to assist my department in any way with reviewing Aurora's work plans. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

**Mr. Flowers:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister for Education and Economic Development. In our binders we have a serious letter, which I call serious from a Mr. Charles Martin and I guess my question to the Minister is did Mr. Martin ever come to you to try and get some clarification. There is very serious, in my opinion, allegations in there so the question is did he come at any time to your department to seek advice or to let you know what was happening to him or to the LIDC department when this occurred?

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

**Mr. Shiwak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, Mr. Martin did make contact with myself and he did send an e-mail looking for I guess for assistance in helping him along with what was going on with LIDC at the time. I instructed Mr. Martin that he should contact, if he not already done so, he should contact the board of LIDC and the Trustees of the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust and bring this matter up with them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Supplemental question, Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

**Mr. Flowers:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Mr. Shiwak again. Is it true that we do not have a Board of LIDC right now or there is a lot of vacancies and that he could not attempt to go to the Board so he went to the ICST?

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

**Mr. Shiwak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Right now I believe that there are three vacancies on the Board of LIDC and that I'm not sure if he went, he never told me he went to the Board or whoever is on the board. I can only assume that he went to the Trustees. Why I say the Trustees because they are responsible for that Trust. We appointed them to be heads of that Trust and therefore shareholders of LIDC and they are required to make all decisions with regards to the functions of LIDC and the Trust and we should be able to rely on them to do so. Unfortunately I was not here this morning when the conversation about Mr. Martin's letter had taken place Mr. Speaker had advised me, the Assembly has directed me to look into the matter and I will certainly look into the matter and get clarification for the Assembly and for Mr. Martin on what is taking place. If there is any wrong doing taking place or whatever else is happening. I hope that answers your question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Second supplemental question Ordinary Member for Hopedale.



**Mr. Flowers:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is still directed to the Minister of Education and Economic Development. Can you, while you're investigating, because I'm kind of fuzzy at as what the LIDC Board then what is their responsibility in all of this? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

**Mr. Shiwak:** I guess your question is what is the role of the LIDC Board in this Charles Martin case? I will certainly, it is my understanding that the LIDC Board is directly responsible for the management of LIDC so I would assume they would have a direct role in all of this but I'll certainly clarify that question for you and get you the correct response. But that would be my take on it and I will clarify that for you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The AngajukKak for Hopedale.

**Mrs. Dicker:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Finance. Last year I think there was nine hundred and forty five thousand dollars put aside for our arena and I'm still wondering if the money is still available to us? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Finance, HR & IT.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am unsure if this money was approved by the Assembly or by the Tasiujatsoak Trust. Could you clarify that?

**Mrs. Dicker:** It's from the Voisey's Bay Trust. So, I don't know if you would have anything to do with that. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Being new to the Trust I will certainly for the AngajukKak for Hopedale and get back to her as soon as I possible can. So you will that information as I soon as I find out. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** We still have a couple of minutes in question period. Are there any further questions from any Members of the Assembly? If there are no further questions this closes order of the day number seven and we'll proceed to order of the day number eight, written questions. Are there any written questions by any Members of the Assembly or this sitting? If there are no written questions that completes order of the day number eight. We'll proceed with order of the day number nine, Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Before we get to that I apologize to the Assembly and realize that I did make a mistake this morning when the Minister, the Honorable First Minister attempted to table the two reports that he wish to table this morning. I had consultations with the First Minister on this issue and I believe it's the First Ministers intent to table the two

reports in the next sitting of the Assembly which would most likely happen tomorrow. Is that your intent First Minister?

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, that is my intent.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, Honorable First Minister. Are there any reports of Standing and Special Committees at this point in time? If there are no reports of Special and Standing Committees that concludes order of the day number nine. We'll now proceed with order of the day number ten, Notices of Motions. The Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I intend to introduce a series of four Motions a little later in the agenda regarding the Nunatsiavut Business Centre Incorporated and I wish to inform the Members that these motions will be introduced in the near future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Are there any further Notices of Motions? If there are no further Notices of Motions that concludes order of the day number ten. We will now proceed with order of the day number eleven, Notice of Motion for First Reading of Bills. Is there any Member who wishes to provide Notice of Motion for First Reading of Bills? The Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to give the Assembly notice that I will be introducing two Bills to be debated. The first one will be a Bill for Chapter 19 and 23 dollars and the second Bill will be the consolidated financial plan for the Nunatsiavut Government for fiscal year 2010-2011 or the Budget Bill. So I tend to introduce these two Bills. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Are there any other Member who wish to provide Notice of Motions for First reading of Bills? The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I like to give notice that I will be introducing three Bills, Bill number 2010-04, A Bill for an Act Respecting Inuit Community Government Elections, Bill 2010-05, A Bill for an Act Respecting the Elections of Chairpersons of Inuit Community Corporations, finally Mr. Speaker Bill number 2010-06 A Bill for an Inuit Law to Amend the Standing Orders and Procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** According to the information that you have in your binders, there is one more Bill for reading during this session and I'm wondering who the Minister or the individual who is responsible for providing Notice of Motion for first reading of Bill number 2010-02? The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My apologies, it also my intention to table Bill number 2010-02 A Bill for an Inuit Law to Authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to Issue Loan Guarantees to support Commercial Borrowing by Torngat Fish Producers Co-

operative Society Limited for the period April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** If there are no further Notices of Motions for first reading of Bills that concludes order of the day number eleven. We'll continue with our orders of the day number twelve, motions. The Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker for quite some time now I and the Members of the Executive Council have been attempting to address the issue of the operations of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre Incorporated. The Nunatsiavut Business Centre was established in 2003 as a function of the Impact and Benefits Agreement between the Labrador Inuit Association and the Voisey's Bay Nickel Company. This agreement is now in effect between the Nunatsiavut Government and Vale Inco as successors to LIA and the former Voisey's Bay Nickel Company. The Nunatsiavut Business Centre was intended to operate off of a ten year revolving loan agreement. The amount of that loan that the business centre could draw on was five million dollars. The business would issue loans to beneficiaries who applied to the business centre and the loans would normally be drawn from that revolving loan agreement for individuals who were successful in obtaining loans. It has come to our attention that the business centre operation itself has not been conducted in a proper manner and there's no one thing that we can point to in the operations of the business centre and saying the problem lies there. It's been a series of issues that have led us to where we are today and it is our intention to get the wheels in motion through a series of four motions here today to put the NBCI on a solid foundation again. The revolving loan agreement will terminate on July 29 of this year but the determination of that revolving loan agreement does not mean that the business centre have to devolve its operations and that is something that will be decided as time goes by. So that is to give you a bit of background information, there is a lot of information in these resolutions that speak to the operations of the business centre and we will discuss these as the resolutions are debated by the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to introduce a motion seconded by the President of Nunatsiavut to direct the President to introduce a motion to strike a special committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** It was my understanding from a consultation between the Speaker, the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the President of Nunatsiavut and the Legal Counsel, Mr. Veryan Haysom on the process for proceeding with these intended motions. It was my understanding after that consultation yesterday evening that we would proceed in the following manner and with that I direct the Members to tab eight in your binders which has the five resolutions that's being proposed by the Minister. The Speaker had concerns last night which I raised with the three forenamed individuals regarding the process and the fact as the resolutions as they appear sequentially in your binder were somewhat in my perspective as Speaker not in the right order that we should proceed. It was my understanding last night that these resolutions would be changed so that the first resolution would be for the Minister to ask the

Assembly to recess and convene as a general meeting of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre Incorporated. The second motion would be to waive notice of a general meeting for the Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre Incorporated to have discussion on the proposed resolution number one and the proposed resolution number four. Has there something that has happened that I'm not aware of subsequent to the meeting last night to stick with the orders as proposed under your motions?

**Mr. Broomfield:** We can proceed in that order, it's not an issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker for that clarification and my apologies for the omission. I will start again. I would like to introduce a motion seconded by the President of Nunatsiavut for the Assembly to recess and reconvene as general meeting of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre Incorporated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, Honorable Minister. The motion is in order. Is the Assembly in favor of taking a break in the proceedings of our orders of the day to allow for the Minister to proceed with respect to asking the Assembly to convene a general meeting of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre? Is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** AYE

**Mr. Pottle:** I think that should give us the go ahead to proceed with this. Before I do that I'd just like to take a two minute break just to with Clerk of the Assembly and legal counsel regarding the second resolution to waive notice of a general meeting for the Nunatsiavut Business Centre. I'd like to know whether we have to do that on our orders of the day or whether or not we can proceed to do that when we convene as Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre, so bear with me for two minutes while I consult with legal and the Clerk of the Assembly. I request the general meeting of Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre Incorporated open. I request consent that the Assembly give me permission to chair this general meeting of the Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre.

**Assembly:** AYE

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I would like to introduce a motion made by the President to waive notice of a general meeting of Nunatsiavut Business Centre Incorporated. Be it resolved that the Members of Nunatsiavut Business Centre Incorporated hereby unanimously waive notice of the general meeting of the Members of the corporation now convene for purposes of appointing interim directors to the corporation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The motion is in order. The Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology has asked for the Assembly's consent to waive the required seven day notice to call a general meeting of the Assembly. Are the Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre Incorporated in favor of the motion?

**Assembly:** AYE

**Mr. Pottle:** Our order of business is to deal with a resolution and I would ask the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology to put forth his motion to appoint directors of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre Incorporated.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I like to form the Members of the NBCI to bear with me; this is quite a long resolution. This resolution would not only set out the interim directors of the Business Centre but to provide direction for those Directors for work to be completed. I like to introduce a motion seconded by President Lyall to appoint directors to Nunatsiavut Business Centre Incorporated. Whereas it is necessary to provide to the good management of the corporation between now and the date for the final report of the special committee and Directors of the Corporation have resigned and no Directors have been elected or appointed for a number of years and there are uncertainties about who are the Directors of the Corporation and who is responsible for it's management and operations. Now be it resolved that the Members of the Assembly convene as a general meeting of the Members of the Corporation that; 1) Wyman Jacque, Brent Denniston and Theresa Hollett be and I hereby appoint the Directors of the Corporations to hold office until the special committee of the Assembly reports on the future of the Corporation or until their successors are elected or appointed as directors and 2) the Directors be and I hereby direct not to borrow any more money for or in the name of the corporation and not to make any more loans for or in the name of the Corporation and that the Directors be and I hereby authorize and direct it to. Prepare and complete and accurate and current financial accounts and statements for the Corporation. Prepare a written report from the past and current business to March 31, 2010 of the Corporation. Including a report on how the accounts were administered and maintained and who performed the various administrative functions. To identify and report on which loans are not current and which are bad and unrecoverable and what can be done to reduce and minimize losses to the Corporation resulting from the delinquent or bad loan accounts. Identify and report on the main terms of all loan agreements including when the Corporation can sign them to third parties. Identify and report on the amounts owing by the Corporation to others including to Vale Inco and to the Nunatsiavut Government and the corporations arrangements for repayment if any. Establish who authorized the loan to Torngat Co-op, how it was accounted for by all parties involved, Nunatsiavut Government, the Corporation and Torngat Co-op. Who authorized the forgiveness of interest and what the current re-payment arrangements are. Prepare a list of all persons who has served on the Board of Directors of the Corporation and as employees of the Corporation from day one to the presence and the dates of their service. Prepare a list of all persons with signing authority on behalf of the Corporation who gave them signing authority and the period during which they Acted as signing officers. Bring the corporation into good standing with the register of companies. Provide a complete and current register of Inuit businesses and maintain the register on an on-going basis. Identify which businesses on the register are Inuit businesses for the purposes of the Voisey's Bay Impact and Benefits Agreement but do not qualify as Inuit Businesses in terms of the Land Claim Agreement and the Nunatsiavut Procurement Order. Make reasonable efforts to find and compile the corporate records of the Corporation including minutes of its meetings and to find records of decisions made and or resolutions passed

by the Labrador Inuit Association, the Nunatsiavut Executive Council and Ministers with respect to the Corporation operation. Make reasonable efforts to identify what was lost in the fire that destroyed the offices of the Corporation in 2005 and report on what Action if any was taken to recover or reconstruct what was lost. The original headquarters of the NBCI located in Nain, it was in the building that was destroyed by the fire in 2005. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Minister Broomfield. The motion is in order. Given that I do not as Chair of this meeting have a process which I need to follow to conduct this meeting. I will do my best to follow Roberts's rules of order for dealing with this issue on the matter. As I said the motion is in order so each Assembly Member will have the opportunity to speak to the motion and to ask questions if they so choose of the Minister who's presenting this motion. Are there any Members who wish to speak to the motion? The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Russell.

**Mr. Russell:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to ask, I know that Mr. Broomfield did send out some by-laws, is that all we have because I believe you said sent them out a page at time or something like that? Do we have a full set of current by-laws?

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you. It is our understanding that the original by-laws may have been destroyed in the fire. The copy I have sent to all of the Members is the most up to date copy of the by-laws of the NBCI, these are not signed copies of the by-laws but this is the most current and up to date copy of the by-laws that I am aware of. Thank you. There is one page missing in the original document I sent to you but I have subsequently sent that missing page of information to the Members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again to Mr. Broomfield, you indicated right from the beginning of our discussion here surrounding the Corporation that its affairs are not in good order. My question to you then would be why would this group of Members of the Corporation want to reassign to directors who are current directors and task them with investigating their own Actions which lead to the Corporation not being in good standing?

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you. That's a fair question and it was discussed quite a bit when we were discussing the NBCI issue. We could appoint new Directors to the NBCI. These new Directors would come into a, be Directors to the Corporation and they would have absolutely no idea as to what's going on. The current individuals have some background knowledge into the affairs of the NBCI. They would most likely be the individuals if we did appoint new Directors they would have to go to these individuals to find that information. I would like to personally extend my thanks to Wyman, to Brent and Theresa for agreeing to be interim directors of NBCI to bring the affairs of the Corporation in order to bring things current and we also have to remember that there will be no loans issued by these interim Directors. They will be tasked with bringing the

affairs in order and to bring everything, all information to date and that is the reason why we recommended these three individuals. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Ms. Erickson.

**Ms. Erickson:** I have I guess a couple of comments and a couple of questions. First of all this is kind of very new to me and probably to a lot of other people here not even knowing this existed so it's trying to get it all in and I kind of agree with Mr. Russell in having the Directors basically audit themselves. I can understand them being kept as Directors or made as Directors of the NBCI but a lot of the direction that your going to get from them it's almost like an audit that you're looking for and this is a lot of information that I don't know if these three individuals would be able to do it all so it only makes sense maybe to get somebody else in to go through and get what this committee is asking for with regards to what's going on with NBCI, the loans and everything else. That's my opinion. The other one is one of the directives I guess is to provide a complete and current register of Inuit businesses and maintain the register on an on-going basis. Should that not have been on-going anyway? How many times are we saying that we're promoting Inuit business and we on our website and within our Government we keep a list of Inuit businesses that people can go to. So why all of a sudden are we updating it and is it that not why we have the Business Centre Coordinator or whatever it is that position is, is it not that person's job to maintain that? There's a lot of stuff in here that should have been on-going and if we had a Board of Directors whether or not they were there or not they should have been overseeing this and obviously they weren't and yet here we are telling them to come back and look at everything they've done wrong and give us a report on it. It just doesn't seem right and then one final minor point is to make reasonable effort to find and compile the corporate records of the Corporation, including minutes of meetings and find records of decisions made and our resolutions and you have Pathway, LIA, Nunatsiavut Executive Council and Ministers. Should that also not just be limited to those because I'm sure we as the committee supposedly have never heard of this, never dealt with this, had never anything to do with this, so obviously there were decisions made outside of that. So there are other decisions being made that are not made by what's listed here. So if they want to come back and be picky about it they're just going to find the decisions that were made by the people listed here, not any other decisions that were made.

**Mr. Pottle:** Mr. Broomfield.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Member's observations and questions are certainly valid. It's new to me also. It's very surprising that it is new to the Directors of NBCI also. I had great discussions with my Deputy Minister. He was asked to step in as a Director a few years ago, he was not aware that there were any bylaws of the Corporation. He was tasked with I guess looking at loan applications and either approving them or disapproving them and to his knowledge that was his extent of involvement of the NBCI. This Corporation was set up many years ago as an agreement between the former LIA and the Voisey's Bay Nickel Company. As I said earlier it's been a whole slue of events that lead us to where we are today. This is just as new to me

as it is to you. It's very easy to point fingers at one individual and say that this is the problem but this is not my focus to put together all of this information because I know it was a systematic failure of everybody involved in setting up this Business Centre under the Impact and Benefits Agreement with Voisey's Bay Nickel Company. So it's been an on-going issue for a number of years that's been festering and the intent now is to put the Corporation in good standing to bring everything current and the interim Directors are in my opinion the right people to do this because they have at least a bit of history into the operations of the NBCI and probably the most contentious issue is the loans that were issued by NBCI that are still outstanding. We have to put this Corporation on a solid foundation moving forward so basically it's your call whether or not you accept this motion. You are the Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre Incorporated; it's as surprising to me as it is to you. That's all I have to say. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** President Lyall.

**President Lyall:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just want to give very brief history on what's happening here and how it came about. I was called I believe about three weeks ago by Tim McNeil saying that we needed another appointment to the NBCI and I asked him at the time "what happened, you know", he said "apparently Mr. Jacques had resigned as a Member. We didn't know about it so we looked into it and that's when I phoned you and asked you to get copies of the registrar for us to see. It was only then that we found out that it was directly under the Assembly, it wasn't under the Executive Council and that rang bells and we said okay we have to do something about it and briefly try to get back to what Sarah asked and what we're saying is that we need these officials appointed now to put the companies on the registry of companies for IBA for the Voisey's Bay, Vale Inco, sorry, agreement. Right now that's their only role they would have and Molly as an employee she was not allowed or capable of deciding who was an Inuit company and who was not an Inuit company and they needed a quorum of Members to make a decision. As a matter of fact we've asked Brent to sit on there, we've already asked him but he said he's willing to if it's approved by the Assembly.

**Mr. Pottle:** As Chair, just to add further to what Mr. Broomfield and President Lyall has provided, when I received the call from the President approximately three weeks ago I was I think just as surprised as the President was that this Nunatsiavut Business Centre and the Member's of the Centre were indeed the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. The process right from the very beginning I believed was flawed. Just to give you a bit of history on the development of this Corporation and after I had worked in consultation with the provincial Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Pottle's Executive Assistant, Donna Stokes, at my request went to the Registry of Company and Deeds to look for what information had indeed been registered under the Registry of Company and Deeds. Ms. Stokes did provide me with a copy of the first Articles of Association that were registered under the Corporations Act with the Company and Deeds for the Province. These Articles of Association were first registered by three individuals; Mr. Ed Montague, who was I believe hired as Legal Counsel to assist Mr. Haysom in or around 2002-2003. Mr. Haysom and his Secretary, Ruth Caines were the original Members who submitted the articles of association for incorporation and that happened on April 16,



2003. When I transferred the information to Legal Counsel, Loretta Michelin she immediately informed me that there was the most important piece of information that should have been registered with the articles of association were not registered and that was the by-laws of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre Incorporated. With that the next day I took it upon myself to go the Registry of Company and Deeds and to review the files myself. Upon that review I found that on October the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the following person ceased to be Directors of the Corporation, Mr. Montague, Mr. Haysom and Ms. Caines and that the new Directors of this Corporation were the former President of Nunatsiavut, William Andersen III, the current First Minister, Tony Andersen and our now President, Jim Lyall. The next piece of information that came across with respect to changing or amending the Articles of Association with a respect to change of Directors on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the following persons ceased to be Directors of the company, William Andersen III, Tony Andersen and Jim Lyall and the following individuals were named as Directors of this company as of October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Wyman Jacque, Chesley Andersen and Brent Denniston. We did teleconference on this issue to see what had gone awry here to the best of our ability and through discussions on teleconference it was quite clear from the discussions that the Nunatsiavut Assembly were indeed Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre and that the Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre were responsible for appointing Directors to this company that as far as records that we are aware of never happened and that I think is important with respect to some of the tasks that's been proposed within the resolution presented by Mr. Broomfield to find out what exactly happened with the development for lack of a better word of this company and one of the things that concerned me I guess it was it came to my attention that I was indeed an Member of the Business Centre was how could you operate a Corporation without bylaws, your bylaws set out the direction for the operation and management of the company and within those bylaws which you have a copy of there are very specific reporting requirements that is necessary to be brought back to the Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre namely annually reports and audited statements that were never presented to the Members of this Assembly and I guess to finish off the bit of information for you I found it quite odd that the Directors, all three of the two former Members of the Directors of this company initially Mr. Haysom, Mr. Montague, Ms. Caines subsequently the other Directors President Lyall, William Andersen III and Tony Andersen and then the new Directors of the company Wyman, Chesley Andersen and Brent Denniston, it certainly surprised me that with all three parties involved how could this be missed through something not followed. There was general practices I guess with respect to the bylaws, did these people even understand what their roles and responsibilities were and who named these people to be Directors of this company and it's still unclear right now whether that was the Board of Directors of LIA, the Transitional Nunatsiavut Government and I can certainly I think say with 100% certainty it was not the Members of this Assembly or the Members of the Business Centre, the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. So that's some history to compliment what's been presented by Mr. Broomfield and President Lyall and I believe that in order for this company to be brought back into good standing these tasks that were presented visa vi this resolution by Mr. Broomfield has to be followed upon in order for this, the Members of this Business Centre to make a determination on the future of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre. Mr. Russell.

**Mr. Russell:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our Government is supposed to be built on transparency and accountability and if something stinks in the Nunatsiavut Business Corporation then what message are we sending to the public if we're prepared to let internal employees newly appointed as Directors using our own accountants that we probably already have under contract in order to investigate and or report on the mess. To me that doesn't do justice, that is contrary to transparency and to accountability. There's no need for the Directors to be responsible for that they can remain as Directors, we can't appoint additional directors and continue on without some type of supervision of this process perhaps from the Speaker, perhaps from the Minister of Finance, however that has to happen. The fact of the matter when it all comes down to it this is a business, a corporation, an entity set up to accomplish a certain thing. That may have been to administer those loans and keep the Corporation in good standing. If there were transgressions involved with the administration of loans, that's one thing, if the Corporation is not in good standing, that's two things. There's a certain measure of liability associated with the Directors and that probably was spelled out in the bylaws at some point in time. Having said that, if things were done wrong, if things were done improperly, God forbid if things were done illegally in the administration of the said loans then you cannot expect a person that may be liable for those transgressions to investigate themselves, that's just not proper in my opinion. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**Mr. Pottle:** President Lyall.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Chairman. I'm not sure if this resolution is asking those people to investigate, I think they were asking them to carry on the business of the Centre as it is right now to make sure that the people are on the list of Inuit Businesses on the website and get out the information that's going to be required. Whoever we appoint, whatever committee of the Assembly that we may appoint to investigate and look into this matter. I think there is a difference there.

**Mr. Pottle:** Mr. Russell

**Mr. Russell:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. The resolution, point blank says that the Directors be and hereby authorized and directed to and then we have all the bullet points which is to execute all of the things we want done here. To me then they're, it's their sole responsibility to carry that out and again like I said if they have any measure of liability or if there is to be any accountability for things that may be done wrong I don't see how this can be accountable and transparent by having internal employees look at the decisions made by themselves and past Directors which happen to be in this case officials in our Government because the fact remains that I mean past transgressions by past Directors just because you're not a Director anymore doesn't mean you're liable and certain transactions were executed at a certain point in time if we recover those records and people are found to be liable those people are still liable. So, I mean I still have a problem with it. To me it's the equivalent of asking a corrupt police force to investigate themselves and I'm not accusing anybody of corruption by no means but I use the analogy that's all. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, Mr. Russell. I believe that you had made your opinions on the matter well known and if any other Member of the Business Centre would like to speak to this issue now is your time to do so. Ms. Erickson.

**Ms. Erickson:** It's more just for clarification, if the Business Centre isn't going to be carrying on in the business that it was designed to do which was to approve Loan Guarantees for Inuit businesses but were assigning Board of Directors, what are we assigning the Board of Directors for? Wouldn't it be more because it seems there are so many questions with regards to the existing Business Centre and the business around it, would it not be better just to disband the Business Centre and if we're looking at setting up another one, start all over again?

**Mr. Pottle:** Mr. Broomfield.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Business Centre was set up under the Impact and Benefits Agreement between the LIA and Voisey's Bay Nickel Company. The revolving loan agreement will terminate the end of July this year. After this revolving loan is terminated the Business Centre itself will not have funds to be able to offer loans to anybody. But that doesn't mean that the Business Centre would have to be dissolved, the Business Centre would have a purpose of establishing Inuit Business in terms of the Voisey's Bay project and who could get access to contracts or projects that come up out of that project. Regardless of whoever we recommend the Directors be, the work for those Directors is laid out in this resolution we can appoint, as Members of the Business Centre we can appoint a minimum of three Directors, a maximum of seven. We could have seven Directors; they will still do the same work that these three would do because the work is laid out for them. The Directors, we as Members will be giving these Directors a directive that they issue no loans, no new loans for the Business Centre. Their role will be to bring the affairs in good order and bring them up to date and that is pretty much it. The issue of whether the Business Centre should continue into the future will be discussed or resolved later with the, I guess a Special Committee of the Assembly being I guess approved and the Assembly would then look at those types of issues. Right now what we are concerned about is getting the affairs of the Business Centre into good order and bring it up to a current standing that's it.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, Mr. Broomfield and just to add what you've just said and for the benefit of Ms. Erickson who posed the question, the bottom line is we as Members of this Business Centre at this point in time have no idea what the full transactions of this Business have been namely right now and I think Mr. Broomfield and his role as Minister of Finance is doing due diligence within his department to look at what is outstanding from this Business Centre and what the Nunatsiavut Government may be liable for. This revolving loan that was given by and come through the Impacts and Benefits Agreement was set out I believe and I stand to be corrected for an eight year term. That term is up at the end of July, so time I believe is of the essence, we need to determine exactly how much dollars have been issued from that five million dollar revolving loan and how much money the Nunatsiavut Government may be liable for forfeiting back to the now Vale

Inco as a result of expending some of those dollars. So, I think at this point in time propose that the Business Centre no longer exist is not good business practice because without that inexistence how would we be able to find out the information that we need to find in order to put some finality to this centre and the issues that are outstanding.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Just to expand to that Mr. Chair, it is an eight year revolving loan agreement, I said earlier it was ten. It began in 2002 and it will end this year. Any loans that are outstanding to the Business Centre at that time Vale Inco will deduct those amounts from payments that they would normally make to the Tasiujatsoak Trust. That was part of the agreement that if there are loans unpaid to the Business Centre at the time when then revolving loan has ended and loans are due to be repaid, if loans are not repaid to the Business Centre than Vale Inco would reduce their payments to the Trust by those amounts that are unpaid to the Business Centre. So, that is the nature of the agreement. So, we have to continue with the interim of the Business Centre to get the affairs in good order.

**Mr. Pottle:** Ms. Erickson.

**Ms. Erickson:** Just a comment I agree these things have to be done and I was no way as I was saying that none of this should be done and I have to figure out what's wrong. But just to make a comment on your last statement of having to had directors is to keep the business functional that's not functional now with you know so what's the difference?

**Mr. Pottle:** President Lyall.

**President Lyall:** Sorry just to speak to Sarah's question again the reason we need the director's appointed a minimum of 3 is good as Todd said we could have appointed up to 7 to review applications from Inuit businesses wanted to be registered on that Vale Inco file so that they can get contracts if they bid on contracts if there not on that registry they can bid on those and what have happened in Vale Inco and as we point out clearly there won't be any loans of any kind given out. There won't be any more money given out just to get those Inuit businesses registered is a main purpose and of course and the duties that we played out in the resolution that we require them to do and one more comment I'm not to going to belabor the fact that this is the last time I will say it, it doesn't matter who we appoint is the special committee is to investigate. Those people are going to have to talk to Todd there to Wyman and Brent and Theresa and whoever else was involved and as I said I have I believe that they have some recollection of what happened with the records that were destroyed in the fire I think it would be best for us is to appoint those people the committee and the special committee and question them on their findings thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Mr. Russell.

**Mr. Russell:** Thank you Mr. Chair. I just like to point out I guess a comment as well that may obviously that VBNC now Vale wouldn't have just said here you go take all this money and do what you want with it without of some type of reporting requirement and

agreement in place so therefore there must be something there that has to be a component of this scope of work this investigation if you will and I also like to I guess urge that we put a time component on this investigation as well because this is not something that should run through our election and to the next elected Assembly because right now were current Members. I like to see this executed before that election namely because if we end up in a situation like this which drags on and on and on you could almost have and entirely new group of elected officials right here looking at a report and as green as they'll be as we were several years ago it will mean absolute nothing to them and you will have to go back to all this history again and it may not have the gravity as it does now to us. I guess being a little more mature in our roles, that's it.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Once the Assembly is dissolved we will cease the Members of the NBCI.

**Mr. Pottle:** Ms. Erickson.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thanks, Actually just a quick question for President Lyall because you seem to be more familiar. So with regards with Inuit Businesses being on the Inuit business registry. The NBCI is where the Inuit business is registered so that has a record of them so that is the relationship there?

**President Lyall:** That was correct. If you want to register as an Inuit business if you started a business you have to go to NBCI to get approval that you are indeed prove that you are Inuit business.

**Mr. Broomfield:** To elaborate on that for Sarah's benefit. The NBCI as it relates to the Inuit business is only related to the Voisey's Bay project nothing else that's it. That's there they don't look at Inuit Businesses for doing contract for say admin center or something like that it's just related to the Voisey's Bay project that's it.

**Mr. Pottle:** Mr. Barbour.

**Mr. Barbour:** Thank you Mr. Chair. There's again I recognizing that the Minister of Finance said is this I think dug down deep into digging into this has not been easy for him. But there are 2 things in terms of on page 2 of the resolution that he read out that interest to me and would like to have answers to them anyway. One is with regard to the loan authorized to Torngat Co-op I am aware of that hasn't been in the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources I think this loan was given to Torngat Co-op within the intent to it was going to be paid off within a year or 2 year at most. I'd like to know the status of that one. Because if you will all remember there was an emergency sitting of the Assembly in Nain in 2007 to give or to authorize the line Loan Guarantees of a million dollars for Torngat Co-op and has been un-going since now they have been lesser amounts in 2008 and 2009 I'd like to know the status of that one. The other one that is of interest to me is what I ask Jim on the side just before we got into this discussion here. I mean this pot of money that was loaning out money how much money loans have we given out that under our Land Claim Agreement do not qualify as in Inuit business being that there are not

51% owned. I'd like to know that too so I think that you know I'm not sure that the word is thanks but grateful that the Minister of Finance is taken time to do homework and recognizing the words that Mr. Flowers used this morning. We made mistakes yesterday we will make mistakes tomorrow but that's going to fix them and be transparent about it thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** President Lyall.

**President Lyall:** Yes just one brief comment on the differences between the Inuit Businesses. Under our procurement order and Inuit Businesses own 51% by Inuit. Under the Voisey's Bay agreement you can register as Inuit Businesses as long as you have a certain number of employees working for the company and that's the difference. The loan was initially set up only to deal with businesses dealing with Vale Inco or Voisey's Bay. My understanding is some time ago 2, 3 or 4 years I'm not sure that change where they gave out loans to any Inuit Business. They didn't have necessarily time to deal with Vale Inco or Voisey's Bay thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Mr. Broomfield.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Mr. Chair to provide clarification to Mr. Barbour says it is my understanding that there were approximately 10 loans issued by the Business Centre to various individuals. The loan to Torngat Fish Producers Co-op was a loan of \$800,000 once the Torngat Fish Producers has re-paid \$300,000 to the Business Centre so there is a \$500,000 outstanding loan repayment to be made to the Business Centre from Torngat Fish Producer Co-op Thank you Mr. Chair.

**Mr. Pottle:** Ms. Erickson.

**Ms. Erickson:** Just one more question again about the Inuit Business Centre. What difference does it make what does our procurement what does Nunatsiavut procurement order have to do with this if this is just for businesses set up to deal with Vale Inco or Voisey's Bay?

**Mr. Pottle:** President Lyall.

**President Lyall:** The only reason that it's in the agreement is since they are now giving out loans to Inuit business. Whether it's to Vale Inco or Voisey's Bay or not. We want to make sure they follow our procurement Act if there going to be registered as an Inuit business you have to be an Inuit business as to our procurement Act. Not based on the Voisey's Bay agreement in other words you can't you wouldn't be able to for instance to say they'll operate in Hopedale if you were a business instead of employing 15 Inuit you have to be at least 51% owned by Inuit to be able to do that, follow me?

**Ms. Erickson:** I understand what your saying but I have asked if this NBCI dealt with just Vale Inco businesses set up for Vale Inco but now were crossing into the line but into Nunatsiavut procurement's and I'm wondering where there was no discussion on that but

that changed when you hear it all right at the beginning of the meeting it said NBCU was set up to deal with Vale Inco contracts or businesses or now all of a sudden were talking about our procurement policy and tendering out for our Assembly Building.

**Mr. Broomfield:** It's my understanding that the I would assume the directors or somebody opened up the guidelines that you know loans will be given not just to Inuit businesses who were looking will it's two separate issues the loan arrangements was broaden to include Inuit who were not related or were directly involved with the project so I'm sure is to how that happened. But I'm assuming that this would come out in the near future when the committee looks at the operations of the Business Centre. So that's something that I really can't answer at this time.

**Mr. Pottle:** Ms. Erickson.

**Ms. Erickson:** Then should that be something as well. Let's answer it in this I mean if were going to set up another Business Centre that's going to be one thing that's going to be clear by once when the Business Centre is set up is it specifically one project or is it going to be generally for Inuit businesses?

**Mr. Pottle:** Does anyone want to respond to Ms. Erickson?

**President Lyall:** I think that under that bullet Sarah it say's identify which business is on the registrar are Inuit businesses for purposes of the Voisey's Bay IBA but which do not qualify as in Inuit business in terms of the Land Claims Agreement and the Nunatsiavut procurement order. So what were saying there should be two when you do the register your company or if you're an Inuit business would be registered as a Nunatsiavut business and the other one IBA business only basic understand what I'm saying now? Yea yes

**Mr. Pottle:** Order please one person at a time. Ms. Erickson were you finished? Mr. Russell.

**Mr. Russell:** Were talking right now philosophically about bylaws that probably should be followed in the corporation going forward. What everybody is talking about right here is the fact that who ever was involved did what ever the heck they wanted and went beyond the intent of the origin of the money which came from Voisey's Bay Nickel. They you know I've heard stories about loans given to companies in Ontario that are Inuit maybe, maybe not that are now bankrupt these are all going to be a cost to us. The First Minister Mr. Broomfield just basically said that we've got \$500,000 outstanding from Torngat who where about another Loan Guarantees and this very sitting for another  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a million dollars and now were about to put a rubber stamp on this particular process and let the same people responsible for all of that investigate themselves and investigate the outcomes of all of these 10 loans which we have no detail's on of which ones are of default which ones are going to become a cost to this Government or basically a lost to the Voisey's Bay Trusts going forward. We're going to let those people investigate that!!! I mean this is I mean this is a farce right now which way were going with this.

These things have to be done yes. Do those directors have to be part of that absolutely? Do somebody else have to manage this with out a doubt cannot be the people in charge here with the accountants we currently use that they manage and that they pay and that they respect that love their big contracts this is not the way this has to go and go and forward. Were basically saying that bylaws may or may not exist or may not be a-burn it definitely probably never have been followed and were going to tasks the individuals involved with bringing all these issues into the light to me if this was my sole and its not but if this was my decision to make I would have an a complete 3<sup>rd</sup> party investigate this whole scenario complete with 3<sup>rd</sup> party auditing of this with people we don't use now and task somebody outside and come in and take over the entire process and have these directors at their disposal and get to the bottom of it it's no good to feel softically topic about how the Business Centre should be in the future and how it should go forward that has to happen at a later date after we see what type of situation we've been put into and how much were potentially going to be losing on account of the Actions of all those involved with the Business Centre from 2005 and 2010. I won't be part and to have Todd Mr. Broomfield come back and say " ok were going to put a rubber stamp on this today" and the minute President Lyall dissolves our Assembly were no longer Members of this no absolutely. So then we have that agree separation there to bring in a whole new group of elected officials potentially and they have to deal with the situation they haven't unless they have read this and this doesn't even go on the Hansard perhaps this discussion here today. Will even if it does great I mean to me this is insane, this is insane we know there's problems Mr. Broomfield has brought that to this table there's been problems I've heard lot's of rumors I don't know I have nothing in front of me to substantiate one way or the other what I've heard up to this point about the stuff that's gone on inside of the Business Centre and I've got nothing I've got absolutely nothing. 10 loans perhaps, perhaps 10 loans for how much money we have no idea. We got how many of those in default we got no idea who are they too? Who are these individuals? What is their relationship? To pass directors current directors we have no idea.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Regarding debating issues that the special committee that should be debating.

**Mr. Pottle:** I agree with you and thank you for that Mr. Broomfield and as I will reiterate again and I believe Mr. Russell your points have been will taken and were sort of I guess for lack of a better word allowing Members to continue to flog the dead horse we need to move forward on this issue and if there is anything that you believe that should be proposed differently in this resolution and I certainly encourage you to make an amendment to that resolution Mr. Anderson.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you Chair. Mr. Chair I was what I was going to say is that we can sit here all afternoon think what Mr. Broomfield has proposed resolution is a way of moving forward and we haven't done that in the last half hour or so. Except to try to resolve issues that Mr. Broomfield proposed to process that we may have resolved. Certainly if people are uncomfortable with the resolutions that he proposed all for amendment lets move on. But lets go somewhere instead of you know asking questions that Mr. Broomfield is proposing that answered to interim Board of directors then a



special committee. A point insation of this Assembly and until we start to order we start to go there we'll sit here all afternoon and just make our day longer I think hey I'm glad you agree.

**Mr. Russell:** Yes I'm willing to propose

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you for that Mr. Anderson and before I guess we conclude discussion on this I just like to pick up on a couple of comments to Mr. Russell you for the benefit of Members who are the Business Centre there is an ordinary there is a general election for the for Ordinary Members. Therefore after the election if there are new players around this table there will still be Members of this Business Centre namely the AngajukKâks of the community corporation and the President of Nunatsiavut are presidential and general elections have been staggered to insure continuity of leadership and in don't think just because this Assembly will be dissolved and certain Members will not no longer be Members of the Business Centre I believe that the President as the leader of the Nunatsiavut Government has a duty and a obligation to insure that this is followed up with the next duly elected Assembly including the Members from the next general election. Are there any Members wish to speak to this? Mr. Flowers.

**Mr. Flowers:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've sat here and listened for quite some time and the more of this is kind of confusing more that we all really don't understand what went on the last 7 or 8 years. I see where it here that they singled out Torngat Co-op that for a loan and to my question to Mr. Broomfield is that is that the only loan is that you kind of you know really about besides all the ones Mr. Russell and the rest of us here don't understand its because it certainly single out one of the companies that is I guess near and there to most peoples hearts in Nunatsiavut you know where would we be too where would Torngat Fisheries be too if we didn't loan them that money to you know at that time and obviously there looking for a Loan Guarantees again in the near future so I'd like for you to you know to try to clarify why you know one company was singled out.

**Mr. Pottle:** Mr. Broomfield.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you. I'd like the Member for pointing that issue out. The reason why I guess if you want to call it Torngat is singled out because the loan that was issued to Torngat Co-op through the NBCI is the monies came from our Chapter 23 funds. The (in audible) Business Centre was set up to operate off of the revolving loan agreement between LIA and Voisey's Bay Nickel Company. The \$800,000 loan to the Business Centre for Torngat Fish Producers Co-op came from our Chapter 23 funds so that's why this issue is singled out in this resolution to get to the bottom of that issue thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** If there's no further discussion on this matter I believe it's time for the Members of this Business Centre to make a decision whether or not you support the resolution to propose by Mr. Broomfield to appoint the 3 directors to the Nunatsiavut Business Centre to complete the task outlined his resolution. Mr. Russell.

**Mr. Russell:** I'm not sure if it's in here but appointing of the 3 directors for the first two individuals names aren't they current directors? So is this an essence for adding a director or are we going to fill out the paper work and dismiss Chesley Anderson as the director of the corporation right now is that what were doing?

**Mr. Pottle:** Mr. Broomfield.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Mr. Chair. Given a fact that the directors were not appointed appropriated in the first place. This is an attempt to I guess to put the affairs in good order by the Members of the NBCI to have these 3 directors appointed in the right matter and to take the issue and go and forward and to you know resolve all these outstanding issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Mr. Tuttauk.

**Mr. Tuttauk:** Thank you Mr. Chair. I too have issues with naming directors that have already been on the Board or have been directors to investigate goings on. If we were to as a point of clarification I guess. If we were to name somebody else to do the investigation who would it be? ICST?

**Mr. Pottle:** Point I guess to clarify your point this the directors of this proposed directors to be named to this Business Centre are not being investigating the Activities of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre they are tasked with finding information as outlined in the resolution in order for an impossible investigation to be carried out if a committee is so is a resolution of this duly convene meeting of the Members of the Business Centre so choose to do that. Mr. Russell.

**Mr. Russell:** Mr. Chair you said you had the articles of in corporation in front of you who are who are on the articles in corporation legally there the directors of the corporation so in now way can anybody be looking at anybody around this table and in no way can anybody if you have the articles in corporation they have the directors listed on them right there. They're legally directors of the corporation so nobody in good faith can look at anybody else across this table and say they weren't appointed correctly because they filled out a form they paid the fee and they sent it to registry companies.

**Mr. Pottle:** Just for your information Mr. Russell and I should have pointed this out with respect to some of the issues that are guessed items that some of the items that were registered with respect to this corporation to I mean the last piece of information that we received is that this corporation is currently not in good standing and I believe that Mr. Broomfield's point is well taken. Is that you as Members although it's only came to your attention today never appointed the Members of this the directors of this Business Centre. Therefore that's what this resolution is proposing to do.

**Mr. Broomfield:** It's one step forward in putting the corporation in good Standing Order.

**Mr. Pottle:** Mr. Anderson did you have your hand up?

**Mr. Anderson:** I was only going to say with you was Mr. Speaker that was we as Members now, or appointed interim directors these are the 3 if we agree with the recommendations to resolution if I may approve and that there will be good standing if there's a way duly appointed by the Members.

**Mr. Broomfield:** And the bylaws will be registered with the corporation.

**Mr. Anderson:** Yes, whether or not it's these 3 or whether or not it's some others with it you know. Perhaps it's time you know Chairman is that we start to move a little bit forward we seem to be hung up on something we either agree with the resolution or we don't or we amend it and you know again Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chair if there are other we call these little black buttons bullets or you know if there are others we need to put on there to add to it then we do it by amendments we add some little more black buttons on there. It's cool if we change the name of those 3 as Members if we change them you notice it's pretty cool as well that we've forward and not stay here for hours and hours. Because I don't think and I think the reason that this discussion is gone on between the President and President Lyall Mr. Broomfield and Chair is that trying to move this forward is that who can ask them questions over them all day? What there trying to do is resolve this they don't have the answers or they don't have all of the answers and isn't that were we want to get as Members if we want the answers to bring this corporation to a good standing and move forward. But I don't know if you know if we have to keep standing were not going to accomplish that here today were not going to get those answers.

**Mr. Pottle:** Final comment from Ms. Erickson.

**Ms. Erickson:** Well first of all Mr. Anderson I don't feel with logging with a dead horse or going in circles because I'm getting a lot of questions answered in my decision in which way I'm going to approve or not approve this motion how am I going to vote on this motion this has been most or most informative to me because this is all new to me so you can call it flogging a dead horse because I call it gathering information.

**Mr. Anderson:** I didn't call it that.

**Ms. Erickson:** You did.

**Mr. Pottle:** Order please that was me who.

**Ms. Erickson:** It says once the board of directors gets this information in the bullets or does the investigation or whichever way you want to call it that information is going to be given to a special committee of the Assembly which will then decide if an further investigation possibly by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party is needed is that how this motion is worthy?

**Mr. Pottle:** I don't want to speak on behalf of the Member who proposed the motion so I don't think so. Mr. Broomfield.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Mr. Chair. The intent is to have the special committee report the Assembly on the affairs on the NBCI.

**Mr. Pottle:** Just for clarities sake I think were a little bit we're moving ahead of ourselves here. We need to make a decision based on the resolution whether or not the Members of this the Members of Nunatsiavut Business Centre will not appoint these 3 Members to carry out the pass put fourth in the resolution. Then we have to make a determination I believe as Chair whether or not the Members of this Business Centre would like Mr. Broomfield as Minister of Finance and Human Resources once the House of Assembly reconvenes to put this resolution to the House of Assembly to strike a committee and to the investigate the findings of the task once the task of the directors have been completed then that should be brought I believe the intent is to bring these findings to a special committee if you so choose to direct Mr. Broomfield to put that resolution to the House of Assembly.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Mr. Chair may I offer my concluded remarks?

**Mr. Pottle:** Yes do so Mr. Broomfield.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Further this has not been an easy issue to do this when we learn this information and I'm certain that the Members of the NBCI were the elected Assembly was so much shocked to me as it is to you today. We took that information and you know we made the most of it we did not at the house I pretty much will like most Members here I was pointing fingers at this person saying that this person saying you know gee what's going on here? But we cannot point to anyone individual on to say this is the problem it was a systematic failure of the system itself. Personally I' am very comfortable with naming these 3 individuals with the interim directors neither of the NBCI nor for them to investigate themselves bur for these directors to get the information for the Assembly. To put the affairs in the corporation into good order and to have the corporation on a solid foundation on a go forward basis and to me that is the crux of the issue I am very comfortable with recommending these 3 individuals and I really personally extend my thanks to them for agreeing to be interim directors of the NBCI Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Mr. Broomfield. That concludes the debate on the issue. There has been no amendments to the proposed to this resolution put forward by Mr. Broomfield therefore is the Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre in favor of adopting the resolution as presented by Mr. Broomfield?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Pottle:** The Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre have unanimously supported the resolution proposed by Mr. Broomfield. Therefore the directors of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre are Wyman Jacque Brent Denniston and Teresa Hollett and they will be tasked with following through to or they will be directed to follow through

on the task outlined in the resolution. Thank you Members and I know this is certainly something that was new to us it is experiential learning and we learn as we go along so this is the first time that we've had an opportunity to address this issue as Members of the Business Centre and I hope we've learn from this and we have a further meetings of the Members of the Business Centre will be able to proceed with our proceedings I guess and in a more smoother manner. Before we ask for a resolution to adjourn this meeting of the Members of the Business Centre I believe that we still have one more piece of business to do and without a resolution from the Members of this committee to put forward a resolution to the Assembly to strike a special committee I believe we have to do that piece of business before we adjourn this meeting as well Mr. Broomfield.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Mr. Chair. I came to introduce motion to the Assembly seconded by President Lyall. To direct a President to introduce a motion to strike a special committee. Whereas 1) the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly are the Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre incorporated and 2) the Nunatsiavut Treasure has reported to the Assembly that NBCI has not been managed in the operating accordance with its bylaws and its affairs are not in good order. Now therefore it be resolved that 1) the President be and is hereby directed to introduce by the first sitting of the next Assembly a resolution for the establishment for the committee of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to examine and inquire into the management, finances and operations of NBCI and to report back to the Assembly with its finding and its recommendations about the future of NBCI; 2) the composition of the special committee be referred to the standing committee on rules and procedures prior to final approval by the Assembly and 3) the treasure be and is here by directed to provide ongoing whether reports to the Assembly on the management, finances and operations of the NBCI during the period of the date of this resolution until the date on which the report of the special committee is tabled in the Assembly Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Mr. Broomfield. The motion is in order. If any Member would like to speak to the motion I will allow you to speak for one time. Are there any Members who wish to speak to the motion as presented by Mr. Broomfield? If no Member wishes to speak to the motion is the Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre in favor of adopting the resolution as put forward by Mr. Broomfield?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you. With that I believe this concludes the business of the Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre therefore I would like to have a resolution to adjourn this meeting of the Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move secondly by President Lyall to adjourn the NBCI meeting and to reconvene the Assembly. Be it resolved that the general meeting of NBCI is adjourned and is reconvened as the meeting as the Nunatsiavut Assembly 4:06 pm on March 09, 2010. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Are all Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre in favor of adjourning this meeting?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Pottle:** The meeting is so adjourned. I'd like to call the Nunatsiavut Assembly back to order and to pick up on the order of the day number 12 before we broke we reconvene the meeting of the Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre we were on order number 12 and I believe the resolutions at that point in time have dealt with but there is still another motion now that needs to come forward as per a resolution as proposed originally by Mr. Broomfield in order to have the President asked for a special committee of the Assembly to be struck once the Nunatsiavut Assembly is convened immediately after the general election for Ordinary Members. Mr. Broomfield. Sorry Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** I assume we just did that in committee of as Members of NBCI Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** That was a resolution adopted by the Members of the Business Centre directing you to put forth this resolution to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. We're now convened as the Assembly.

**Mr. Broomfield:** So will I read that resolution again Mr. Speaker?

**Mr. Pottle:** Yes, please do for the record.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a motion to put to this Assembly seconded by President Lyall. To direct a President to introduce a motion to strike a special committee. Whereas: 1) the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly are the Members of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre incorporated and 2) the Nunatsiavut Treasure has reported to the Assembly that NBCI has not been managed or operated in accordance with its bylaws and its affairs are not in good order. Now therefore for it be resolved that 1) the President be and is here by directed to introduce at the first sitting of the next Assembly a resolution for the establishment of a special committee of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to examine and inquire into the management, finances and operations of NBCI and to report back to the Assembly with its finding and its recommendations about the future of NBC; 2) the composition of the special committee be referred to the standing committee on rules and procedures prior to final approval by the Assembly and number 3) the Treasurer be and is here by directed to provide ongoing regular reports to the Assembly on the management, finances and operations of NBCI during the period from the date of this resolution until the date on which the report of the special committee is tabled in the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister the motion is in order. If any Member would like to speak once to the motion you now have the opportunity to do so. The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. I will be supporting this because this has to happen with all this. I would just like to say that this demonstrates without a doubt that the two most important things that Nunatsiavut Government in my own opinion any mine alone needs as a structured opposition and an auditor general that is completely unbiased and will be 3<sup>rd</sup> party and completely separate from our Government. Nakummek Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Is there any other Member like to speak to the motion? President of Nunatsiavut.

**President Lyall:** I don't know if I should speak to the motion or if I could to Mr. Russell. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** If no other Member wishes to speak to the motion does the Minister wish to conclude debate?

**Mr. Broomfield:** Yes Mr. Speaker I wish to conclude debate.

**Mr. Pottle:** Is the Nunatsiavut Assembly in favor of adopting the resolution as proposed by the Minister of Finance Human, Resources and Information Technology?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Pottle:** With unanimous consent the resolution has been approved by the Assembly. This concludes our order of the day number 12 Motions. Before we proceed with the remaining items on our order of the day I would like to point out indeed that this has been a very long and trying day for our Members and I would like to ask is the Assembly in favor of continuing with the Standing Orders of the day or would you like to break and reconvene a meeting the sitting of the Assembly tomorrow morning at 9:00am to deal with Standing Order 13, 14, 15 and 16?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you and I believe we are here in our legislative capitol up until Friday if necessary and longer if we have to therefore we should have ample time to move through first reading, second reading assent to Bills when we reconvene the Assembly tomorrow morning at 9:00am then we will have another opportunity to have a further sitting, a full sitting of the Assembly if you so choose after tomorrow's session and thank you we will see you tomorrow morning at 9:00am.

**Mr. Pottle:** First reading of Bills, just like to draw your attention to the process as per our Standing Orders. For the first reading of Bills, just to refresh peoples memory. The Member or minister sponsoring the Bill, may speak for up to ten minutes to introduce the Bill, explain why he or she is supporting it, and then move, seconded by a Member that the Bill be introduced and read for the first time. Standing Order #99: During the debate

on first reading, each Member may speak to the motion once, for fifteen minutes. Standing Order #100: Generally the debate on first reading should focus on the Bill as a whole, on the policy objectives it seeks to achieve and on the principles it addresses and not on the details of the Bill itself. Is everybody clear on process? Our first Bill for first reading is Bill 2010-01, an Act Respecting the Administration of Money Received by the Nunatsiavut Government under Chapter 19 and Chapter 23 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claim agreement. Who will be introducing this Bill? The Honorable Member of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker it gives me great pleasure to introduce this Bill to the Assembly today. The Nunatsiavut government receives annual payments from Canada on December 1<sup>st</sup> of a given year; these schedules are listed in the Land Claims Agreement itself, in Chapter 19 and Chapter 23. It has always been the intention Mr. Speaker for these monies to be released to the implementation and the Settlement Trusts respectively. The Implementation Trusts has been in place for some time now. The Settlement Trusts itself, is hot off the press so to speak Mr. Speaker, and has just recently been approved. The Nunatsiavut Government receives a lump sum payment from Canada; this is then separated into two accounts for Chapter 19 and 23. These two accounts are established with the Bank of Montreal. The repayment schedule listed in Chapter 19, I believe it's 19B of the Land Claim Agreement, the loan repayments, are taken off the top by Canada prior to releasing funds to the Nunatsiavut Government. The overlap ratification agreement has recently been passed; Members will acknowledge that the Assembly approved the overlap agreement sometime ago. The provincial government approved the overlap agreement, and it has passed through the federal process also. The Nunatsiavut government received the first payment for ratification of the overlap agreement on February 23<sup>rd</sup> of this year. The amount was, I believe 4.6 million, and I informed the Members of this anyway. These payments will continue now until the Chapter 19 payments are concluded. This Bill will give approval for funds to be released to the two Trusts for investment. This has always been the intention Mr. Speaker, that the authorization to release the funds be given by the Assembly. There are many issues that have fell by the wayside, and the introduction for this Bill will pick up for monies that have been released to the Trust in earlier years and we'll pick up the authorization for funds to be released to the Trusts on a go forward basis. With that Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to give motion, a move seconded by the Member for Postville, Minister Gear, that Bill 2010-01 be introduced and read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. The motion is in order. Now we proceed to debate on first reading, and each Member may speak to the motion, once up to 15 minutes. Are there any Members who would like to speak to the principle and the policy objectives that this Bill is hoping to achieve? The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure if I should be objecting to this Bill at this particular time; stop me if I'm out of order here. Should I be waiting for the Actual vote on the first reading I guess of the Bill is my question, but I for one cannot support



this Bill on the principle of this Bill. To me this has a component which has to do with the 5K payout from the settlement fund, basically we've all talked about many times, and to me there has been acknowledged from both the Department of Finances I guess to the First Minister's office that this included the payout to 25 beneficiaries that were not on ratification voters list, and also we have knowledge various elected officials of individuals who can, I guess, prove that they should have been on the ratification voters list, and therefore would have been due the 5K payout as well. I for one cannot support this Bill in this current form without some type of provision that allows us to, perhaps, engage those constituencies across all communities within Nunatsiavut, Upper Lake Melville, and constituency of Canada, and give them an opportunity to prove that there were administrative errors against them during that whole payout process and for us to, I think it would be irresponsible for us to proceed with this Bill without giving those people a provision in this Bill that allows them the opportunity to prove that they should have been on that ratification voters list and that they are indeed due that 5K payout.  
Nakummek Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Does the Minister of Finance want to respond for clarification purposes to the point raised by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville?

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Member raises an important issue, and you know it is a contentious issues no question. I really, you know, I cannot stand here today and provide an answer for the Member for what happened in the past. The important thing to remember is, now we are creating a process, again, to, in our finances, in a good place, on a solid foundation, the Assembly will authorize for Chapter 19 and 23 funds to be released to the two Trusts for their investing, so that the Nunatsiavut Government can earn interest on these monies, and to put together budgets in the future, and not have to spend the capital amounts we receive from Canada so that we can afford to operate our government years into the future, and to me I want to focus on this part of the Bill, I know that there are, there were issues with Chapters 19 and 23 that have taken place. There's no question. As the minister of finance today I stand here and say that I cannot answer the Minister's question, the Member's question as to how those dollars were spent because I had no part of that Mr. Speaker, and, you know, we could have just left that out of the Bill and just went forward as, you know, to have the monies invested today and not even mention the dollars that were spent but we want it to be open, to be accountable, to recognize that it is the Assembly who authorizes releasing those funds to the two Trusts and nobody else. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of this Bill, and I believe Mr. Speaker perhaps, the only Member that was around in the days of transition, that was a part of decisions that were made. The decisions that were made and were addressed by the Member from Upper Lake Melville, and listening to the Member from Upper Lake Melville I didn't so much as hear Mr. Speaker questions regarding the way that those monies were dispersed, I didn't hear questions I think, that those questions have been raised in prior sessions, in fact, Mr. Speaker some of those questions were, or all of them

I hope, were reviewed by an internal review from the President's office, the former President, and concluded by the current President. Again, following that, there was some debate on questions raised Mr. Speaker, by Members of this Assembly. In fact, Mr. Speaker there was a Member of this Assembly that initiated, if you will, an RCMP investigation into how those monies were spent. That investigation was concluded, I should say Mr. Speaker that in doing so, then, the Memorable who raised those questions and asked for an RCMP investigation, in an email to myself and the President said that if a number of Members from this constituency would receive that payout that it would call off the RCMP investigation. Again, I would have to say that it was not a question Mr. Speaker, by that Member of how those monies were spent but it was a way to attach more, and a larger payout to Members that didn't receive a payout during those first three. I think Mr. Speaker, we all know that were speaking to the first payout of the beneficiaries who are over the age of 50.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Out of order Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister will state his point of order.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Mr. Speaker it is my opinion that we are now discussing the details of the Bill and we should wait until second reading before we discuss the details, the policy objective of this Bill, is what only should be debated at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister's point of order is well taken, and I have to rule with him regarding, discussing the details of this Bill, is not currently up for bate or discussing the particulars related to the principle of the Bill and the policy objectives this hopes to achieve. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Is there any other Member who would like to speak to this Bill in first reading? If there is no other Member who wishes to speak to the Bill does the minister wish to conclude debate?

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I wish to conclude debate. Thank-you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. That concludes debate on 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bill 2010-01 is the Assembly in favor of adopting Bill 2010-01 as read per 1<sup>st</sup> reading? By unanimous consent of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Bill 2010-01 has had 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Thank you. Our next Bill for first reading is Bill 2010-02 a Bill for an Inuit law to authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue Loan Guarantees to support commercial boarding by Torngat Fish Producers Co-operatives Society limited for the period from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011. This Bill would authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue Loan Guarantees in order to support the operation of Torngat Co-op. during the 2010-11 fiscal year. The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I am pleased to introduce this Bill, and it is a Bill Mr. Speaker that a similar Bill has been introduced since 2007, 2008, 2009, and it's not something new to this Assembly. We have shown our support, not only for the Fish Producers Co-op. Operation itself, but for the beneficiaries, the fishers of our communities in Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker the Assembly is aware that we have continued to work and draw closer day by day to that day when we will achieve a one fishing entity. Combine the efforts of the Torngat Fish Producers as well as the efforts of our own Labrador Inuit Development Corporation their efforts in the fishery, to combine those operations to make our fishery stronger. In addition to that Mr. Speaker, The Member from, the Ordinary Member from Makkovik, the Honorable Minister of Finance, yesterday rose in question to ask how my department is, if we are pursuing turbot quotas and of course my answer was yes and we continue in all aspects of the fishery to make our fishing operations in our community stronger. The Torngat Fish Producers for quite a number of years, before the days of Nunatsiavut Government were only able to go to the provincial government, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, to secure commercial borrowing to support their operations. And what happens then Mr. Speaker is that it is a seasonal fishery and to commence operations and to Act with the plants, to get them in an operational mode, they don't have the capital to do so, and they need to borrow. And what happens Mr. Speaker, is that, over the course of the summer, as the fish come in, as the turbot come in, the char, and the crab, they do start to build up their money and then they pay off their loans to the bank. They are still out of point, where they need continued support, not only from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador which they continue to get Loan Guarantees, but from their own government, from the Nunatsiavut Government, we have been pleased over the last number of years. To show responsibility to our communities to our fishers and to the Torngat Fish Producers who are operating within Nunatsiavut, that we have a responsibility, and we do it Mr. Speaker with pride, as we look to the future to better our fishery. It is Mr. Speaker that I may make motion to give first reading to this Bill. Mr. Speaker I move Second by Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Minister Shiwak that Bill 2010-02 a Bill for an Inuit law to authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue Loan Guarantees to support commercial borrowing by Torngat Fish Producers Co-operative Society Limited for the period from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011 be introduced and read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek Honorable Minister. First Minister, the motion is in order. Each Member may speak to the motion once for 15 minutes. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the motion? The Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources, & Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to inform the Members that the Loan Guarantees that was provided to Torngat Fisheries this past year has been repaid to the Nunatsiavut Government in full. In conversations with the general manager or Torngat Fisheries last fall, I did inform him that an election was coming up this year and things would be quite hectic this spring and asked him to have the request in to us early this year. We had requested Torngat Fisheries to provide us some audited financial information for the benefit of the Members. I have been informed by the general manager

that their audit is still under way so that information is not available for the Members at this time. Having said that Mr. Speaker, I put my support solidly behind this Bill with pride as the First Minister says. Torngat Fish Producers Co-op operate on an annual basis really with no, they operate knowing that they will not make money, you know, I'm not sure if anyone else would do that. They provide employment for fishers, they provide place for fishers to land their product, and provide meaningful employment for people in our communities. I believe this is a small amount for Nunatsiavut Government to offer, and it's no financial honest because the monies already paid annually by the Co-op to the Nunatsiavut Government. I support this Bill 100%. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. The Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to say I too will be putting my support behind this Bill with concerns. I have faith in the words that I hear from our Minister of Finance, I have faith behind the General Manager of Torngat, I support the employment and the good it does for families that are associated with Torngat, I would just like to have my concerns put on the record that, as mentioned by the Minister of Finance, we do not have those statements in front of us and it makes me, I guess, glad to know that the amounts from the last guarantee have been paid in full. But moving forward we have to be prudent in our decision making and that requires financial statements. And to hear yesterday at our sitting that there are other outstanding amounts, perhaps from the business centre all of these things need to be presented when Bills such as this are put to this table. So finances, extraordinary items, such as the 500K I believe the Minister of Finance referred to yesterday, from the business centre. And also the First Minister in his opening remarks alluded to other guarantees by the province as well. These are all things that need to be put to this table in order for us to make right decisions going forward. I will be supporting this Bill at this time but my concerns I felt that needed to be put on the record and basically to everybody here at this table so they'll understand that, in my opinion indications basically are given by the fact that Torngat does need continual help year after year after year by the guarantees and we should be cautious and hopefully our due diligence will be extreme in the amalgamation of the fishery into this one entity we've been talking about for years. Because of course when we do assume, when any group of companies are amalgamated there is, your assuming the debt that goes with that. We have to be cautious because we don't have those numbers in front of us going forward. But having said all that and having my concerns on the record I will be in support of this Bill because of the effect that it has on the families that are in need and that need that employment. Nakummek Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. The Ordinary Member for Nain.

**Mr. Barbour:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too will be supporting this Bill. Just listening to both the First Minister and the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, as much as I would have liked to have seen the one fishing entity a done deal by now. But it's all to understand it's a very complex thing to put through in a short period of time. And one

other thing is that probably the most complex part has been part of the co-op society as a co-op has to be dismantled in order to enter the one fishing entity, just point that out. Also just for clarity, this Bill talks about Loan Guarantees. In the years 2007, 8, and 9, the Nunatsiavut Government has not loaned Torngat co-op, just guaranteed the operating line that the Minister of Finance has pointed out has been paid back each year. Just for clarity. The Nunatsiavut Government has not loaned the operating line, just guaranteed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Ordinary Member for Nain. If there is no other Member who wishes to speak to the motion, does the First Minister wish to conclude debate?

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

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable First Minister. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill number 2010-02 on first reading? By unanimous consent of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Bill number 2010-02 has had first reading. Our next Bill for first reading is Bill number 2010-03 an Act to implement the consolidated financial plan of the Nunatsiavut Government for the fiscal year beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 and ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011. This Bill would approve the budget for 2010-11 authorized the Nunatsiavut Government to raise and collect revenues and to spend money from the Nunatsiavut fund for the purpose set out in this budget. The Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess prior to getting into my opening statement for first reading of Bill 2010-03 I am required to present the consolidated audited financial statements from the previous year. Members will note in their binder that the consolidated audit from Deloitte is in your binder, it is not a signed copy signed by the treasurer and the president for the reason that this was an electronic copy of the statements from the auditors and the original audited statements are on route in the mail. It is the same information as the original audit that was done by Deloitte. It's just not the signed version of the consolidated statements due to the fact that we have not received them yet. Members will note a couple of corrections; I should point out one, in the audited statements the audited statements acknowledged that the Settlement Trust has been established. The Settlement Trust itself was just recently put in place, and was not in place during the time these financial statements were prepared by the auditors. Any questions on the audited information can be presented to myself, the treasurer or you can direct them to the auditors yourself if you wish to do so, and I will provide you with his email address if you have any concerns over the state of the audits. Based on that Mr. Speaker, I would move that the Assembly accept. I would move seconded by President Lyall that the Assembly accept the consolidated audited statements for the previous fiscal year before I introduce the budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Member will state his point of order.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. We introduced the reading of Bill number 2010-03 which is not to implement the consolidated audited financial plan for 2010-2011 I'm

confused as to why were being asked to accept the consolidated financial statements that have been presented to us.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The Audited Statements.

**Mr. Russell:** Audited Statements. Nakummek Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Member's point of order is well taken, but I believe it is a requirement as per the Financial Administration Act that these consolidated financial statements be tabled by the Minister when the House of Assembly is in session. We may have not exactly followed process but it is my understanding that the Minister has a right to table the consolidated financial statements and I believe that he has followed process through this so I believe that your point of order is not well taken Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. The Minister has moved seconded by the President that the consolidated financial statements be tabled and accepted by the Nunatsiavut Assembly and he has also informed Members that he will entertain questions directly or the questions can be directed to the Nunatsiavut Auditor. I believe that we will follow process when we finish our orders of today and reconvene another sitting of the Assembly either later today or tomorrow and when we get to orders of the day with respect to question period I believe Members then should direct their questions to the Honorable Minister at that time. Is the Assembly in favor of adopting the motion presented by the Minister of Finance that the consolidated audited statements be tabled and accepted by the Nunatsiavut Assembly? Thank you. The Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It has been a long slug if you will, to get the budgets from all departments of the Nunatsiavut Government put together and presented here today. We have made, when I say we I mean the executive council, have made a decision that the budget will not be increased this year, due to the fact that the monies that we have put out for investment are not doing well in the markets. This is due to the global market meltdown that was experienced last year by, you know, everybody. It was a global issue. The markets are starting to rebound Mr. Speaker and although our investments, our finances are still in a deficit, they are rebounding and coming back nicely. So hopefully by next year when monies are put out to be invested they will make good returns on those investments and we will have extra money to spend in our budget next year. Mr. Speaker a move seconded by the Member for Postville Minister Gear that Bill 2010-03 be introduced and read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister the motion is in order. Does anybody wish to speak to the Bill on first reading? If no Member wishes to speak to the Bill on first reading, does the Minister wish to conclude debate?

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I wish to conclude debate.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister that concludes debate on first reading of Bill number 2010-03 is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2010-03 on first reading?

With unanimous consent the Nunatsiavut Assembly has given its approval for first reading of Bill number 2010-03. The next Bill for first reading is Bill number 2010-04 A Bill for an Act respecting Inuit community government elections. This Bill would replace part 5 of the Nunatsiavut elections Act Inuit law 2006-01 and would repeal the Act. The Bill would establish a separate Act for Inuit Community Governments but would retain all of the main features and procedures found in part 5 of the old Act. The Bill would also recognize the various Sections of the Act so that they are more user-friendly. The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker in introducing this Bill, I am pleased to do so. Part of our learning experience Mr. Speaker as a young government the fine work done by the chief electrical officer, this is the result, or the fruit of that hard work. In which now we have, there will be a process Mr. Speaker as you so well explained will be more user friendly easier to work with, not only for people seeking election, But for all beneficiaries Mr. Speaker, to understand the process. And more than that Mr. Speaker, you know, I have nothing else to add, I think that all of us who went through election process in the first round of elections, realized that there were flaws and we had concerns and I think that at the end of the day now we'll all agree that the work that has been done has made this more clear, more simpler, and perhaps, again Mr. Speaker you know, with an election in may and again elections in September as well, we'll find, I'm sure, more concerns and more cause for the work, but I have to say that certainly there has been some fine work done and again, it's a pleasure for me Mr. Speaker to introduce this Bill and I make a motion Mr. Speaker to give first reading to the Bill. Mr. Speaker I move second by the Ordinary Member for Rigolet Mr. Shiwak that the Bill 2010-04 the Bill for an Act respecting Inuit community government elections be introduced and read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable First Minister. The motion is in order each Member may now speak to the motion once for up to 15 minutes. If no Member wishes to speak to the Bill does the First Minister wish to conclude debate?

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

**Mr. Pottle:** That concludes debate on reading of Bill 2010-04. Are the Members of Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2010-04 as read during first reading? With unanimous consent of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Bill 2010-04 has received first reading. Our next Bill for first reading is Bill 2010-05, a Bill for an Act respecting the election of chairpersons of Inuit community corporations. This Bill would repeal on replace the Inuit community corporations' elections Act Inuit law 2006-03 in the manner recommended by the Nunatsiavut electoral officer in his report. The Bill retains all of the main features and procedures in the old Act, but reorganizing the various Sections of the Act so that they are more user-friendly. The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again let me say it gives me pleasure to introduce this. Mr. Speaker you've already explained it very well. To save time I'll not stand and sputter and ramble, but I'll just make a motion Mr. Speaker to give motion to

give first reading to the Bill. Mr. Speaker I move second by Ordinary Member for Rigolet Mr. Shiwak to Bill 2010-05 a Bill for an Act respecting election of chairpersons of Inuit community corporations' be introduced and read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable First Minister. The motion is in order, each Member may now speak to the motion once for up to 15 minutes. If no Member wishes to speak to the Bill or to the motion for first reading of Bill 2010-05 does the First Minister wish to conclude Debate?

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to conclude Debate.

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek Honorable First Minister. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2010-05 as presented during first reading? With unanimous consent of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Bill 2010-05 has had first reading. Bill number 2000, the First Minister.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I seek unanimous consent to waive stand order 95 to proceed with first reading of Bill 2010-06.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable First Minister. The First Minister is seeking unanimous consent of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to waive Standing Order 95 to proceed with first reading of Bill 2010-06. Does the minister have consent of the Assembly? Thank you. Proceed First Minister.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a Bill Mr. Speaker if you'll just bare with me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker this is a Bill that would extend time for question period and the number of questions and supplementary questions for question period. This has been Mr. Speaker, a concern of Members that during the number of times we gather as an Assembly, that sufficient time has not been provided or allowed to them to raise questions that they had received in their constituencies. As a result Mr. Speaker the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville surveyed Members of this Assembly and I'm quite certain that was, the survey showed unanimous consent for this Bill, or cause for to have this Bill brought forward to this Assembly today. Mr. Speaker and introducing this Bill with pleasure again, and I thank the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville for his work. And very proud to introduce this Bill, Mr. Speaker, I would like to make motion to give first reading to this Bill. Mr. Speaker I move seconded by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville Mr. Russell that Bill 2010-06 the Bill for an Inuit Law to Amend the Standing Orders and Procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly be introduced and read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable First Minister. The motion is in order. Each Member may speak for up to 15 minutes. The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. I thank you First Minister for introducing this. I won't go on and be too long winded about the whole situation but I guess as we started



out as an Assembly we've had some very brief sittings and the half an hour and the question limitations at times were not enough. I'm glad to be a part of this that allows us to have the option. We may not need all the time and all the questions available to us, but we have that option going forward, and I'm proud to be a part of this and thank you First Minister for bringing this in. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. The Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources, & Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too support this Bill; it is an excellent opportunity to show accountability for our government to enable Members to ask more questions of other Members. It was a concern for me also that, you know, our Assembly Act only allowed for a Member to ask one question and two supplementaries at the discretion of the speaker. The extension of question period and the ability to ask more questions, as I said its an excellent way to insure accountability and to offer Members to ask more questions, so, I support this Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. The AngajukKak for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too am in support of the Bill as a Member of the committee we have discussed this as one of my reasons for really wanting this Bill to come forward, is not only to allow the more time but the second question because, not only are we able to get our constituents questions answered and a lot of that we can do outside of the house by one on one calls and everything else and just meeting with people. But there's a lot of stuff that we learn once we get to Hopedale as an Assembly that we learn only once we get here that allows us more time to question that as well and get more information.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you AngajukKak for Nain. If no other Member wishes to speak to the Bill does the First Minister wish to conclude debate?

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do wish to conclude debate.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable First Minister. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2010-06 as read during first reading? With unanimous consent of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Bill 2010-06 has had first reading. Given that it's nearly time for our regular break in our proceedings of the Assembly and given that we will most likely require more time for debate on second reading of Bills. I would like to ask the Assembly if you would like to break early and reconvene in one half hour. We will take our regular break and we will reconvene at 10:40. I would like to call the Assembly back to order. We are on our agenda, for our orders of the day. Order of the day #14, second reading of Bills Excuse me, the First Bill for second reading, is Bill 2010-01 a Bill for an Act respecting administration of money received by the Nunatsiavut Government under Chapters 19 & 23 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement. The President of Nunatsiavut.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like for this, our Assembly go into a committee of consensus I know there's an issue that needs to be discussed further. So I'd appreciate it if you could make a ruling on making this into a committee of consensus and when the Bill 2010-01 is resolved we'll go back to ordinary Assembly. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** I believe the President has stood on a question of privilege and he would like to know whether or not this Assembly would like to convene as a committee on consensus to deal with some issues that may arise if we proceed to second reading of this Bill and some of the legal and financial implications that it may present if we proceed to second reading of Bills without discussing this at a committee of consensus level because during second reading of Bills I don't believe that your going to be able to achieve the clarity with respect to the legal and financial implications that may arise if this Bill proceeds and is proved during second reading. Is the Assembly in favor of the President's request to convene the Assembly as a committee on consensus?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** We will now convene the Assembly as a committee on consensus, and I would like to ask the President whether he wants the chair this committee of consensus or would he like the speaker to chair the committee?

**President Lyall:** Mr. Speaker I would appreciate it if you would chair the committee, thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Is the Assembly in favor of the speaker chairing the committee on consensus?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you. The Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I'll provide a bit of information to the committee. In the Chapter 19 and 23 Bill you will note that the Bill identifies amounts spent or committed to be spent. For the committees' information, 10.5 million was spent on the Hebron relocatee payout. The reason its 10.5 million is the amount is in 1997 dollars the FDDIPPI amount is approximately half a million dollars. Approximately 21 million was spent on the \$5000 compensation. 8 million for the admin center in Nain, and this was approved in a budget a couple of years ago by the Assembly. There was an 800,000 dollar loan from Chapter 23 funds to the Nunatsiavut Business Centre Incorporated. There was a 630,000 dollar grant from Chapter 23 funds to LIDC to purchase a crab license. The Torngat Mountains National Park IBA identifies a 1 million dollar amount, and I believe the rest, approximately 200,000 went to investor fees. These are the amounts that are in order in Chapter 19 and 23 Bills, and I provide this information for the committee. The Settlement Trusts and the Implementation Trusts are now established. It has always been an issue when the audit was being conducted for the Nunatsiavut Government that the Settlement Trust funds would attract OSR because the

Settlement Trust itself was not in place. Now the Settlement Trust is established, Members have a copy of the Trust. The authority to establish the Settlement Trust is granted under Section 4-1 of the Financial Administration Act. The treasurer is responsible for the financial affairs of the Nunatsiavut Government; with the support of the executive council the Settlement Trust has been established. The Implementation Trust has been in place for quite some time. The Implementation Trust has been investing Chapter 19 dollars and tracking them separately. The two Trustees of the Implementation Trust, the two Active Trustees are currently, Mike Flatters, a lawyer from Calgary, and Sharon Pevie who works as a financial administrator for the Nunatsiavut Government. These two Trustees are responsible to bring names forward to the Assembly to be appointed as new Trustees to the Implementation Trust. I am unsure when they will do this Mr. Speaker but it is their responsibility to do that. So both Trusts are now in place and the intent of this Bill is to provide authority for funds to be released to these two Trusts on an ongoing basis. The only body ideally who can release these funds to the two Trusts are the Assembly. Outside of that Mr. Speaker I feel that at this time this is pretty much the extent of information that I can provide to the Members as this is pretty much all I know today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. Correct me if I'm wrong, may we stay seated during committee of consensus?

**Mr. Pottle:** Just before you proceed to Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, if any Member requires to bring any other person to the table for clarification on some issues than you do have the right to call witnesses to speak to an issue if you so choose as well. Thank you.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. The reason, I just want to give everybody a little background around I guess the reason why I wouldn't support the Bill during first reading, and why my issue, I guess really is with, the details that what would have brought us to second reading and that's where I would've proposed an amendment as I mentioned in my opening remarks, when our Honorable First Minister brought this to the table. In debating I guess the principle of the Bill, the first Section on the first page basically says to ratify and approve all administrative decisions and Actions taken in respect of money received. We know that the 21 million dollars spent from Chapter 19 dollars, although the Settlement Trust was not established at the time our Minister of Finance basically alluded to the fact that the dollars that have been received were tracked separately in the Implementation Trust up to I guess, the time that the indenture had been prepared and everything was settled with the Settlement Trust. That 21 million dollars that was spent, it's come to all of our attention over the last few sittings, the last few discussions we've all had, the emails that come through our offices, the bottom line is this, to me, I believe, and correct me if I'm wrong First Minister. First 25 individuals that were not on the ratification voters list were paid the 5K payout from Chapter 19 dollars. For a total of 125K or whatever the exact number was. To me, the principle of this Bill says were going to O.K. that amount, that was paid in error, and I understand the Minister

of Finance's need and our duty as Assembly Members to get the rest of the money into these Trusts that are held in a combination of restricted investments and I guess, to get the monies where they should be and the Trusts where they should be. I understand that now, and I definitely want to move forward, I don't want to hold up the process of protecting our Chapter 19 and 23 dollars from all of those, I guess, agencies out there that may want to get their chunk of what they think their owed, I won't go into anything about taxation or anything. But the bottom line for me is this, if the principle of this Bill is going to say, okay were going to move on, and okay, we approve as an Assembly the 125K that was spent in error. Then for me I cannot move on unless we have a global component, an amendment to this Bill, which says that we are willing to reengage the beneficiaries that can prove that during the time of ratification, that during the time of production of the ratification voters list, they should have been on that list and therefore should have qualified for this payout. I say global in the sense that this includes beneficiaries everywhere, regardless of where you live today. I believe they should be reengaged and they should be given the opportunity to prove, no matter who they are, where they come from, that their entitled to that 5K. And I'm not saying we open up the purse strings and let anybody who now thinks they deserve this \$5000 to get it. I say we give them an opportunity and we provide them the vehicle I guess through which they can prove it, and say that yes. An administrative mistake was made, were not going back to say that, okay, this persons to blame, this committees to blame, whatever. What were saying is; you now have an opportunity to prove that at the time of ratification when the list was produced I should've been on that, I was a beneficiary, well I guess, a Member of LIA at the time, in good standing. Because of administrative errors, to nobodies' fault of our own, let's move on. I was due that 5K just as anybody else who was due that 5K had received it. All I want to add in terms of an amendment is something that says that. To that effect that we can reengage the beneficiaries and I guess people are saying, yeah, we might get tons of people coming out of the woodwork looking for \$5000, we may. But that will allow us to be accountable, transparent, and responsible enough as a government to say, prove it. Were going to allow you to prove it, and if you can prove it then there will be, that situation will be fixed. If they can't prove that they were a good standing Member of LIA at the time, then we put the entire issue to bed and I believe that would allow us to move on and this 5K payout thing will not be an issue going forward. I believe it's the right thing to do, I believe it shows our beneficiaries and particularly those and the families associated with individuals who feel they were wronged by not receiving the money. It shows them that were willing to admit to a mistake and give everybody an equal opportunity to engage us and we engage them, and hopefully resolve the situation move forward, put it to bed and move on. Just as the Honorable Minister of Finance wants to do with moving on and getting these Implementation dollars. The reason of course because their one in the same as the minister said, that 21 million dollars I guess in the where as #3. That 21 million dollars is the amount that we're talking about that includes the 125 that was paid out to the wrong people and in my opinion those Chapter 19 dollars, I don't think the expense would be that much. I'm hoping it's not, it's an unknown I guess at this point were aware of I guess several people that can prove that they deserve that \$5000 I believe the funds should come from there too and that it become a part of this. Based on I guess a combination of direction from this Assembly and the Trustees of the Trust, the newly established Settlement Trust for the Chapter 19

dollars. So I think that's about all I can say. In terms of the Actual wording of the amendment, again, all I'm looking for here is a global effect of this amendment which says that, beneficiaries no matter where you live, who you are, if you can prove it we'll give you the opportunity to prove it, we'll make it right, and at the same time we put the entire situation to bed. I'm open to any suggestions to how we accomplish that that's all I want to see accomplished and then if we could get to that point you will have my full support to get this Bill passed. And eventually get the monies into the Trusts where they should be and I guess in the case of the investors where they should be as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Mr. Russell. Ms. Erickson.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given Mr. Russell's comments I would just like some clarification on conflict of interest before we proceed, and maybe we could ask Mr. Haysom, if he could join us?

**Mr. Pottle:** Before we bring Mr. Haysom to the table Ms. Erickson could you explain to the Assembly why you need some clarification on possible conflict of interest? Thank you.

**Ms. Erickson:** Certainly, I've always been an Inuk, I've always been a Member of the LIA, and I continue to be a beneficiary of Nunatsiavut. I did not receive the \$5000, that is totally irrelevant, but I think for transparency and for honesty and so that none of this discussion here is affected I need to make sure, if I am in conflict I remove myself from the discussion or if I am not in conflict then I could remain as part of the discussion. So I'd like that clarified.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Mr. Haysom can you come to the table please?

**Mr. Haysom:** I am not sure how to answer your question. The issue that I understand is before the committee on consensus is whether or not to approve the Bill and whether or not to approve it amended, with amendments, or unamended. I don't think that you have a conflict of interest necessarily with the question of whether or not to approve the Bill, but I think that you may end up in a conflict of interest situation, if there is a motion that is being debated to amend the Bill along the lines being proposed by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. In summary, I think that the conflict will arise depending on where the debate goes. If this is only a debate on whether or not to adopt the Bill or approve the Bill as it is then I don't see where there is a conflict for you. If on the other hand there is a debate on the amendment with respect to further payouts then I think that there is clearly a conflict. I think that at this point you've declared your interest, and I think that in one situation it's clearly a conflict of interest and in the other situation it's not necessarily a conflict, that's why I find it difficult to answer the question.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Veryan. Is that okay Sarah?

**Ms. Erickson:** I just want to clarify, so until the discussion Actually starts on the amendment even though that amendment is going to be discussed until it's Actually put on the table as a motion I would not be in conflict. So I can add to that discussion?

**Mr. Haysom:** Excellent question, I think that the short answer is "Probably." If you were to do so, you would be in a conflict of interest situation given what you've said. So, if you were to discuss the issue, and to participate in the discussion, you're participating in a situation where your personal interests are at odds with your obligation to the Assembly as a whole. So, yes, that would be a conflict of interest.

**Mr. Pottle:** Ms. Erickson.

**Ms. Erickson:** I think, and I don't know how we do this but I think in fairness to everybody around this table and not to limit the discussion or have me jump in when I could possibly be in conflict maybe it would be best if I just left the table now?

**Mr. Pottle:** If that's your choice sure, you could sit in the gallery with the rest of the visitors. Thank you Sarah for your honesty and your candidness in this discussion. Is there anybody else who have anything to add to this discussion? Mr. Broomfield.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Mr. Chair. In bringing this Bill forward I recognized and I'm sure Members of the executive recognized that it would be controversial. Doing something right is, you know, a lot of times never an easy thing to do. Personally, I would not propose an amendment to this Bill as it is. But if a Member proposed an amendment to the Bill I have the same feelings, I was a Member, I guess I was recognized on that official voters list, I must've been because I received my payout same as many Members here did in the same fashion. If they were Members who possibly could have been overlooked by that independent committee who was in place at the time to determine who should receive compensation I am open to, you know, following that process, you know, if that committee, if those Members are still in place, then maybe they should have another look at that voters list then. If they overlooked 4 or 5 people, you know, that's a small number but it's the principle of the issue to try to do something right is never an easy thing to do. The important thing to remember with this Bill is that, this Bill, once these monies are, have left the two accounts with the Bank of Montreal there will be no more opportunity for the spending of Inuit dollars. Those monies will be in the hands of the two Trusts where they're meant to be. To be invested and to generate returns that the Nunatsiavut Government can use. But to get to that point is going to require some soul searching, some tough decisions by this Assembly, there's no question. Because this Bill will retroactively approve payments that were made to compensate Members who were on that official voters list that were prepared by that independent committee. I do not have any details to say what's right or what's wrong to make a decision either way. And maybe the only way we can find an answer to put everybody at ease, is to indeed have another look at that official voters list, and to see if there were other Members who were wrongfully omitted that independent committee may have overlooked in some way shape or form. I realize we have to move on and get our monies invested to generate returns. To put this budget together our financial plan for 2010-2011

will require interest revenues of approximately 4.9 million dollars. Currently our investments are in a reargue, but they are rebounding. We need to get new monies out there because the markets are becoming favorable for investments again today. The more money we have invested the greater our returns will be. It is indeed a catch 22; we are caught between a rock and a hard place. We want to move forward but we have to address what may be, issues in this Bill and if we approve this Bill as is, as the Member says, putting due diligence to this issue, then I fear that we too may be, to do, my thing, to do this right, to address the issues that are haunting us and to move forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Mr. Broomfield. This is a very contentious issue as everybody can appreciate, and I'm sure we all agree. I would just like to, before I entertain any other comments from the Members, just speak to Mr. Broomfield's recommendation with respect to reconvening the committee that put together the official voters' ratification list and I may need Mr. Hansom's advice on this as well. But from my perspective I don't think that it is possible to achieve that. The intent of the official voter's ratification list was based on a tri-partite committee that was struck during the negotiation of the land claim agreement as per the Chapter on ratification in the land claim agreement itself. I believe that the committee, the intent of this voter's ratification list, as per an agreement between all 3 parties was never meant to be feathered. Obviously this list through some shortcomings and not to finger point and blame anybody but I think it is a reality that there was some shortcomings in that list and that list was feathered without Nunatsiavut Government approval. There were individuals who were on this list by way of example, a 2 year old child, who was on this list. It should've been her mother that was on the list from my understanding this child never received the \$5000, neither did her mother. All in the same breath, unbeknownst to the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and through investigation by Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, it was confirmed, that yes indeed this list was feathered, and there were 25 people who were not Members of the LIA at the time who received this \$5000 payment. Excuse me too if I get emotional from time to time. But, is this a reflection, and I asked the Members around this table, is that a reflection of Inuit values to treat our people in this manner. Those who were entitled to receive this money but through no fault of their own, whose name never came on this ratification voters list, are now suffering emotional pain as a result of being unjustly treated by their own people. And all in the same breath we can turn around and say, yes miss x, yes miss y, no you are not a Member, but here, I'll gladly give you \$5000. What does that say to our traditions and our values? And with that I mean, I believe if Mr. Haysom has anything to add with respect to being able to ask this committee to take a look at this. I don't believe that that's achievable and I believe that the decision rests with the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Do you have anything to add Mr. Haysom?

**Mr. Haysom:** Mr. Speaker, effectively you're correct. The committee has completed its work, it has been disbanded, it no longer exists, and there is no basis for reconvening it.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Mr. Haysom. Is there anybody else who would like to speak to this issue? Mr. Flowers

**Mr. Flowers:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just after the age group that I was in received our \$5000, because there was 3 different payouts at the time, I had a phone call from an individual and you actually alluded to what I was going to bring up this individual I was going to bring up, this individual, her daughter was the name that was on the list. At the time I was the minister of health and part of the executive council and I brought my concerns forward to our executive council, and it was discussed in full, we discussed and had the voice of the lawyers and everyone around the table had their say. I still felt uncomfortable, you know, but I basically said that, you know, I had to accept what was made of at the time and it was a decision that was made by the executive council that we would have no more payouts for this money. I had to tell the lady that a mistake was made, and her daughter couldn't receive the money, because she wasn't old enough to be on the voters list. So just to clarify that, you know, the daughter wasn't of age and that's why the daughter didn't receive the money and it was a mistake made by somebody. I don't know who, whoever put her daughter's name on the list and not hers. That's why she did not receive the money; I did talk about it with you, because she was no longer a resident of Hopedale, and she did move to Canada. The discussions, that we have, you know, I guess it's still kind of a sore spot for me that you know this individual didn't receive her money. Like the rest of us could have surely done with the money and used it wisely. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Mr. Flowers. President Lyall.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I've heard these arguments over the last, I don't know, since I've been here for the last 2 years and I'm sure it went on long before I came on the scene as well. I just wanted to add that I would like as minister of Finances, I would like to see this Bill go through, as is, without amendments if possible. I'd like to see if I can get consensus that's the reason why I asked for the consensus to be there. I think there are a number of issues that have to be discussed. As you're well aware, I think most people around the table are aware there's a class Action lawsuit against the Nunatsiavut Government, there's an independent lawsuit against the Nunatsiavut Government all based on the \$5000 payout. I would suggest that we would wait for those cases to be, go through the court in completion and live by the decision of the court. I think we would simply be interfering with the law cases, with the court case. And Mr. Russell alluded to it, and I'm not sure either, what would happen if we opened this up and it would mean that there would be more payouts to Members that weren't on the list, and it worries me, our Membership has increased by over 3000 people, are those people right behind trying to look for their \$5000 payout, are there going to be other class Action law suits if we add more people right now and other people aren't on there? Those are some things I think we really have to consider. You know, I know there's going to be a lot more discussion around this table yet, I just want to make you well aware that there is a class Action lawsuit against us and there's an independent lawsuit against us as well. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Mr. Andersen.



**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you chair. I started off this morning speaking and I only want to share with the Members of the committee Mr. Speaker because I was prior to, even the transition of the Nunatsiavut Government I was the Vice President of the LIA responsible for the enrollment of Members. The process and responsible for the register of Members of the LIA at the time. And I can only, you know it certainly has been some time, and you know, having said that I was vice president of the LIA and then interim first minister or transitional first minister, then too to become responsible for the register of beneficiaries. And I was you know, on many occasions, there was a payout out to 25 Members, and I think, I think the number is correct. As you alluded to Chair, on one occasion there was a 2 year old on there and then because of that mix-up the mother did not receive the \$5000. There were some other clerical ones, but with reference to one that the decision that was made, and I was a huge part of that decision having been responsible for the register of Members, during the time when, and there was a committee as well, that you alluded to Mr. Speaker became known in short words as the ratification committee. Which the LIA had Membership on that committee or point you stood at committee. They went through a process to try and put through a official voters list to ratify the agreement. The criteria to be entered, or to make that list was somewhat different than to be a Member of the LIA. The board of Directors, knowing what that criteria was a year or so before, adopted that as the criteria, and I hope I'm using the right words here Mr. Speaker, but I think the Members will know what I'm saying. The criteria for an application for enrollment in the Membership register of the LIA so that the two would become, if not, identical. Then very close, very similar. The LIA Membership office continued to accept applications from Members even in the year that the ratification committee received; I think they were called applications, to be enrolled on that voters list. Because, to be enrolled on that voters, official voters list put together by the ratification committee, one did not have to be a Member of the LIA. They could make an application in terms of, in the eyes of the committee, if they met the criteria, they could be enrolled on that voters list without being a Member of the LIA, that's how it worked. I'm probably not the best person in the world to be explaining all of this, you know, I stand to be corrected. I know that there are legal councils who are also familiar with this, what's familiar with this in the back of the room. Chair, if I do say something that is completely untrue, I hope that you will stand and correct me. But this is how I believed it. So, I was the vice president and we had a Membership office that was always, and there are others around this table who will agree with me I think, that was insufficiently staffed and we had some sort of Membership committees in the communities that didn't work properly, for some reason or another, and we all looked forward to the better days when we became a government and the new criteria for enrollment as a beneficiary seemed so much better and easier to work with than the old LIA Membership criteria. And we look forward to those days. The process that happened Mr. Speaker, that I was a part of at the time I believed we were doing what was right, as a Member of finance eluded to it's very hard sometimes to do that. You do what is right. There were a number of elderly people from the Upper Lake Melville I don't completely remember the number it was somewhere between 17 and 21 I believe, they were all over the age of 50. I think all but one was over the age of 60, and half of them were over the age of 65. They had submitted applications to the LIA for Membership, and their applications were sitting there for probably a couple of years and were never reviewed. After the vote was done and there was, you know, the LIA board

said there was going to be a payout of \$5000 and the criteria for that was you had to have your name on that enrollment list; your name had to be on that enrollment list. Those old people made case, I guess, and it came through my office that, had they known where to put their application they would have done so, but they were old. We didn't use the words old but, we didn't quite understand how this worked. And we thought that if we had our application at the LIA office than certainly our names would've gotten on there because the LIA would've done so. We thought that because we had enrolled at the Membership office perhaps that their name should be entered. Because had they put their name forward to the ratification committee there was no doubt that they would've made it. But their applications were sitting in the LIA Membership office for 18 months to 2 years. That is part of the explanation, I hope is part, you know, I think that's for the most part, that's what it was we didn't want to see these elders suffer. And we thought we were doing the right thing. I thought I was doing the right thing, and I played a huge role in having those names added, I couldn't be solely responsible. I think that those things came out during the internal review, over the president and the past president as well as the RCMP investigation. I have to say that, I stand by the, I support the Bill introduced by the minister. I suppose you will think that it's easy for Tony to stand here and say that, you know, he was part of that decision that made a mistake, but in light of what you said Mr. Speaker. I don't know that I want to be a part of something that, you don't correct wrongs by adding to it. Or to say look, that mistake was done, now were going to add more Members on there, and further the mistake or that wasn't supposed to be done so this means we can now do this because something was done that wasn't supposed to. I never ever tried to cover Mr. Speaker, my role in that, Mr. Chair. I was not part of the internal investigation, I answered as best as I could to the presidents office, I supplied information, letters, documents to the RCMP, less than a year ago. In trying to, not to clear here, to make sure there was transparency certainly I, looking back, what could I have said? No, sorry. But we thought that by, it was, I don't know how to say that, but, there was a mistake made. The first mistake was by my office, in that those applications weren't reviewed in a timely manner. Had they been, those people would've been on the ratification list because they would've been submitted directly from my office to the ratification committee. So I tried to correct that mistake, and trying to correct that mistake I made another and that was to have those peoples names added to the list for the \$5000 payout after the ratification list was finalized. So I was a part of two mistakes that has led to this. That has led to the government being challenged, as the president said, to a class Action law suit and an independent lawsuit. And has made life difficult, not only for myself and the president, but for the Member from Upper Lake Melville, the Member from Canada, who have numbers that I know of. I have Members from my community, not only the AngajukKâk that I'm speaking of but other Members. That could still be called youth. They did not receive that \$5000 payout because their name was not on that ratification voters list. I know of at least two in my own constituency. I don't know and you know I look forward to debating amendments you come forward with. For my part Chair I can't find it in myself to say more because what am I going to do? I already admitted to making two mistakes and now I'm being asked to make in my mind to make more. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Mr. Russell did you want to say something else? I have your name on the list here.

**Mr. Russell:** Thank you Mr. Chair. I appreciate the comments of the Minister of Finance; it takes a lot of strength to say some of those things. To acknowledge the fact that mistakes were made. The First Minister has done the same. If I could go back to yesterday briefly, Mr. Flowers mentioned some words of wisdom too saying that we are a young government, we made mistakes, were going to make some more. Tony gave us a good recap of how this came to be. We heard the president also say that there are Actions against us, absolutely. But to me, it sends a huge message to everybody, to the world, to all of our beneficiaries everywhere. That yes, we made mistakes, were going to admit to them and were going to give an effort, a genuine effort to correcting them to the best of our ability. The attempt, even if it may cause a few more issues down the road, certainly. But the attempt, to fix some situation for an individual who feels they have been wronged. In most cases, and I'm sure the first minister or anybody who has a constituent who never got the payout and feels they should've because they weren't on the list because of administrative issues. We've created grief for those individuals, when they could look to see their brother or sister that may have gotten the money and improved the quality of their lives. However so small it may have been. \$5000 is a lot of money to some people. It should be a lot of money to anybody, but it's a lot of money to some people. We had a hand in creating conflict and, I'll come out and say it, sorrow in the lives of those individuals as our Minister of Finance alluded to and he used the word haunting. I agree, its going to continue to haunt us, through Actions such as that, and further Actions if we don't do something about it. We have to address it I feel. You know, Tony was very candid in admitting that he was responsible for decisions, hard decisions had to be made. They had to get, people wanted to be addressed, but there were mistakes made because it's a true, it's a fact I guess, that some of the squeaky wheels did get some grease and, whether or not it was a registry issue or a call that our First Minister had made at that point in time. It's not about going back and saying okay, this is your fault, this is your fault, this is your fault. It's about going back and saying that, we recognize mistakes were made. We're going to make that effort, and as our chair eluded to, in some of his remarks, doing what we can, within the Inuit way of making it right. Because if, in talking in Tony's remarks. The call was made to pay people that were not even beneficiaries at the time, because the applications had not been processed. In those cases, we had clear, clear conflict developed in families where some individuals may not have been as forward as their siblings to press the issue, to engage Tony, to engage Tony's office. Some people maybe, through being, maybe timid is the wrong word but, not being so vocal perhaps a better way of describing it. They were the ones that feel wronged and have lost faith in our government and our agreement and, it all comes down to that one small issue. Like I said, they witnessed, helping improve the quality of the lives at that point in time, in their siblings, in their friends that were all in the same boat as them. The President talked about the Actions against us, but I think maybe he may had missed the mark a little in the fact that this is not about new Members. My intent of proposing an amendment would be along the lines of confirmation at that point in time. That point in time if you can prove that you were a Member in good standing. Not about addressing new Memberships going forward. I mean I'm not sure exactly how it's going

to work, I don't think this opens us up to, and I got no idea as well, but I think the message we send is one that echoes one what Mr. Flowers opened up yesterday. It's simply this, were going to make mistakes and these are not the last of them, and it does no good to point blame and continue to ignore the fact. Because, as our Minister of Finance said, it's haunting us. The message we send is that were big enough as individuals to admit them, as our First Minister did. We're committed and responsible enough as a government going forward to attempt to rectify the situation. To give the effort with our hearts and minds in the right place, in order to make it right for some individuals, and hopefully restore faith in what were trying to do. You know, you want trouble just add money, that's words I think everybody can understand. But, we did just that, we did create some trouble, and it did result in Action against us and it did result in individuals losing faith in what were here to do. We always use words such as our future, vision, direction of this government. All of those people are not part of that vision, and this family of Labrador Inuit because of that issue. All I'm saying is we give it the attention it deserves to try and put it to bed to the best of our ability and move forward and restore the faith in our government that these people have lost because of a few errors. Whether or not it makes the entire situation go away and is put to bed, I don't know. But I believe it's our duty, our responsibilities, we all put our hand on the book and said, were going to do whatever we can to help the people of our constituencies and Labrador Inuit everywhere. I think this is the time, as controversial as it is, we stand up and admit what happened to the best of our ability and try to repair it to the best of our ability. I seem to be going over the same old grounds, so I'll give someone else a chance to speak. But, I think that this is an opportunity that will be, right now, this is the time, this is the moment that's going to be communicated to everybody and remembered as a time that we stood up and acknowledged our mistakes and made our best effort to move forward and to do what we think is right in order to fix the situation. Or it will be remembered as the time, that point in time, when we couldn't stand up, we couldn't unite and admit our mistakes and try and move forward. But we tried to pass a piece of legislation that said we all approve the mistakes that were made in the past and were just going to carry on without any attempt to rectify the situation. Thank you Mr. Chair.

**Mr. Pottle:** Mr. Tuttauk.

**Mr. Tuttauk:** Nakummek Mr. Chair. The Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville took a lot of points out of this but going to speak on. But, I would support the amendment if the criteria is in place for Members who feel that they have not been on the list for no reason of their own. If the criteria is in place that states, if these people were Members of the Labrador Inuit Association at time of ratification and were overlooked for whatever reason it was, then they should be entitled for the opportunity to apply for this payout. I feel this is the only way, we talked about putting this issue to bed and continuing forward, I feel that this is the only way to get this accomplished. Whether the, I don't know if this is possible, but if there's an independent committee appointed by the Assembly, if that's possible, to view these applications I'm not sure. Nakummek.

**Mr. Pottle:** Mr. Shiwak.

**Mr. Shiwak:** Thank you Mr. Chair. Just a couple of questions, I was listening to the conversations around the table. I think that the majority of us obviously feel the same way about our past, and about the decisions that were done. But, how would this amendment look if you were to present it? And what would happen to this resolution of transferring these dollars? Would that be put on hold until this is completed? There are a lot of questions I would like answered. And who would do the review? Who would Actually determine who met the criteria? And its like you said before, it's not after, not any Members. But its like, there are a lot of questions going around in my head that you need answered before you can really, this is a very contentious issue like you said but you need those questions answered because, like the president said there is lawsuits against us and you need to tread carefully on how you move forward with an issue like this. For me it's a very confusing issue and it always has been and I really don't know how, but you need to answer those questions like how does this affect the resolution as it is? What do you say in the amendment that you don't jeopardize what's happening right now? And who does the review? I mean, I don't know, I don't have the answers to that. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to point out that there was a decision made by the executive, I think it was about a year and a half ago, that there would be no more payments made out and we discussed all the reasons and why we wouldn't be doing it. I still stand by those decisions and I expect that the executives, since they give me the approval to do that, that they would stand by that decisions that we made a year and a half ago. Thank you.

**Mr. Andersen:** I was going to, you said something Mr. Tuttau said something that, because I was going to speak. Really Mr. Tuttau, there is no amendment at this time. There is no proposed amendment, or we haven't seen it at this time. Members should be aware that it isn't as simple as it seems to determine who was a Member on, what was it? May 21<sup>st</sup> 04? May 26<sup>th</sup> 04. Who was a Member on that day? Because we made, the LIA made Membership files available to the ratification committee. There were Members; and a lot of them were living outside of Nunatsiavut or northern Labrador at the time, and outside of the province. The Membership office of the LIA had no record of them, no applications; don't know how they even became Members of the LIA. And yet they were living in certain parts of the country, with what we used to refer to as green cards or N numbers. We don't know how they got them; we don't know when they became Members of the LIA. So you know, it isn't, its not going to be easy if that was the amendment, and the proposed amendment. Speaking to something that we don't have yet, an amendment to, or we haven't seen. To determine, I can tell you, that it will not be easy to determine who was a Member of the LIA on May 26<sup>th</sup> 2004. Just to add that Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Mr. Russell.

**Mr. Russell:** Thank you Mr. Chair. I agree. I know what I want to accomplish with an amendment. It's my understanding that it would take a committee I guess, it would take some time of body to review this situation, to set a timeframe for this to be dealt with, to

engage the Members and put out a correspondence that says you have a timeframe in order to deal with this, to make decisions based on, I guess, the Membership at the time. No, it's not going to be easy, but I can't remember anybody saying that being an elected official, being a legislative Assembly, being a body in representation of thousands of people is going to be easy. We should be prepared to stay here as long as it takes in order to do what's right, it's not about getting out of Hopedale, it's not about things being easy. This is, Todd said it best, and Mr. Broomfield said it best earlier on. Doing the right thing is almost never easy, never. That's why we're here, that's why we're paid to do these jobs. That's why we have a government with legislation hopefully that can cover all of these issues. Going forward, but calls were made, decisions were made, realities happen inside of an office. We can't change any of that; the blame game gets us nowhere. But being worried about how difficult it may be or about the amount of effort it may take to make the situation right that should have no bearing on what we're here to do either. Supposing it takes another week to make that amendment in itself, available for everybody to agree to around this table. In my opinion, the time shouldn't matter, the efforts shouldn't matter. What should matter, at the end of the day, is what's wrong and right, and what you feel, as representatives of your communities and of your constituencies, about whether it's wrong or right to try to fix this situation or if it's just too much work. If it's too much work and you're going to be worried about what might happen by trying to do the right thing, well then in my opinion you shouldn't be here. Because, as putting yourself in front of your constituencies and the people you represent, by doing that you say, I'm going to do what's right to the best of my ability. Whatever it takes, however long it takes. I'm going to give the effort and that's what representing the people is all about. And if you're not prepared to give the effort to the best of your ability, no matter how long it takes, no matter how difficult the road may be ahead, then we shouldn't be here. And it's as simple as that for me, and I know that sounds a little cold, but my point is just this, yes, this is not easy. We can all feel for that, we can all as human beings, recognize the difficulties we've created by paying one sibling and not another.

Regardless of what was intended or the administration, or what did or did not happen with the register of the LIA in its transition into the Nunatsiavut Government, regardless, were all people. Everybody has recognized the efforts I put forward, I hope, over the last few years in trying to address this situation. It came from submitting briefly notes with the former President, to the executive council to be considered for a course of Action. I had letters upon letters upon letters presented to me by constituencies about what this \$5000 situation did to them and their family and their issue with the whole thing. Many of you were part of this Assembly when I forwarded all of those letters to you, and all I asked for you to do was to read them and to understand and hopefully to empathize with those individuals about what we've done, or not by what we've done, but what's been done by the situation, however it unfolded. To dismiss the possibility of putting this to bed simply because it's going to be a hard road and that we've got to put our heads together. I'm not saying I want to draft this amendment and shove it through. I'm just saying I believe what I'm saying and doing here is right and I call on all of you to help me. To do what's right, if you feel what's right, and help me form that amendment and support me in pushing that through. That's not something, you know, if that's in here attached to this Bill, then we have a course of Action. We know that, I don't know, maybe the President strikes a special committee to deal; maybe we set a timeframe on

that, maybe we put some words together which explain how we want this amendment to perhaps fix this situation. I don't know how long that's going to take, I'm not sure. I think I've conveyed what I want my potential amendment to accomplish. I just think that how difficult it's going to be and how long it's going to take should have no bearing on doing the right thing and I've been raised that way I believed it all my life and that's how I live by. The road ahead is always rocky and sometimes you got to, you know, pull your pants up, and tighten up your boots and giver'. That's all I'm asking everybody here to do here today.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**Mr. Pottle:** Before I entertain anymore comments I'd just like to bring people back to our Standing Orders 130-136 with respect to the process for committee on consensus and just remind people that, and I should've done this up front, that your comments are limited to 5 minutes, without following that I believe as somebody said, we could be here all day. What I'm hearing right now as people give further comments, is adding layer of complexities upon layer of complexities, and I don't think that was the intent of the president, and I don't mean to put words into his mouth, with respect to asking this committee, the Assembly to convene as a committee on consensus. Getting to Mr. Russell's point, I believe if you are intending to propose an amendment, then put that amendment to the floor. The whole point of this committee having some debate on this was to obviously look at some possible legal and financial implications of this, and with hearing from Members here and with opinions from Mr. Haysom, I hope that we were able to accomplish that. I don't want to cut the dialogue off but I don't know if anybody else wants to speak, but I think there has to come a time when we have to make a decision whether or not its worth our while to continue to have this discussion or whether we should just ask the president for an opinion of whether he believes that were able to reach a consensus or some sort of understanding on this so that we can go back to proceeding with second reading of this Bill. Mr. Jacque.

**Mr. Jacque:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just wondering what the consequences are regarding the class Action independent lawsuits against us are and at what cost? Is it possible that the lawsuits would be dropped if we did the payouts?

**Mr. Pottle:** I'm not a lawyer and I don't think I'll speak from a legal opinion but these are suppositions a lawsuit can go either way. We have no idea where its going to go, but the bottom line, I think, and not to put thoughts and ideas into peoples heads is that the decision to compensate people whose names were on that list brought us to the point where people have considered taking legal Action against us. And maybe Mr. Jacque, who knows, if this Assembly decided to further entertain a possible payout to those people who, I don't think there would be a need for a committee of the Assembly to investigate this matter any further because it's been done internally by the Nunatsiavut Government the RCMP. We do have a process I believe in place whereby somebody could confirm whether or not they were a Member on that date through the current records that are held within the register of beneficiaries or either documentation that they have received from the LIA, to that affect. And if there is no record either at the registers office or somebody can't produce it. Then why would you entertain providing a payout to

somebody? I hope that gave you some answers to your questions without bringing Mr. Haysom back to the table. Mr. Andersen and President Lyall.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you and good words Mr. Speaker, not the last ones because I think you added on another of layer yourself there Mr. Chair. I support this Bill, I think that's why were here, to see what we can do. To come to some consensus on this Bill. At this time, and I still haven't seen an amendment, but I'm not sure that I could support an amendment to this, and I'm not sure that an amendment would achieve what this Bill sets out to do. I don't know that it corrects anything. It sets out in 4 numbers, 1,2,3,4 what this Bill would do, ratify and improve all administrative decisions. Certainly, one can say that were going to move on, or one can say that no I can't ratify and improve all administrative decisions, or yes I can, no, you can or you can't. I don't know that you could ever, or I could agree with saying that, no I can't, change it around then yes I can. If things were done wrong then there's obviously a process to deal with. If there was wrongdoing then determine what it was, and then people perhaps should be held accountable and responsible. In my mind you can't correct a mistake by making more or to justify a new process based on an error that was done in the past and as I said I was part of that error. I don't know that an amendment would achieve that Mr. Chair. I certainly do support the Bill as it is.

**Mr. Pottle:** President Lyall.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a committee of consensus the President has the authority to declare that there is no consensus I would ask the speaker to ask for a vote please, thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** I'm not clear on what the vote would be based on. Just whether or not there is no consensus related to the discussion on a possible amendment? Or is it another issue that you want to vote on?

**President Lyall:** No I'm voting on the Bill itself Mr. Speaker, I'm saying there can't be a consensus reached I think we should put it to vote.

**Mr. Pottle:** Bare with me one second while I consult with the clerk and legal counsel, it should take about a minute so please remain in your seats. Thank you everybody for your patience, I guess the issue is, and the President has asked and he has the sole discretion to determine based on the discussions that we've had on the matter that we can't reach consensus on this issue. So I'd like to know if people are in agreement with that, do you agree that we can't reach consensus on this issue? With that than we have no other choice but to follow our process and bring this Bill to second reading, if there are any amendments proposed during second reading, then you have the right to, if there is an amendment you have to move the amendment, you have to have a seconder, there can be amendments to that amendment and the process is laid out. So I think in order to give finality to this issue, we had no other choice but to call this meeting to closure and reconvene as the Nunatsiavut Assembly and proceed to second reading of this Bill. I propose that we take a break early again because our break time is not until 12:30. I don't



think if we start second reading that we will be done by 12:30. So can I have the permission of the Assembly to take a break and reconvene again at 1:30? Thank you we'll see you at 1:30. Good afternoon everybody, before we convene our session of the Assembly, I believe that I am not out of order here because we do have provisions in our legislation that allows our Assembly to have individuals who are not Assembly Members address the Assembly. At this point in time, if the Assembly is in favor, Mr. Haysom would like address the Assembly to make and I will leave that to him but he wants to bring to your attention some exemption clauses in the code of conduct related to the debate we were having this morning on conflict of interest. If the Assembly is in favor of that can we have Mr. Haysom address the Assembly? Veryan.

**Mr. Haysom:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to first of all tender my apologies to the Assembly for having given incorrect advice this morning when the Assembly was convened as a Committee on Consensus and I want to give my apologies also to the AngajukKâk for Nain for having given incorrect advice. There is an exemption that's provided for in the Conflict of Interest Rules, specifically in rule 3.7(i), which allows an Assembly Member, well, which says that the rules don't apply to an Assembly Member when the matter that they are considering or voting on is a matter in which they have an interest in common either with electors generally or with an identified class or group of electors. In other words, there's no special privilege for the Member involved and it's a matter of interest to a broad class of electors. I had overlooked and forgotten that exemption. So I've given the AngajukKâk for Nain and I give the Assembly the same opinion - that I do not believe that she has got a conflict of interest because she had been specially exempted under the rules of the Conflict of Interest Rules. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek for that Veryan and your apology I believe is acceptable to the Assembly and we thank you for your thoroughness and going back and double checking your advice that you provided. I'd like to call the Assembly back to order and refer you to order of the day #14 second reading of Bills. First Bill for second reading today is Bill 2010-01. The purpose for the information of Members on debate on second reading is to review the Bills clause by clause and to focus on the details rather than the policy objectives and the general principles of the Bill. Is everybody clear on process? The Honorable First Minister. Sorry, I stand to be corrected on that, the Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources, & Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Orders 118 and 119 to proceed with second reading of Bill 2010-01 today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. The Minister of Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology has asked that the Assembly waive second reading under Standing Order 118 and 119 in order to proceed with second reading of Bill 2010-01 today. Is the Assembly in favor of making that waiver?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Proceed Honorable Minister.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the Assembly. Mr. Speaker I feel that I have given all the information I can to the Members for them to have an informed debate on this Bill today. Mr. Speaker I move seconded by the Member for Postville Mr. Gear, that Bill 2010-01 be read for the second time. Thank, you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. The motion is in order. The procedure again for second reading of Bills will be a debate on the clause for clause review of the details of the Bill, and each Member may speak for up to 15 minutes on each clause. Bill 2010-01 a Bill for an Act respecting administration of money received by the Nunatsiavut Government under Chapters 19 and 23 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. This Bill would ratify and approve all administrative decisions made and Actions taken in respect of money received by the Nunatsiavut Government under Chapters 19 and 23 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement during the period from December 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 to and including February 28<sup>th</sup> 2010. The Bill would authorize the transfer of amounts received under Chapter 23 in December 2008 and 2009 to the Implementation Trust. The Bill would authorize transfer of all amounts received under Chapter 19 to the Labrador Inuit Settlement Trust. This Bill would authorize the treasurer to transfer all monies received in future Chapters, in future under Chapters 19 and 23 under the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement to the Settlement Trust and the Implementation Trust respectively. Again for clarities sake I did consult with legal counsel this morning and because we don't have an interpretation Act that sets out whether or not specific Sections of a Bill are including details I have taken legal advice under to consideration and the preamble to Bills are also considered the details of the Bill. Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement funding Act. An Act respecting the administration of money received by the Nunatsiavut Government under Chapter 19 and 23 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement, whereas; 1; appropriations by the Assembly for the period from December 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 have not expressly provided for the administration of the money received by the Nunatsiavut Government from the government of Canada under Chapters 19 and 23 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** I would just like to have it on record as well that there is from my perspective a discrepancy in the first whereas when applied against the explanatory note number one that this would cover the period of December 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 to and including February 28<sup>th</sup> 2010. I'm wondering if the Minister could before we proceed, clarify whether or not the intent was to have March 28<sup>th</sup> 2010 to explicitly say March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is indeed a typo that should be March 31<sup>st</sup>, I think the original intent was to have the Settlement Trust established by this time, by February 28<sup>th</sup> that was not achieved. The date should be March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010.

**Mr. Pottle:** Let me start again, my microphone was not on. The Nunatsiavut Government has received 126 million dollars, 126,790,829 dollars from the Government of Canada under Chapter 23 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and of that amount (A) has spent or committed to spend 20,753,134 dollars (B) has transferred 51,946,444 dollars to the Implementation Trust and (C) Continues to hold 54,091,251 in segregated accounts with the intention of transferring that sum to the Implementation Trust. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of the second whereas? If no Member wishes to speak, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> whereas; The Nunatsiavut Government has received 88,981,683 dollars from the Government of Canada under Chapter 19 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and of that amount A) has spent 21,343,278 dollars; B) has transferred 56,651,596 dollars to the Trustees of the Implementation Trust to invest in the name and on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government; and C) Continues to Hold 10,986,809 dollars in segregated accounts with the intention of transferring 67,638,405 to the Settlement Trust. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of the 3<sup>rd</sup> whereas? The Honorable Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For clarification of the Assembly there has not been any monies released to the Implementation Trustees since 2008. This was due to the poor global market conditions, the reason the Implementation Trust holds these dollars in the name of the Settlement Trust is because the Settlement Trust itself was not established. The Implementation Trustees receive these funds and invested them and tracked the money separately. With the establishment of the Settlement Trust these funds will be now picked up by the Settlement Trustees and invested in the manner that they were intended to be invested. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of the preamble to Bill 2010-01? All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Now therefore be it enacted by the Nunatsiavut Assembly as follows. Section 1; Short title; This Inuit law may be sided as the Land Claims Agreement Funding Act. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to this provision? If no Member wishes to speak, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 2; Interpretation; in this Act unless the context indicates otherwise, Implementation Trust means the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust established pursuant to the Trust indenture dated May 17<sup>th</sup> 2007, between Labrador Inuit Association, settlers, William Andersen the third, Patricia Pottle, Sharon Pevie and Mike Flatters as Trustees. Nunatsiavut fund means the consolidated revenue fund of the Nunatsiavut Government described in part 8.1 of the Labrador Inuit Constitution and Settlement Trust means the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust fund established pursuant to the Trust indenture dated March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 between Tony Andersen, a settler, Jim Lyall, Todd Broomfield, Wyman Jacque, Isabella Payne, and Mike Flatters as Trustees. Is there any Member wishing to speak to Section 2 of the Bill? The Ordinary Member for Nain.

**Mr. Barbour:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just been pointed out to me and I think because even typos can be very important, under the last point, Settlement Trust I think that should read Labrador Inuit Land Claim, not plural just one Claim. So the S must come out. Also under Wyman Jacques, his last name is spelt wrong the S must come out. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Will you be proposing that as an amendment?

**Mr. Barbour:** Whether it takes an amendment or I just pointed out that these are typos and can be fixed as typos.

**Mr. Pottle:** I think by doing that it will not change the intent in any way shape or form of the Bill therefore I think your point is well taken Honorable Member from Nain. For the record, that should be struck from this Bill if it's so approved and changed as so indicated by the Ordinary Member for Nain. Section 3; ratification of administrative decisions in respect of funds received. All administrative decisions made and Actions taken by or in the name or on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government in respect of money received by the Nunatsiavut Government under Chapters 19 and 23 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement during the period from December 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 to and including January 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details? The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. Please correct me if I'm out of order but I believe this would be the point in time that I would introduce my proposed amendment to the Bill?

**Mr. Pottle:** Yes you have that right Ordinary Member.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. I propose that Bill 2010-01 be amended to include a new provision as Section 4 that the Assembly form a special committee of the Members and other professionals as needed to set aside an amount from the segregated accounts currently holding Chapter 19 dollars as maybe necessary to address inconsistencies of the 5K Settlement Trust payout with the terms of the committee to be established under a separate resolution of the Assembly. Mr. Speaker a note to that

proposed amendment, consequential amendments to the Bill would include Section 4 becoming Section 5, Section 5 becoming 6, Section 6 becoming 7. With the new 6 to be amended to include the amount stated, less the amount to be determined in the new number 4 which is what I would've proposed and that's a housekeeping issue I guess for the Bill. Nakummek Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Does the Ordinary Member have a seconder for his amendment?

**Mr. Russell:** My apologies Mr. Speaker. My seconder would be the chairperson of the Sivunivut Corporation of Northwest River Mr. Ed Tuttau.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Ordinary Member. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the amendment as proposed by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville? The Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources, & Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I must say that I commend the Member for proposing an amendment to the Bill, the Member is certainly doing what he feels to be the right thing to do. After hearing all of the discussions today, I too, wish to do what I feel is the right thing to do for this Bill. The Members, who never made the official voters list of May 26<sup>th</sup> 2004, have had opportunity to apply to the independent committee to have their names added to that official voters list. It is a concern to me personally, that this Bill would be amended to open up that provision again. This has been a very controversial Chapter in our history as a new government and I feel that, to provide some closure, if you will, if that's the correct words Mr. Speaker, to individuals that this Bill I feel personally that this Bill should pass as is written. I too, this is a very tough issue for all of us, and I respect the fact that the Member has the courage to propose an amendment to this Bill, and I will vote accordingly when we are asked to vote on this Bill. Mr. Speaker, my preliminary thinking is that I cannot support this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've read a number of times this proposed amendment but I'm not certain that this is an amendment, but it suggests what an amendment might be. Certainly Mr. Speaker I don't know how that we could continue with the second reading of this Bill if we were to include if this was an amendment, such things that suggests a new provision that the Assembly form a special committee of Members and other professionals as needed, we don't, we would not know what those other professionals would be, to set aside an amount from the segregated accounts currently holding Chapter 19 dollars as maybe necessary to address inconsistencies of the 5K Settlement Trust payout. If this is an amendment it certainly doesn't set out what that amount might be, that's another unknown. With the terms of the committee to be established under a separate resolution of the Assembly, again, that is an unknown. I would not know how to vote on this Bill if this were the amendment that we were to accept. The amendment would provide for a call to all beneficiaries that feel that they were incorrectly omitted from the ratification list and again, I suppose that remains an

unknown, within a certain timeframe, and you know that certain timeframe again is determined by the committee, another unknown. So I think that, you know what the Member, in my own mind, this is not an amendment but it suggests what an amendment might look like Mr. Speaker. If this were to be accepted as an amendment into Section 4 there would be so many unknowns in this Bill that I would have real problems in voting yes or no, because this proposed amendment provides so many unknowns. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I have to say that I cannot support, if in fact that this is a proposed amendment, I certainly cannot support this proposed amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable First Minister. The Member for Hopedale.

**Mr. Flowers:** Thank you, Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a very very hard decision like the Minister of Finance, I suppose everyone around this table had said. I went home during dinner break thinking I knew what I was going to do, I came back still quite not sure, but I did speak to somebody during my dinner break, who was part of the transitional government at the time, and I asked directly, do you remember how this came about and what you voted on at the time for the \$5000?, and he said to me that as far as he could understand it was only the names that were on that list at that time. No other names, nothing else, it was the names of the people that were on that list, and when you went to wherever you were entitled to go to vote whether it the council office or wherever it was. That if your name was there and you voted or didn't vote you still received the \$5000. That's what they approved at the time and that's what they voted on and after the fact there was people added. So, to me, there were people added after the fact and now were trying to add to the fact again. Were talking about adding more names now, so which is right? Wasn't it wrong in the first place to add names after the transitional government said only the names that were there and only the names are the ones that would receive the money? Then people got it after, and now were talking about adding more after. So, it's very, is it making it right by adding more names now? Or should we stop and say, you know, these names were added by mistake and, you know, what do you do? Keep adding? Or do you stop it at the 25 or whatever the case was? But there was names added after the fact when it's clearly stated, I don't have the minutes in front of me Mr. Speaker, but I certainly would like to see exactly what was said and what was voted on and that should be able to spell out to everybody around this table, what the transitional government voted on at the time and why then was other names added at the time?, I do not have the answers for that Mr. Speaker, but I'm only saying what was related to me from somebody on the transitional government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Ordinary Member for Nain.

**Mr. Barbour:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In having listening to all the points raised by those that were speaking this morning. I would just like to point out that, for me anyway, as hard as the Bill that is proposed by the Minister of Finance, and as hard as it was for him, I think what's being lost in this debate, in this committee of the whole, the intent of the Bill is to set up the Settlement Trust and the Implementation Trust. The proposed amendment talks about omitted beneficiaries on voters list on May 26<sup>th</sup> 2004. I don't see

how that's connected to setting up a Settlement Trust or an Implementation Trust. That's just an observation on my part Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Ordinary Member for Nain. The President of Nunatsiavut.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that the issues were all discussed earlier this morning and a number of times in the past. I just want to make my position clear that I will not support this amendment. I think that we should approve the Bill as written. I told you very early this morning that it really scares me, that we start opening up another can of worms, we'll have many many more Members looking forward to a \$5000 payment and those that don't get it will also be taking us to court as well. As I said earlier this morning we have a court case, two court cases against us and for that reason I one cannot support it. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** If no Member wishes to speak, I believe I see the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville's hand up on this. I would like what he has to say, before I make a ruling on what he's got to say. But I believe the Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville has, given that he has proposed this amendment, he had the first word, and I believe he's also as per our legislation afforded last words on the amendment. On that I will allow the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville to address his concerns.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. Yes, I can understand the level of, I guess, uncertainty we may be going into with the proposed amendment. In the timeframe that we had I guess, with the legal advice given to me, I put the Bill together with the best of my ability to accomplish what I felt was the right thing to do as I acknowledged earlier especially in committee of consensus. Which was to try and right or wrong and to stand up and hopefully send the message to the world that were going to be there to acknowledge our mistakes and do what's right and hopefully correct those. To this point listening to what everybody has said, I appreciate the scare tactics from the other side of the table, but the fact remains in reference to the President's remarks, the fact that we messed up this entire situation and had poor administration, and the fact that our First Minister made the decision to go above and beyond the ratification voters list and compensate 25 people over and above what was prepared as the official list. That is what has created these class Action lawsuits and individual lawsuits against us. I believe a question earlier in the day put to this table by the AngajukKâk for Makkovik had a good point as well. I believe that this could go a long way in remedying those situations. I'm not a lawyer, but I believe that could address some of the issues with that. It is an unknown that more legal Action may be taken against us as you pointed out. It's also an unknown of whether or not there would be less because of this situation. So to me it's a little bit of a mood point there. I appreciate the Ordinary Member for Hopedale in his comments that essentially two wrongs don't make a right, in adding more Members, or more names to that list. I don't entirely agree to that based on the fact that it wasn't about adding names to a list, it was about the First Minister going beyond the list and creating a situation that hopefully that this amendment would address.

**Mr. Andersen:** Point of order Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The First minister will state his point of order.

**Mr. Andersen:** The Member for Upper Lake Melville has made two references Mr. Speaker in his summation here that, it was me, the First Minister who, added names to a list.

**Mr. Russell:** Nope.

**Mr. Andersen:** As I said Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Order please.

**Mr. Andersen:** As I said this morning I was part of that decision, but in his statements, the Member, has pointed, pointed his finger singular, saying that it was the First Minister that did this, the First Minister. I was part of a transition government Mr. Speaker and I think that with all due respect the reference to the decisions made should not rest solely with me.

**Mr. Russell:** Yup, point of order Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Andersen:** That is my point Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you First Minister. Your point is well taken and I believe the reference as you had so pointed out should be on the overall decision makers and not one singular person, so that point of order stands. There is a second point of order raised here by the Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville. Will you state your point of order?

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. My point of order is very simple, at no point in the statement that I just said, that I believe, I made reference to Mr. Flowers' statement about adding names to a list, the First Minister then quoted me as saying that he, that I said that he added those names to the list. No it was quite the opposite; I'm saying that no names were added to a list. My point was, Mr. Speaker, that our First Minister had the authority to decide who got the payout, over and above the list and if we have to read the Hansard back I believe that was my point. I did not say that the First Minister added names to a list. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. May I Continue?

**Mr. Pottle:** Speaker will rule on your point of order, and I believe your points are well taken and it provides clarity on that, so I ask you to proceed to conclude your remarks with respect to your amendment.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I will take a second to apologize to the First Minister. That was not my intent; my intent was to convey to this Assembly that there had been the authority given to the First Minister, on a case by case basis, I believe, to choose whether or not to compensate individuals not on that list. Which had happened, I believe that was by special resolution back at that particular time. I did not mean to



insinuate that he added names to a list prepared by a committee. I don't believe that I had said that, perhaps, no, I just don't believe that I said that. Other than that all I can say about this amendment is, in the Bill itself as it stands without this amendment, we've done nothing to right or wrong. In fact we've done the opposite, which is to approve and give our, well to give our approval as an Assembly to the 125K paid to those that shouldn't have got it. My intent was not to go back to finger pointing to get into anything. But as I spoke to this morning, the point was to do something in order to address those inconsistencies and give people the opportunity to come back in light of the fact that we spent 125K on people not on that list. I felt we should be able to give people the opportunity to come back and prove that they should've been on that list and that there were mistakes made and that we would be giving that opportunity to try and make it right for those individuals. I'm not going to go on about this; I guess we'll see what happens very shortly. I think that if people don't want to support this amendment then that's fine, but if they don't want to support this amendment based on the fact that there are just too many unknowns in this particular amendment or perhaps that a separate resolution is another unknown that may be established well then perhaps the entire Bill should be reformatted. Perhaps we start over, perhaps we sit we take time like responsible elected officials.

**Mr. Pottle:** Order please, I'd like the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville to keep his statements specific to the resolution as, the amendment as proposed. Thank you

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My apologies to the House and to you. Again I go back to my intent, my intent was to perhaps right or wrong and reengage the beneficiaries who thought they were incorrectly omitted from the ratification voters list perhaps put this issue to bed and move on, and at the same time allow these amounts to be transferred to where they need to go. As I said earlier today, the world is watching, our beneficiaries are watching and I believe that we'll send that message one way or another. If were in support of this then I believe that the message to our beneficiaries are, is that were big enough and prepared to acknowledge our own mistakes and to give our best effort to rectify those mistakes. If were not in support of this then we go on unchanged, and we send our message to the world and to the beneficiaries, were simply not too prepared to admit to making those mistakes, nor are we prepared to do what's necessary to right or past wrong. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. I believe we've, there's no, the Member has concluded his remarks with respect to his amendment as proposed. The amendment would specifically add a new Section to a new provision to this Bill. That in essence would direct the Assembly, I guess for lack of a better word, to form a special committee of Members and professionals as needed to set aside an amount from the segregated accounts currently holding Chapter 19 dollars as maybe necessary to address inconsistencies in this \$5000 settlement. I think that is a synopsis of the amendment. Is the Assembly in favor of the amendment as proposed? There have been Nays and Yays to this amendment therefore as the speaker I have no other choice but to call the matter to vote. All those in favor of supporting the amendment as proposed by the amendment proposed by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, raise your hand.

**Mr. Russell:** I. I have no problem standing up for the people we've wronged.

**Mr. Pottle:** Order please. Order please. Those in favor of not adopting the resolution, the amendment proposed by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, raise your hand. There are 3 people in favor of adopting the resolution there are 10 against therefore the amendment is not included in this Bill. Thank you. To continue with second reading Section 4, authorization for transfer of money to the Implementation Trust the Nunatsiavut Treasurer is authorized and directed. We did Section 3 did we not? Let me backtrack, I believe I've made a mistake and we will go again to Section 3. Ratification of administrative decisions in respect of funds received. All administrative decisions made and Actions taken by or in the name or on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government in respect of money received by the Nunatsiavut Government under Chapters 19 and 23 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement during the period from December 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 to and including January 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 are hereby approved ratified and confirmed. All in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye\Nay

**Mr. Pottle:** I heard a nay here; I'm not sure how to proceed, so therefore I will take a 10, a 5 minute break to confer with legal council and the clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Just for clarities sake, before I ask whether or not the Assembly, I did not ask whether the Assembly was in favor, or if anybody wished to speak to the details of Section 3 of this Act before I call the vote, or before I asked whether or not the Assembly was in favor. And given that there was a nay to my response I would like now to give people the opportunity to speak to the details of this Section of the Act. So is there anybody who would like to speak to the details of the Act? The Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. Basically, we have heard from the Minister of Finance about how the main intent of this Bill was to move settlement dollars held in segregated accounts into the hands of the Trustees and those designated to invest the money. The payout amount in the Bill was also a part of that, in which I tried to propose an amendment in order to get it, perhaps, opened up for further investigation, or further analysis lets say in order to perhaps deal with some inconsistencies. I feel that Section 3 here, concerning all decisions made and Actions taken by or in the name of or on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government in respect to that money, which would include the original payout amounts, the 125K for the 25 beneficiaries who were paid who were not on the ratification voters list. I would propose that we amend the Bill by removing Section 3, basically to speak to that proposed amendment it's just that simple, to remove that Section. To me that would signify that we are able to proceed with the Bill. To get those implementation and settlement dollars into the hands of the Trustees and into the hands of the investors that we're going to designate or may have already designated. To me it says I believe there may have been a wrong in relation to the amounts in this Bill about the 5K payout, and I believe that if anybody else feels that there were inconsistencies and that there, people were perhaps wronged and perhaps at some point in the future may deserve another shot to prove that they do deserve that, that they may be

supportive of that idea of having the Bill amended to remove Section 3 at this particular time. Which in my mind, gives consent to all Actions that have been taken in regard to that payout. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Not to confuse the matters again but I believe I heard the Ordinary Member propose an amendment to this. Before I put that to the floor, I believe the amendment would be out of order because I believe speaks to decisions with respect to funds received as opposed to funds expended. Is there any other Member who wishes to speak to the details of this provision? The Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In having this Bill drafted by our legal people, we had seriously considered leaving this provision out of the Bill. Had we done that, this debate would not have happened today because Members would not have been aware or have been asked to retroactively approve decisions made. It is not our intent Mr. Speaker to hide anything from the Assembly, it is our intent to be as open and transparent and accountable as we possibly can be. Removing this provision from the Bill is in my opinion leaving something very important out of this Bill. We do not all agree on this provision that is very clear. I respect each Member's right to vote how they feel on this provision because, this is very controversial, we had considered leaving it out but it is much more important to leave it there and to have that good debate. To put the issue to rest as much as we can, put the issue to rest and to move forward. The Speaker had questions regarding the January 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 date. That issue, the date itself is good, had we put March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 there we would be foregoing the authority of the Assembly. The date indeed is good in this provision and we felt it important to leave this provision in the Bill to have that healthy debate here today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. Is there any other Member who would like to speak to the details of this Section of the Bill? The AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know if I'm going to be out of order or not but I wonder if maybe the Minister of Finance could just expand a little further as to what he was saying as to why they would've left it out or as to why they considered leaving it out. He just said that they considered it and that was it, if possible, like I said I don't know if I'm out of order but a little more explanation as to what he just said.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you AngajukKâk for Nain. I believe I'll just repeat what I heard the Minister of Finance say that there was a consideration not to include this provision but if that provision was left out it would be contrary to transparency, therefore, I believe that, I don't know, not going to put words in the minister's mouth, but I really don't know what else could be said on the manner. I believe his explanation was clear but I certainly will give him the opportunity to speak to your point of clarification.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did not mean to say that in a derogatory manner or anyway. It certainly was not discussed by the Members of the executives to remove this provision from the Bill. It was just a fleeting thought, and I would say that it was just a fleeting thought and it was not given any consideration after. There was

recognition that this provision would indeed be very controversial but that debate had to happen and leaving this out of the Bill certainly would not be appropriate in my opinion. Maybe I did not come across in the manner that I had hoped to, there is no intent to certainly hide anything from the Members. We are open, transparent and accountable as we can be. This provision is very important and I feel that it should stay in this Bill. I think that's all I have to say. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. If there is no other Member who wishes to speak to this Bill, before I do that I see the hand from the Ordinary Member from Upper Lake Melville again during debate on second reading you're allowed to speak to the Bill once. The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville has stated his case, therefore, if there is no other Member who wishes to speak to the details of Section 3 is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye\Nay

**Mr. Pottle:** There has been a nay to the call and as per process we must put the issue to a vote. All those in favor to Section 3, raise your hand. All those opposed, raise your hand. The issue is 12 in favor, 2 opposed, therefore, the provision remains. Section 4; authorization for transfer of money to the Implementation Trust. The Nunatsiavut Treasurer is authorized and directed to transfer the sum of 54,091,251 dollars to the Implementation Trust. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of Section 4? The Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources, & Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Members have a copy of the Implementation Trust Deed in their binders. It is my understanding that currently there are two Active Members of the Implementation Trust and that is Mike Flatters, and Sharon Pevie. They are responsible to putting names forward to the Assembly, for new Trustees. It is a bit of a concern to me as a Member of this Assembly that the Trustees are required to present annual financial information of the Trust to the Assembly, and that is stated in the Trust Deed. I have followed up with Mr. Flatters as early as about 2 weeks ago to inform him of this provision and that the Trustee's are indeed required to present this information to the Assembly. Once the dust settles, Mr. Speaker, I will be in contact with Mr. Flatters again to insure that he indeed provides this information to the Assembly in compliance with Section I believe its 13-4 of the Trust Deed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. In reference to my earlier comment I guess my problem is not specifically with the Implementation Trust. But I will put my concern on the record right now in reference to the Minister's latest statement. That we are indeed operating in contradiction to the Financial Administration Act in terms of the timeliness of such financial statements whether it by NG or be the Trust. I find it absolutely discouraging, disheartening, as many adjectives as you like to describe my, I guess, discontent with the fact that we are about to transfer, regardless of the Trust, which Trust

it is, upwards of 54 million dollars to the hands of Trustee's who have not even provided us with finances about our Trusts as per our legislation. So, at some point we have to look inwards at ourselves and say that we're making all of these huge decisions and were fighting for what we believe is right, and we're being transparent and accountable and yet we continue to operate in contradiction to our own legislation. Nakummek Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Are there any other Member who would like to speak to the details of Section 4? If there is no other Member who wishes to speak to the details of Section 4 is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye\Nay

**Mr. Pottle:** There has been a nay on the call; therefore we have to follow process and again put the issue to a vote. All those in favor of supporting Section 4, raise your hand. All those opposed, raise your hand. There are 12 votes in favor, 1 opposed, therefore, the Section remains. Authorization for transfer of money to the Settlement Trust. The Nunatsiavut Treasurer is authorized and directed to transfer the sum of 67,638,405 dollars to the Settlement Trust. Each Member will have the opportunity to speak for up to 15 minutes to the details of this Section, is there any Member wishing to do so? The Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources, & Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Also for the Members benefit there is a copy of the Settlement Trust Deed for your information. As I said earlier the Settlement Trust Deed itself is hot off the press we still have one Trustee to be a secondary to the Deed. But that does not change the Deed itself or any information in the Deed. We have yet to establish, settle on a goal coin to be settled on the settler of the Trust, and that is in the works. Members can be insured that as a Trustee of the Settlement Trust I will ensure that the Trustees follow the Trust Deed and operate the Trust in a manner that it should be operated. The Settlement Trust will also be required to present annual financial information to this house, similar with the Implementation Trust Deed itself. Members are entitled to receive this information on an annual basis from the two Trusts. Basically the primary reason for this Bill is that the releasing of the funds from the accounts established with the Bank of Montreal, that authorization rightfully has to come from the Assembly, for those funds to be released to the Trusts. The Settlement Trust is now in place and the funds will be invested by the Trustees according to the Trust Deed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. If there is no other Member who wishes to speak to the details. The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. As per Section 42 of the Financial Administration Act, all financial statements are to be prepared within 90 days and presented, signed to this Assembly by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year, and as per Section 42-1 part (A), this should include all Trusts. Basically, I'll just put it out there again, that we do this in full contradiction of our own legislation. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Can I just ask you Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville to again restate your references to the Financial Administrations Act?

**Mr. Russell:** Certainly, Mr. Speaker. As per Section 42 Part 1 of the Financial Administration Act; that specifies financial statements are to be prepared within 90 days after fiscal year end. 42 Section 2 states that they have to be signed and presented to the Assembly by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Section 42-1 part (A) states that this should include all Trusts with the exception of the Settlement Trust that is something that they have to get into now that the settlement indenture has been established. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Ordinary Member. I would just like to remind the Ordinary Member that the end of the fiscal year has not yet come upon us, and you make references and your points are well taken. The Financial Administration Act does say that, but I think we have no other choice but to wait for that timeframe to lapse before that information is presented to the Assembly. If there is no other Member who wishes to speak to Section 5 is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye\Nay

**Mr. Pottle:** There is a nay vote on the call therefore we must put the issue to vote. All those in favor of Section 5, raise your hand. All those opposed, raise your hand. The vote is 12 in favor, 1 opposed. The Section stands. Administration of money received in future. Section 6; The Nunatsiavut Treasurer is directed to pay all sums of money received after January 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 under Chapters 19 and 23 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement to the credit of the Nunatsiavut Fund and is authorized to transfer all sums of money received under Chapter 19 and 23 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement from the Nunatsiavut Fund to the Settlement Trust and the Implementation Trust respectively. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of Section 6? The Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources, & Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One issue that I would like to bring to the Members attention that I already have, now that the overlap agreement is officially signed off, we received our first payment back on February 23<sup>rd</sup> of this year, of which I informed all the Members of. These payments will now form a regular part of the Chapter 19A payments from Canada, until those payments cease after the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of effective date. I just felt that it was important to officially have that information on record. We have received our first payment on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February and these will be a regular occurrence until those payments from Canada cease in accordance with 19A. Thank, you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** If no other Member wishes to speak with the details of Section 6 is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** That concludes debate on Bill 2010-01; does the Minister wish to conclude debate?

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I conclude debate I would like to say a few closing words. This Bill has been debated well by both sides, Members put their views to the Assembly very well and the democratic process played out its course. The drafting, I guess, in putting this Bill through the house has certainly been a very trying and yet at the same time rewarding experience in end of itself, so I would ask the Members to put their support to this Bill, and with that Mr. Speaker I would wish to conclude debate. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. That concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2010-01?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Accordingly with unanimous consent of the Assembly, Bill 2010-01 a Bill for an Act Respecting Administration of Money received by the Nunatsiavut Government under Chapters 19 and 23 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement has had second reading. Given the time of day, and in accordance with our daily schedule, were scheduled for our daily afternoon break at 3:30, I would ask the Assembly if you would be in favor of breaking now from 3:15 until 3:30 so we'll have more time to give to consideration of second reading for the remaining 5 Bills that we have to process this afternoon.

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** See you at 3:30. I'd like to call the Assembly back to order and continue with order of the day # 14 second reading of Bills; our second reading today is Bill 2010-02 a Bill for an Inuit law to authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue Loan Guarantees to support commercial borrowing by Torngat Fish Producers Co-operatives Society Limited for the period from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011. This Bill would authorize the Nunatsiavut government to issue Loan Guarantees in order to support the operation of Torngat Co-op during the 2010, 2011 fiscal year. The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I move seconded by the Minister of Education and Economic Development that the Assembly proceed directly to second reading under Standing Order 118 and I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 120 in order to proceed with second reading of Bill 2010-02 today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable First Minister. The First Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 120 and proceed immediately to second reading of Bill 2010-02. Does the Minister have unanimous consent?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Proceed First Minister.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Minister of Education and Economic Development that Bill 2010-02 a Bill for an Inuit law to authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue Loan Guarantees to support commercial borrowing to Torngat Fish Producers Co-operatives Society Limited for the period from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011 be read for the second time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable First Minister. The motion is in order; the procedure for second reading, debate will be a clause by clause review of the details of the Bill. Each Member may speak for up to 15 minutes on each clause. Bill 2010 Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantees Act, table of contents; preamble, short title, definitions, conflict with Inuit law, authority to guarantee, the payment of Torngat Co-ops obligations, maximum amounts and purposes of the Loan Guarantees, term of guarantee, security required for guarantee, access to financial records, additional terms and conditions, payment of guarantee, borrowing to pay guarantee, guarantee to be charged on the fund, acquisition and alienation of property given as security, execution of instruments, repeal of Torngat Loans Guarantee Act 2009 coming into effect. Does any Member wish to speak to the details of the Table of Contents? If no Member wishes to speak to the details is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** The preamble where as such in 8.6.2 of the constitution enables the Assembly to authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to provide Loan Guarantees to third parties, and where as such in 80 of the Financial Administration Act enables the Nunatsiavut Government to provide Loan Guarantees when authorized to do so, pursuant to an Inuit law. Therefore, be it enacted by the Assembly as follows; 1) short title; this Act may be cited as the Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantees Act 2010. Does any Member wish to speak to the details of Section 1 short title? If no Member wishes to speak to Section 1 is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 2) Definitions; in this Act, Act means an Inuit law and includes this Inuit law (b) Assembly means the Nunatsiavut Assembly (c) Auditor means the auditor for Nunatsiavut appointed in terms of the constitution (d) Constitution means the Labrador Inuit Constitution (e) Controller means the officer of the Nunatsiavut Government appointed pursuant to Section 12 of the Financial Administration Act (f) Fiscal year means the period beginning on April 1<sup>st</sup> in one year and ending on March 31<sup>st</sup> in the next year (g) Fund means the reserve of money in the Nunatsiavut Fund set apart in the accounts of the Nunatsiavut Government as the implementation fund referred to in Section 44-1-G of the Financial Administration Act. (h) Minister means, the First Minister in his capacity as the Member of the executive council responsible for



implementation of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement (i) Nunatsiavut Fund means the consolidated revenue fund of the Nunatsiavut Government described in part 8.1 of the constitution and Sections 44-1-A of the Financial Administration Act. President and council means the President of Nunatsiavut Acting on the advice of the Executive Council. (k) Torngat Co-op means the Torngat Co-operatives Society Limited a legal person existing under the Co-operations Act of Newfoundland and Labrador. (l) Treasurer means the Nunatsiavut Treasurer as described in sub-Section 5.1-C of the constitution. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of the definitions? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details in the definitions, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 3 conflict with Inuit law; if there is an inconsistency or conflict between this Act and the provisions of the Financial Administration Act, this Act prevails to the extent of the inconsistency or the conflict. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 3? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 3, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 4; authority to guarantee the payment of Torngat Co-op's obligations. Subject to this Act, the President in council may authorize the Minister on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government to enter into agreements with any of the chartered banks of Canada, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and Torngat Co-op or any other person concerning the guarantee of the payment of obligations of Torngat Co-op for the purpose and subject to the amounts set out in Section 5. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 4? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 4 is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 5; Maximum amounts and purpose of Loan Guarantees. Subject to this Act the President in Council may authorize the Minister to guarantee loans by a chartered bank of Canada to Torngat Co-op's in amount, not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$750,000 for the purpose of paying Torngat Co-ops Operating expenses during the 2010, 11 fiscal year and to enter into such agreements as the President in council may be advised are necessary or prudent in order to protect and secure the interest of the Nunatsiavut Government with respect to the guarantees. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 5? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 5 is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 6; Term of guarantee. The maximum term of a Loan Guarantees under this Act shall expire on or before March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Is there any

Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 6? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 6 is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Security required for guarantees; Section 7. The Minister shall require that the Torngat Co-op provide securities with respect to Loan Guarantees in such amounts and of such nature as the Minister considers prudent before providing any Loan Guarantees to or for Torngat Co-op Bank. Is there any Member wishing to speak to details of Section 7? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 7 is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 8; Access to financial records. The Minister shall require as a condition of Loan Guarantees provided to Torngat Co-op that the auditor has access to all financial books, accounts and other records of Torngat Co-op during its normal business hours after giving reasonable advanced notice. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 8? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 8, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 9; additional terms and conditions and recovery of cost. 1; without limiting anything in Section 6, 7 and 8 the Minister may require such additional terms and conditions as may be prudent or consistent with good business practice before providing a Loan Guarantees to Torngat Co-op under this Act and shall recover from Torngat Co-op all cost and fees incurred by the Nunatsiavut Government in relation to the guarantee. 2; cost and fees recovered under sub Section 1 shall be paid into the Nunatsiavut Fund. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 9? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 9, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 10; Payment of guarantee. Where a guarantee has been given by or on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government for the payment of a debt or obligation of Torngat Co-op pursuant to this Act. Any amount required to be paid by the terms of the guarantee may be paid to the Nunatsiavut Fund and shall be charged to the fund. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 10? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 10, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 11, Borrowing to pay guarantee. Where the Nunatsiavut Government has guaranteed the payment of any debt or obligation of Torngat Fish Producers Co-op pursuant to this Act, the President in council may borrow such amounts

as is necessary to discharge the liability resulting from the guarantee for the purposes of discharging the liability of the Nunatsiavut Government. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 11? The Honorable Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Although this provision is listed in the Loan Guarantees, I really do not foresee that there will be a need for the Nunatsiavut Government to borrow money to certainly cover the cost of this Loan Guarantees, should Torngat default. I sent some information to the Members a few weeks ago, in the cordially financial statements we have in our bank account current a sum of approximately 26 million dollars so there should not be a need to borrow. I just wanted to make that known to the Members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. If there is no other Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 11, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 12 Guarantees to be charged on the fund. All guarantees made under this Act shall be a charge upon the fund to the amounts of the guarantees, from time to time outstanding. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 12? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 12, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 13 Acquisition and alienation of property given as security. Subsection 1; the Executive Council may authorize the Minister to purchase or otherwise acquire any property that is at subject of a mortgage, charge or security, whether general or specific, in respect of any guarantee made under this Act. Subsection 2; The Minister may sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any property acquired under Subsection 1 for such consideration and on such terms and conditions as the Minister deems advisable. Subsection 3; the proceeds of any sale, lease or disposal made under subsection 2 shall be paid to the treasurer and credited to the fund. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 13? If no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 13, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 14 Execution of instruments. All guarantees, sorry. All agreements, guarantees and other instruments whatsoever relating to any guarantees under this Act may be executed on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government by the Minister and the Controller. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 14? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 14, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 15 Repeal of Torngat Loan Guarantees Act 2009. The Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantees Act 2009 is repealed. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 15? There is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 15, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 16; Coming into effect. This Act comes into effect immediately upon its registration pursuant to the Nunatsiavut laws registration Act. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 16? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 16 is the Assembly in favor? That concludes the clause by clause review of the Bill does the First Minister wish to conclude debate?

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

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable First Minister. That concludes debate, is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2010-02?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Accordingly, with unanimous consent of the Assembly, Bill 2010-02, a Bill for an Inuit law to authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue Loan Guarantees to support commercial borrowing by Torngat Fish Producers Co-operatives Society Limited for the period from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011 has had second reading. Second reading of Bill 2010-03. An Act to implement the consolidated financial plan of the Nunatsiavut Government for the fiscal year beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 and ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011. This Bill would approve the budget for 2010, 11; authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to raise, and collect revenues and to spend money from the Nunatsiavut Fund for the purposes set out in the budget. Contents, Short Title, Interpretation, Budget Approved and Adopted, Authorization Respecting Revenues, Additional Revenues.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Point of order Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Your Point of order.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Mr. Speaker in accordance with our processes for second reading, I am required to seek unanimous consent before we proceed to second reading Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister for catching me on that. Your point of order is well taken. Proceed.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Orders 118, and 119 to proceed with second reading of Bill 2010-03 today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Minister of Finance is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 120 and proceed immediately to second reading of Bill 2010-03, a Bill for an Act to implement the consolidated financial plan of the Nunatsiavut Government for the fiscal year beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010, and ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011. Does the Minister have unanimous consent?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Proceed Minister.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I move, seconded by the Member for Postville, the Ordinary Member for Postville, Minister Gear, that Bill 2010-03 be read for the second time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. The motion is in order. The procedure for second reading debate will be a clause by clause review of the details of the Bill. Each Member may speak for up to 15 minutes on each clause. Budget Act 2010 Contents; Short Title, Interpretation, Budget Approved and Adopted, Authorization Respecting Revenues, Additional Revenues, Payments must be Authorized, Time Limits on Payments Authorized under this Act, appropriations, Other Requisitions must be Budgeted for and Authorized by the Executive Council, Transfer between Funds or Departmental Budgets, Effective Date, and Annex. Is any Member wishing to speak to the contents? There is no Member wishing to speak to the contents, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 1, Short title. This Inuit law may be cited as Budget Act 2010. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 1? If no Member wishes to speak to the details of Section 1, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 2, Interpretation. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires; (A) Act means the budget Act 2010. (B) Budget means the Consolidated Financial Plan referred to in Section 3 of this Act and Annexed to 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. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 2? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 2, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 3, Budget Approved and Adopted. The Consolidated Financial Plan of the Nunatsiavut Government for the fiscal year beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 and ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011, a copy of which is Annexed to this Act, is hereby approved and adopted as the Consolidated Financial Plan of the Nunatsiavut Government for the fiscal period April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 3? There is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 3, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 4, Authorization Respecting Revenues. The Nunatsiavut Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed; (A) to bring the following surplus as at March 31<sup>st</sup> 2009 into the amounts available to the Nunatsiavut Government for the fiscal year starting in April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010, total 863,999 dollars. (B) To bring the following amount receivable from the Government of Canada under the current fiscal financing agreement into the amounts available to the Nunatsiavut Government for the fiscal year starting April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010, total 30,975,264 dollars and (C) to raise and collect the following revenues and to pay the same into the Nunatsiavut Fund during the fiscal year starting April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. Interest Investment revenue 4,996,480 dollars, self government funding fiscal financial agreement 1,231,688 dollars, personal income tax 2,800,000 dollars, goods and services tax 951,996 dollars, government of Newfoundland and Labrador mining royalty 1,210,000 dollars, program revenue 1,773,182 dollars, total 44,802,601 dollars. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 4? The Honorable Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to draw the Members attention to the interest investment revenue in Section 4. This is what the Nunatsiavut Government will require of the two Trusts, the interest revenue. The Implementation and Settlement Trusts, the monies that they invest, we certainly hope to raise this amount that is listed in interest investment revenue. I just wanted to point that out for the benefit of the Members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. If there is no other Member that wishes to speak to the details of Section 4, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 5, Additional Revenues. Nothing in Section 4 prevents or shall be construed to prevent the Nunatsiavut Government from receiving additional revenue by way of grant or contribution under an agreement provided such money is paid into the Nunatsiavut Fund, but nothing in this Section authorizes or shall be construed to authorize an increase in any tax payable by Inuit whether under an agreement with a tax authority or otherwise. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 5? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 5, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 6, Payments must be Authorized. No payments made out of the Nunatsiavut Fund during the fiscal period April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011 except (A) In accordance with the budget. (B) With the authorization of the President in council where the payment is made pursuant to a funding agreement entered into by the Nunatsiavut Government and the payment does not exceed the amount payable to or received by the Nunatsiavut Government pursuant to the agreement or (C) In accordance with an authorization under some other Act of the Assembly including the Torngat Loans Guarantee Act 2010 and the Land Claims Agreement Funding Act. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 6? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 6, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 7, Time Limit on Payments Authorized under this Act. Subject to subject 64 of the Financial Administration Act no payment may be made under this Act after March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 7? There is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 7, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 8, Appropriations. Subject to part 9 of the Financial Administration Act the following persons may, in accordance with the budget, requisition from and out of the Nunatsiavut Fund up to the following amounts of the fiscal year beginning on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 for the following purposes, (A) Nunatsiavut Assembly, 2 million.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Member will state his Point of Order.

**Mr. Broomfield:** It is my assumption Mr. Speaker that date should be April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. There is a, seems to be an error in the date Mr. Speaker, it should be April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Finance's Point of Order is well taken. I believe it should be, as he pointed out April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. For the following purposes; (A) Nunatsiavut Assembly, 2,574,567 dollars in respect of the Assembly and the Members on the requisition of the Speaker. (B) Nunatsiavut Secretariat, 1,680,305 dollars in respect of the functions, programs, and services of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat under requisition of the President. (C) Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs, 5,074,269 dollars in respect to the functions, programs, and services of the department of Nunatsiavut Affairs on the requisition of the First Minister. (D) Department of Finance and Human Resources, 4,131,740 dollars in respect of the functions, programs, and services of the Department of Finance and Human Resources on the requisition of the Nunatsiavut Treasurer. (E) Department of Land and Natural Resources, 1,877,507 in respect of the functions, programs, and services of the Department of Land and Natural Resources on the

requisition of the Minister of Land and Resources. (F) Department of Health and Social Development, 13,594,879 dollars in respect of the functions, programs, and services of the Department of Health and Social Development on requisition of the Minister of Health and Social Development. (G) Department of Education and Economic Development, 7,044,653 dollars in respect of the functions, programs, and services of the Department of Education and Economic Development on the requisition of the Nunatsiavut Minister of Education and Economic Development. (H) Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, 1,071,050 dollars in respect of the functions, programs, and services of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism on the requisition of the Nunatsiavut Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. (I) Appropriation in respect of Inuit Community Government budgets, 7,603,631 dollars in respect of the functions, programs and services of the Inuit Community Governments on the requisition of the Nunatsiavut Treasurer provided the Treasurer is satisfied that; (A) The budget of each Inuit community government has been approved in accordance with Section 10.3.6 of the Labrador Inuit Constitution. (B) The requisition is consistent with the advice of the communities' joint management committee with respect to the equitable division among the Inuit community governments of the amount of 7,603,631 dollars. (J) Appropriation in respect of Inuit Community Corporation Budgets, 150,000 dollars in respect to the functions, programs and services of the Inuit Community Corporation on the requisition of the Nunatsiavut Treasurer provided the annual budget of the Inuit Community Corporation has been approved by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 8? The Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the benefit of the Members who are not AngajukKâks and who are not on joint management committee, joint management held a meeting recently in Goose Bay, we put together a budget for the coming fiscal year and we did certainly appropriate all the amounts, I think there was \$94 leftover. But certainly, need I explain that we would have a good use for that \$94. In asking all the departments to put their budgets together for the Department of Finance, one item certainly peaked my curiosity, if you will, and I will certainly not be proposing an amendment to this Bill, I was just looking for some information I guess, Mr. Speaker, as to how the Member Services Committee identified a \$700 travel benefit for the two Members for Canada, and why I guess the committee approved, or recommended that this amount be approved in the budget for the coming fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. I would like to call upon the Ordinary Member from the Upper Lake Melville as a Member of the Member Services Committee to provide the Minister with that rationale.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. Basically it came down to the fact that, well northern allowance was a given, with the Canadian Constituency Members, the one we have at present and the one that's set to be elected in May. Basically it was a measure to insure parity and equity across all elected officials. That's not the case in terms of the benefit for the civil service, but this is not the civil service. This is a group of elected representatives with our own budgets, our own policies that we are slowly executing and putting into place. The Member services committee met, the item was discussed, and



consensus was achieved that it was not fair to single out the Members for the Canadian Constituency. So as I said at the very beginning of my statement, as a measure of parity and equity we extended that out to all elected officials regardless of the constituency they represent. The comparison was true with Upper Lake Melville not being inside of Nunatsiavut, neither is the Constituency of Canada, therefore in order to make it fair we basically allocated those amounts. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. The Honorable Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said earlier I will not be proposing an amendment to this Bill. It was just, it just peaked my curiosity as to the reasoning that the Member Services Committee put into their recommendation. I would also like to put in a small plug to the chair of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation that he's budget for the upcoming fiscal year has to be put to the Executive Council for approval in compliance with the Budget Act itself. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Andersen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess as well it is curiosity with the structure of the exchange of the Chair of the Member Services Committee and the Minister of Finance. The travel benefit Mr. Speaker as I note is, to take full advantage of the travel benefit we need to submit with our income tax returns, receipts, and revenue Canada will recognize that we live in a remote area of Canada, a remote community and as such, were able to claim. My question I guess Mr. Speaker is a question to the Member Services Committee that in certain instances this travel benefit is of no value to a Member of this Assembly living in St. Johns for instance. Because Revenue Canada will not recognize that as a northern remote community and as such, he will not be able to claim receipts for the travel benefit and then, therefore, he'll likely not have any benefit at all but he will lose it all in income tax. That is my understanding that certain benefits there are to living in the north and in remote locations and as such, if I remember correctly. Conversations that, I don't know about this Assembly Mr. Speaker, but certainly at the Executive Council with respect to the travel benefit for the civil service. Regardless if it's for the civil service or a Member of this House, for instance, employees living in St. Johns the current travel benefit we have is practically of no value for them because St. Johns for instance is not recognized as a remote location and they can't claim receipts for travel. That's the point Mr. Speaker that I wish to make known to the Member.

**Mr. Pottle:** Is there any other Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 8? The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. I guess, hopefully for some clarification from the Minister of Finance, in regarding community governments, I was just wondering, and I'm not sure if your going to be prepared for this, but I was just wondering what the allocation would have been for last year, and you said that everybody the joint management committee, I guess consisting of, the President, the AngajukKâks, the Minister of

Finance, excuse me, the AngajukKâks met in Goose Bay and decided on these amounts. What was the number for last year, because we don't have that here and I never brought a copy as well? I was just wondering what it was and if there was a difference, what was the difference? Because, basically, I ask my question along the lines of programs and services, and if there's anything additional if it's all capital work so if its additional programs and services I would like to know what they are just out of curiosity, perhaps to draw comparison with those associated with the Community Governments or the Community Corporations sorry, of Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Inuit communities are funded through our fiscal financing agreement with Canada. This funding is very stable, and it does not change. The agreement has been in place now for the past 5 years, it's set to be reviewed. It's currently under review and set to be renegotiated very soon Mr. Speaker. The monies for the community governments identified to FFA are the same this year as it was 5 years ago. It has not changed and it will not change until we get a new agreement with Canada, for funding the community governments. Joint Management gets together to identify ways to spend the money, priority is given to capital works in all communities. If there are no projects put forward by community governments for capital works, then monies can be spent on other things in the communities. But the majority of dollars are used up by capital works projects such as water and sewer because this gets first priority over anything else. I must say that in my first Joint Management meeting the AngajukKâks, it was a pleasure to be chair of the Joint Management committee, and I was very pleased with how the meeting went, and certainly as I said all of our money was allocated clear of \$94. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to add on a little more to what the Minister of Finance said if I may. The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville said that he wanted to sort of make a comparison between the Community Governments their budgets and the Community Corporations. I think one thing that, if it's not already understood because he alluded to programs and services. The Community Governments have to provide everything to their communities they have to provide, water and sewer services, garbage collection, all municipal services that are provided. So with our budgets that we get that have been the same for the last 5 years with increasing fuel costs and everything I think to even sort of suggest some sort of comparison there is almost a mute point.

**Mr. Pottle:** The President of Nunatsiavut.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister of Finance, I'm not aware what the travel benefits for elected officials in Upper Lake Melville are, but are some of those dollars that their seeking for the Canadian Constituency more or less or the same of what the constituencies in Upper Lake Melville are getting now.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker it is my understanding that there is a schedule A and schedule B, in the policy manual, which is normally what elected officials residing in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville follow. We get a travel benefit of \$550 plus \$550 per dependant. For the Upper Lake Melville I'm fairly certain that it's \$275, hey? 350? I'm not totally sure what the benefit is for Members in Upper Lake Melville or employees but it is \$550 for Nunatsiavut, but I'm not totally sure as to what it is for the Upper Lake Melville area. But it is divided into Schedule A and schedule B in the policy manual, and that is what we follow when we pay a travel benefit to elected officials residing in Upper Lake Melville and in Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** I believe the, Member for Upper Lake Melville and a Member for the Member Services Committee would like to add to what the Minister of Finance had provided.

**Mr. Russell:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to clarify the number was I believe 350 for Upper Lake Melville, we made the budget in assumption, wrong or right that any Ordinary Member for the Constituency of Canada may indeed have a spouse, and therefore, for budgeting purposes, we doubled that amount. Again, that's something that may have to fluctuate slightly if there are dependents in that situation as well. But it was intended to mirror the Upper Lake Melville allocated amounts. Nakummek Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** If there is no other Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 8, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 9, Other Requisitions must be Budgeted for and be Authorized by the Executive Council. Any requisition for a payment from and out of the Nunatsiavut Fund that is not specifically authorized in Section 6, 7 and 8 of this Act but that has been provided for in the budget must first be authorized by order of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 9? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 9, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 10, Transfer between Funds or Departmental Budgets. Nothing in this Act prevents the transfer of an amount between funds or departmental budgets in accordance within Sections 49 and 50 of the Financial Administration Act. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 10? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 10 is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Effective Date, Section 11, effective date. This Act has effect on and after April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. Is there any Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 10? Section 11, I'm sorry. If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of Section 11 is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Before we proceed to deal with the annex to the budget Act, I would like 5 minutes just to consult with the Clerk of the Assembly and Legal counsel with respect to process we should follow with respect to reviewing the Annex as attached to the Budget. So please give us 5 minutes and we will do that. I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. As a result of my consultation with the Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and the Legal Counsel the Annexes in the Schedules and attached to the Budget is simply there for information purposes for Assembly Members. But to ensure that everybody has a chance to do a quick review of this we will just go through each of these Annexes page by page and give you a quick opportunity for you to point out any consistencies or mistakes that you may believe are on the Annex and the Schedules. We will not be doing this line by line by line by line, we've already done that in the details of the Budget Bill itself, so this is just, I guess, a quick review just to make sure the schedules and the Annexes are correct. Annex to the Budget Act 2010. Annex A. After having this document in your possession for approximately 3 weeks, I expect that each Member has had a chance to view this, so based on your review; do you see any inconsistencies or mistakes on Annex A? Just for clarity's sake I would like to ask the Minister of Finance, this is a duplicate, I don't believe there is, there is two pages here which are a duplicate of each other, so I just wanted that confirmed by the Minister to make sure that my thinking on Annex A is that it is a duplicate Annex and it should not be in the Act? There should be one Annex.

**Mr. Broomfield:** That is correct Mr. Speaker. It's like you say it is a duplicate. There should be just one Annex.

**Mr. Pottle:** Schedule A, Annex A, sorry, page 1 supplemental information, Projected Revenue and Expenditure. From your review have you picked up any discrepancies or mistakes in, on page 1 of Annex A? Page 2 of Annex A, I asks the same question. Page 3 of Annex A, I asks the same question. Annex A page 4, I ask the same question. Annex A page 5, I ask the same question. Annex A, Page 6, I ask the same question. Annex A, Page 7, I ask the same question. Annex A, Page 8, I ask the same question. Annex A, Page 9, I ask the same question. The Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Annex A, page 9, I assume it's the same page, you'll note the Canadian Aboriginal Economic Development Strategy Funding of \$684,075, this funding over the past number of years, since we became a Government has been going to the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation. In previous budgets these were just listed as CADS, it did not say where the monies were going to. I picked up on this earlier last fall and felt that it was important to include it in the budget that the monies is indeed going to the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation. They were, I

guess, prior to the Nunatsiavut Government being formed; they were the economic development arm of the LIA and the monies went straight to LIDC from Canada. The funding is identified as LIDC and I just wanted to make that aware to Members of this Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek Honorable Minister. That concludes the clause by clause review of Bill 2010-03. Does the Minister wish to conclude debate?

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I wish to conclude debate.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you that concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2010-03?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Accordingly with unanimous consent of the Assembly, Bill 2010-03 a Bill for an Act to Implement the Consolidated Financial Plan of the Nunatsiavut Government of the fiscal year beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 and ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011 has had second reading. Given the time of day and recognizing that we still have 3 Bills for second reading, I'm asking for consensus from the Assembly for us to take a break from our proceedings and reconvene our sitting of this Assembly at 7pm this evening for approximately 2 hours so that we could conclude the readings of the remaining Bills. Is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, we'll see you at 7.

**Mr. Pottle:** Good Evening everybody. I would like to call the Assembly back to order. We will proceed with Order of the Day, number 14, Second Reading of Bills, the next Bill for second reading is Bill 2010-04, a Bill for an Act Respecting Inuit Community Government Elections, this Bill would replace part 5 of the Nunatsiavut Elections Act, Inuit Law 2006-01 and would repeal that Act. The Bill would establish a separate Act, for Inuit Community Governments but would retain all of the main features and procedures found in part 5 of the old Act. This Bill would also recognize the various Sections of the Act so that they are more user-friendly. At the discretion of the Chair, I have decided that we would take a different approach with respect to reviewing this Act for second reading, instead of doing a clause by clause review of the Act, we will review the Act for second reading page by page, therefore if any Member has anything that they would like to say with respect or address the details of the Act, do it on the page that we are reviewing. Is everybody clear on the process?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, second by the Minister of Education and Economic Development that the Assembly proceed directly to second reading of the Standing Order 118, and I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 120, in order to proceed with second reading of Bill 2010-04 today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, Honorable First Minister. The First Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 120 and proceed immediately to second reading of Bill 2010-04. Does the First Minister have unanimous consent?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Proceed, First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, in your reading of the explanatory note enough is said. Mr. Speaker, I move, second by the Minister of Education and Economic Development that Bill 2010-04, a Bill for an Act respecting Inuit Community Government Elections be read for the second time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, Honorable First Minister. The motion is in order. Each Member may speak up to fifteen minutes on details of the pages that we will be reviewing in the Act. INUIT COMMUNITY GOVERNMENTS ELECTIONS ACT, an Act respecting the election for the AngajukKâk and the Councilors of the Inuit Community Governments, page two, does any Member wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page two? If there is no Member wishing to speak to the details of the Bill on page two is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Page three. Does any Member wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page three? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page three, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page four. Does any Member wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page four? If no Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page four, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page five. Does any Member wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page five? If no Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page five, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page six. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page six? If no Member wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page six, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page seven. Does any Member wish to speak to, the AngajukKâk for Postville.

**Mr. Decker:** Yes, on page seven, paragraph number four, probably the Minister can explain, will they be trained to be returning officers and who will do the training?

**Mr. Pottle:** For clarity's sake, I believe, AngajukKâk for Postville, you're referencing Section three, subsection four on page seven?

**Mr. Decker:** Yes.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you for the clarity. Does the First Minister wish to speak?

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it reads, 'The Minister shall provide training for Returning Officers before an election.' All I can say, Mr. Speaker, for the Member's question, if that's what the Act says, and that's what the Minister will do, provide training for returning officers before an election. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The AngajukKâk for Postville.

**Mr. Decker:** Very good, Mr. Minister. The question really is asking will the training be done by Mr. Shiwak or who?

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The response to the Member, I'm unable to tell you exactly who that person will be at this time, whether it is the Chief Electoral Officer, I can only give you assurance that it will be someone who has knowledge and is qualified to do this training. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** If no other Member wishes to speak to the details of page seven, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page eight. Does any Member wish to speak to the details on page eight? The AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you, I would just like a little more clarification on paragraph eight, 'allocation of seats'.

**Mr. Pottle:** Does the Minister wish to provide clarity for the AngajukKâk for Nain?

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I just have to read number eight, perhaps, rather than to confuse, it will be short time before, I will need a few minutes to respond to the AngajukKâk, I will need to consult with my officials so that I don't add confusion and my perhaps make an incorrect response.

**Mr. Pottle:** Your point is well taken Mr. First Minister and as Chair, I will seek that clarity with consultation with the Clerk and Legal Counsel so bear with us for a few minutes. Nakummek for your patience to provided clarity for the AngajukKâk for Nain, Section eight is no different than in the old Act, as required by the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, for new residents, one seat shall be set aside for new residents for a community whose residents is two thousand or less, two seats will be guaranteed for a community of over two thousand residents for a total of nine Councilors if you go to page nineteen of the Act, I'll refer you back to the definition as found in part one, under *Interpretation*, with respect to the voter's role, a voter's role means in respect of a community to those voters who are Inuit and to those voter's who are residents and/or descendants and who are numerated in the division of the voter's list, referred to in Clause 33.2a of this Act, so I refer you to 33.2a on page nineteen which says the voter's list for a community (short pause) sorry for taking the time, but we need to get this straight, also in the definition in the Interpretation of part one on page three you also need to refer to the voter's role, the definition of 'b' *voter's role*, which means in respect of a community, those voter's who are new residents and who are numerated in the division of the voter's list referred to in Clause 33.2b of this Act, the division enumerating the new residents, if you go back then and refer to number eight as suggested for clarity purposes referred to by the AngajukKâk for Nain, and you bumped that back up to Section seven, again the number of Inuit Community Councilors shall be as follows; for a community of two thousand residents or less, seven Councilors will guarantee you one seat, on your Community Council seat for new residents. Section 7b again states that for a community of over two thousand residents, there shall be nine Councilors, which means that there will be two Councilors for non-residents. So you will always be guaranteed either one or two seats on your Council for new residents in proportion of your population of new residents in your community. The AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** I understand that, what I'm looking for is the ratio.

**Mr. Pottle:** That can only be determined...

**Ms. Erickson:** ...there must be a number you can compare to, is it ten percent, fifty percent, is it one percent, is it one for every hundred is it two for every hundred, is it one for every thousand or one for every two thousand? That's the ratio I'm looking for and where the Act can identify what that ratio is. But where does it say that...no that's how many Councilors you can have...



**Mr. Pottle:** Order please. The place to find the formula for the proportion is in Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement under Chapter Seventeen, Self-Government. The AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Then for clarity, it will be the Town Clerks who will be working with this document, not us here as an Assembly, so I'm suggesting that it should be referred to in that Clause.

**Mr. Pottle:** So are you proposing an amendment to that Clause AngajukKâk for Nain?

**Ms. Erickson:** I will propose an amendment if I get the particular clause in the Agreement that I have to refer to.

**Mr. Pottle:** Ok at the discretion of the Assembly, can we take a short break to get that clarification and the Clauses in the Land Claims Agreement for the AngajukKâk for Nain please. Bear with us again for a few minutes...we believe we have the formula worked out as per the Land Claim Agreement, the deciding factor you take, the total number of voters in your community divide that by the new resident depending on the percentage, you either have one or a maximum of two voters determined on that ratio of voters formula that is in the Land Claim Agreement. Does that provide clarity for the AngajukKâk? Therefore there is no need to propose an amendment to that Clause. Thank you. If no other Member who wishes to speak to the details on page eight, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page nine. Is there any Member of the Assembly who would like to speak to the details of the Bill on page nine? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page nine, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page ten. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page ten? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page ten, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page eleven. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page eleven? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page eleven, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twelve. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page twelve? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page twelve, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirteen. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirteen? The AngajukKâk for Postville.

**Mr. Decker:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess under 16f, why is there such a big difference. I know for Ordinary Member and President, I think it is five years, after committing an offense or sentence and here for AngajukKâk, I know I don't speak for AngajukKâks, but its only twelve months.

**Mr. Pottle:** Section 16f is in line with what is in the Labrador Inuit Constitution, the Constitution speaks to the same provision in Chapter ten, I refer you to the Labrador Inuit Constitution Chapter 10.4.10d; the qualification to be AngajukKâk or Councilor, it speaks to the requirements of candidacy or qualifications, unless 10.10.8d person who within date of election on date of conviction of a criminal offense sentence to less than twelve months imprisonment. Going back to Section 16f, this is in line with the provision of the Constitution, but this provision takes it a step further, with respect to speaking to the sentence being custodial, including house arrest of twelve months or more, does that provide clarity for the AngajukKâk?

**Mr. Decker:** Yes, Mr. Speaker it do, but to bring it in line with all the rest, I know it do say that in the Constitution but will there be a change to the Constitution to bring it in line to the President and Ordinary Members?

**Mr. Pottle:** That option is always there but it would allow an amendment to the Labrador Inuit Constitution and it would be incumbent on any Assembly Member who wishes to propose that amendment to the Labrador Constitution. Are you okay with that AngajukKâk for Postville?

**Mr. Decker:** Yes, thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** If there is no other Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirteen, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page fourteen. Does any Member wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page fourteen? If no Member wishes to speak to the details on page fourteen, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page fifteen. Is there any Member who would like to speak to the details of the Bill on page fifteen? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page fifteen, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page sixteen. Are there any Members who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page sixteen? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page sixteen, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page seventeen. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page seventeen? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page seventeen, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page eighteen. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details on page eighteen? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page eighteen, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page nineteen. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page nineteen? The AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Just a confirmation on the voter's list, will Nunatsiavut be providing the Community Governments with the list of beneficiaries. We maintain a voter's list, but not broken down into beneficiaries or non-beneficiaries?

**Mr. Pottle:** As per legislation, it is believed in the elections Act, if not it certainly in the Beneficiaries Enrolment Act, the register of beneficiaries is required to produce a Membership list to Community Government or to the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, so that a voter's list can be developed from the Membership list. To add to what I just said the Membership would provide the Membership list to beneficiaries, I believe that it is the responsibility of the Inuit Community Governments to maintain its own list of new residents in your community. Is that okay with the AngajukKâk for Nain? If no Member wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page nineteen, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty. Are there any Members who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page twenty, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-one. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-one? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page twenty-one, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-two. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-two? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page twenty-two, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-three. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-three? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page twenty-three, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-four. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-four? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page twenty-four, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-five. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-five? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page twenty-five, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-six. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-six? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page twenty-six, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-seven. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-seven? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details on page twenty-seven, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-eight. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-eight? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page twenty-eight, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-nine. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-nine? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page twenty-nine, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirty. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page thirty, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirty-one. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty-one? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page thirty-one, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirty-two. Is there any Member of the Assembly who would like to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty-two? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page thirty-two, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirty-three. Is there any Member who would like to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty-three? The AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again it's just for clarification, paragraph three.

**Mr. Pottle:** Paragraph three reads; Subsection three, sorry of Section 63, reads; a ballot shall not be rejected; only because one or more votes on the ballot is rejected and in that case the votes not rejected shall be counted. My interpretation of this clause is that it speaks entire ballot and not to a single vote, if there is a vote rejected that does not mean that the entire ballot will not be rejected. The AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** I understand that, referring to our Town Clerk, who looks at the ballots, who counts the ballots, how do they know if it's a rejected ballot and how will they know which ballot counts, I guess there is no clarification there, when she read that; it read; like it was a spoiled ballot, should've discarded it as a spoiled ballot.

**Mr. Pottle:** First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If this is helpful, usually in Inuit Community Council elections, there are a number of candidates on a single ballot, and at times you are asked supposing there are seven Councilors, you can make up to seven x's, it is possible that out of the seven, two somehow is outside of the block, something was written on the name, I interpret that you have to check the seven and if there are five good x's, and two ruined ones, five good ones are not rejected, but in fact are counted, I hope I didn't add more confusion, that's how I interpret it Mr. Speaker, the entire ballot is not rejected. Mr. Speaker, maybe you could add to that.

**Mr. Pottle:** I don't believe I could add anymore to what the First Minister has said; I think his example is a good one and that it should provide some certainty for the returning officers when they are counting the ballots. The AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

**Mrs. Dicker:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What if the ballot is identifying the person who is voting? Because in the past we wouldn't accept it, I mean that was for council elections.

**Mr. Pottle:** Can you restate that please, so I can understand what you are saying?

**Mrs. Dicker:** Okay, on the ballot, you say like, five people, there is seven votes there but two isn't any good, they're spoiled but that ballot is identifying the person that voted, say if I went and voted Keith and I put my name there, do you still count that all those five ballots or seven?

**Mr. Pottle:** The First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you. In that case the returning officer would have to, on page thirty-two, Section 63 rejected ballots, reads; when counting the votes the returning officer, or Deputy Returning Officer will reject all ballots and if you look at 'b' that would answer the AngajukKâks question Mr. Speaker. Upon which there is writing, a mark, or that have been torn, defaced or otherwise dealt with by the voter in a manner that would permit that voter to be identified. My interpretation of that is that the entire ballot would be rejected.

**Mr. Pottle:** Are the Members who asked for clarity on that okay? If there are no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page thirty-three, is the Assembly, sorry the Honorable Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It seems that some of the questions that is being put forward by the Members are questions that really have to answered by Returning Officers themselves not by Town Clerks and not certainly by people who are not associated in any way of the running of a election for a Councilor or AngajukKâks,

these questions, Mr. Speaker, should be best left for Returning Officers indeed decide on and make their determination accordingly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Your point is well taken, Minister of Finance, but unfortunately we do not have those people in the room today, so I think we have to provide as much clarity on the issue as we can, because we're reading this Bill and if the clarity is not provided than when you Actually put the provisions of the Act, you're going to have to the same thing all over again anyway, so we might as well do it here. If there other Member who wishes to speak, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirty-four. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details on page thirty-four? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty-four, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirty-five. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details on page thirty-five? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty-five, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirty-six. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty-six? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty-six, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirty-seven. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty-seven? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page thirty-seven, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirty-eight. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details on page thirty-eight? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty-eight, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirty-nine. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty-nine? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty-nine, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page forty. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details on page forty? Just for the record and a point of semantics I guess, if you look at part eleven and this probably some common type-o there seems to be a block in front of the word 'disputed', I believe that should be struck as well. If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details on page forty, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page forty-one should be easy it's blank.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Never mind Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** If I could put words in the Ordinary Members mouth for just one second, he was referring to the 'table of contents', part twelve, miscellaneous Section 82 is found on page 40 of the Bill itself and it ends with Section 82, so therefore I don't think there was any intent or there supposed be anything on page 41. That concludes the page by page review of Bill 2010-04; does the First Minister wish to conclude debate?

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank You, Mr. Speaker. It is my wish to conclude debate.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, First Minister. That concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favor approving Bill 2010-04?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Accordingly, with unanimous consent, Bill 2010-04 a Bill for an Act, a Bill for an Act Respecting Inuit Community Government Elections has had second reading. The President has requested that we take a ten minute break so that we can collect and gather our thoughts to deal with second reading of Bill 2010-05, we'll see you back in five minutes. I would like to call the Assembly back to order to proceed with second reading of Bill 2010-05, a Bill for an Act Respecting the Election of Chairpersons for Inuit Community Corporations. This Bill would repeal and replace the Inuit Community Government's Elections Act, Inuit Law 2006-03 in the manner recommended by the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer in his report. The Bill retains all of the main features found in the old Act but recognizes the various Sections of the Act so that they are more user-friendly. The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, second by the Minister of Education and Economic Development that the Assembly proceed directly to second reading under Standing Order 118, and I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 120 in order to proceed with second reading of Bill 2010-05 today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, Honorable First Minister. The First Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 120 and proceed immediately to second reading of Bill 2010-05. Does the First Minister have unanimous consent?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Proceed Mr. First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, second by the Minister of Education and Economic Development that Bill 2010-05, a Bill for an Act for the Election of Chairpersons of today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, Honorable First Minister. The First Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 120 and proceed immediately to second reading of Bill 2010-05; does the First Minister have unanimous consent?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Proceed First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, second by the Minister of Education and Economic Development that Bill 2010-05, Bill for an Act Respecting the Elections of the Chairpersons of Inuit Community Corporations be read for the second time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The motion is in order. The procedure we will follow for second reading debate will be the same procedure we just followed for Inuit Law 2010-04, we will review the Law page by page. Just for process sake, we will start with page one, does any Member wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page one? If no Member wishes to speak to the details on page one, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page two. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page two? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page two, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page three. Is there any Member wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page three? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page three, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page four. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page four? If no Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page four, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page five. Is there any Member wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page five? If there is no Member wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page five, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page six. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page six? If there is no Member wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page six, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page seven. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page seven? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page seven, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page eight. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page eight? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page eight, is the Assembly in Favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page nine. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page nine? If there is no Member who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page nine, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page ten. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page ten? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details on page ten, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page eleven. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page eleven? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details on page eleven, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twelve. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page twelve? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details on page twelve, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirteen. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirteen? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirteen, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page fourteen. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page fourteen? If there are no Members wish to speak to the details on page fourteen, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page fifteen. Is there any Member who would like to speak to the details of the Bill on page fifteen? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details on page fifteen, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page sixteen. Are there any Members of the Assembly who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page sixteen? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details on page sixteen, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page seventeen. Are there any Members of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page seventeen? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details on page seventeen, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page eighteen. Are there any Members of the Assembly who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page eighteen? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details on page eighteen, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page nineteen. Are there any Members of the Assembly who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page nineteen? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page nineteen, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty. Are there any Members of the Assembly who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty? If there are no Members of the Assembly who wish to speak to the details on page twenty, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-one. Are there any Members of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-one? If there are no Members of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details on page twenty-one, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-two. Are there any Members of the Assembly who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-two? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details on page twenty-two, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-three. Are there any Members of the Assembly who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-three? If there are no Members of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details on page twenty-three, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-four. Are there any Members of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-four? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details on page twenty-four, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-five. Are there any Members of the Assembly who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-five? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details on page twenty-five, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-six. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-six? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details on page twenty-six, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-seven. Are there any Members of the Assembly who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-seven? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-seven, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-eight. Are there any Members of the Assembly who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-eight? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-eight, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page twenty-nine. Are there any Members of the Assembly who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty-nine? The Chair of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation.

**Mr. Tuttauk:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I would like to propose an amendment.

**Mr. Pottle:** Proceed.

**Mr. Tuttauk:** Nakummek. I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville to amend Section seventy of Bill 2010-05 to replace the word 'community' with the word 'corporation' for interpretation purposes. Nakummek.

**Mr. Pottle:** The motion proposed by the Chair of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation would amend Section seventy to strike out the word 'community' and replace it with the word 'corporation', are there any Members who wish to the amendment? The Honorable Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is in Deed a clarification. For the election of the Inuit Corporation, the word 'community' is very confusing, this would apply to the community of North West River, with paid election costs, certainly the election cost has to be formed by the Corporation, I support this motion to amend Section seventy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** If there are no other Members who wish to speak to the amendment, is the Assembly in favor of the amendment as proposed by the Chair of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** So carried. If there are no other Members wishing to speak to the details of the Bill on page twenty- nine, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirty. Are there any Members of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details on page thirty, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirty-one. Are there any Members of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty-one? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details on page thirty-one, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirty-two. Are there any Members of the Assembly who would like to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty-two? If there are no Members who wish to speak to the details on page thirty-two, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirty-three. Are there any Members of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty-three? If there are no Assembly Members who wish to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty-three, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirty-four. Is there any Member of the Assembly who wish to speak to the details on page thirty-four? If there are no Members of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty-four, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Page thirty-five. Are there any Assembly Members who wish to speak to the details on page thirty-four? If there are no Members of the Assembly who wishes to speak to the details of the Bill on page thirty-five, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** That concludes the review of Bill 2010-05. Does the First Minister wish to conclude debate?

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my wish to conclude debate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, Honorable First Minister. That concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2010-05?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Accordingly with unanimous consent of the Assembly, Bill 2010-05, a Bill for an Act with Respecting the Elections of Chairperson of Inuit Community Corporations has had second reading. Our final Bill for second reading tonight is Bill 2010-06, a Bill for Inuit Law to amend Standing Orders and procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, the Bill would extend the time for question period and the number of questions and supplementary questions, for question period. The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Deputy Speaker that the Assembly proceed to second reading under Standing Order 118, and I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 120 in order to proceed with second reading of Bill 2010-06 today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, Honorable First Minister. The First Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 120 and to proceed immediately to second reading of Bill 2010-06. Does the First Minister have unanimous consent?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Given that this is a very short Bill, we revert to normal procedure and it will be a clause by clause review of the Bill. The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Deputy Speaker that Bill 2010-06 a Bill for an Inuit Law to amend Standing Orders and procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly be read for the second time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, Honorable First Minister. The motion is in order. The procedure for second reading debate will be a clause by clause review of the details of the Bill each Member may speak up to fifteen minutes on each clause. Whereas, the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly wish to extend the time and number of questions allocated to Members as set out in the Standing Orders and Procedures for the Nunatsiavut Legislative Assembly attached as Schedule A to the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, IL 2005-09. Now therefore be it enacted by the Assembly as follows, Section one Standing Order number 56 is amended so as to provide, a period of no more than 60 minutes shall be set aside at the beginning of each sitting of the Assembly for Members to ask questions of other Member or Ministers. Does any Member wish to speak to the

details in Section one? If no Member wishes to speak to the details in Section one, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Section two. Standing Order number 58 is amended so as to provide, “Generally a Member will be permitted to ask two questions per day.” Does any Member wish to speak to the details in Section two? If no Member wishes to speak to the details in Section two, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Section three. Standing Order number 59 is amended so as to provide, “At the discretion of the Speaker, a Member may ask no more than two supplemental questions per question, provided that the questions are clearly supplemental to the original question and not on a different topic.” Does any Member wish to speak to the details in Section three? If no Member wishes to speak to the details in Section three, is the Assembly in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** That concludes the clause by clause review of Bill. Does the Minister wish to conclude debate?

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, it is my wish to conclude debate.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. That concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2010-06?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Accordingly with unanimous consent of the Assembly, Bill 2010-06, a Bill for an Inuit Law to amend the Standing Orders and Procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly has had second reading. That concludes *Order of the Day* number 14. Our next order of business as per our orders of the day is Assent to Bills. Mr. President, the Assembly has given second reading to Bills 2010-01, 2010-02, 2010-03, 2010-04, 2010-05, and 2010-06 and wishes to present them for Assent.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Members as President of Nunatsiavut I wish to Assent to Bill 2010-01, a Bill for an Act Respecting the Administration of Money Received by the Nunatsiavut Government Chapter Nineteen and Twenty Three of the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement, Bill 2010-02, a Bill for an Inuit Law authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue Loan Guarantees to support commercial borrowing by Torngat Fish Producers Society for the period from April 1, 2010, to March 31, 2011, Bill 2010-03, the Budget Bill for 2010, Bill 2010-04, a Bill for an Act Respecting Inuit Community Government Elections, Bill 2010-05, a Bill



Respecting the Elections of Chairpersons of Inuit Community Corporations and Bill 2010-06, a Bill for an Inuit Law to amend the Standing Orders and Procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and hereby sign them into law. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Assembly:** Applause.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, President Lyall. Standing Order Number 16, adjournment. This Concludes Orders of the Day for the fifteen sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Is the Assembly in favor of adjournment?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** Before we close I would just like to say Nakummimavagit, again thank you again everybody for your patience with the process that we went through the last three days, it certainly has been trying at times but also very rewarding and it shows that this Assembly is functioning very well and I thank you for your participation in the Assembly proceedings. Tomorrow we will reconvene in another sitting of the Assembly and we will meet again tomorrow morning we will proceed with Orders of the Day. So we'll see you tomorrow.

**Mr. Pottle:** Ullakut everybody. I would like to call this Session of the House of Assembly to Order. Before we proceed with our Orders of the Day, I'd like to call upon elder John Jararuse to do our opening prayer.

**Mr. Jararuse:** Prayer recited.

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek John. *Order of the Day*, number three, *Announcements and Recognitions* from the Chair. Our support staff remains the same as they were the last couple of days; our Pages are the same individuals we had named during the opening session a couple of days ago and their here to assist the Members throughout this session and the support staff is here to support Mary and her staff with respect to needs for House of Assembly proceedings. A couple of announcements from the House of Assembly itself for information purposes, its my pleasure to inform the Assembly that the office of the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Assembly are working on three projects that we think are very significant and will help us in our future needs with respect to learning, the office of the Speaker and Clerk have engaged an electronic learning company, Blue Drop Performance Learning out of St. John's to construct an electronic learning program for the Financial Administration Act; that work began on March the 1<sup>st</sup>, we have a 12 week time frame to commit that work, therefore when the House of Assembly reconvenes after the general election for Ordinary Members we should have an electronic aid to help you understand further the details of the Financial Administration Act, we're very excited about this project and we think it will be very beneficial to Members of the House of Assembly once that project is complete and being implemented and available for your use, the office of the Speaker and Clerk are also working together putting policies relevant to the benefits package was approved by the House of the Assembly for elected

officials and we are also working on Members Handbook for the House of the Assembly so that's three projects that we are working on and will be useful once they are complete. That concludes Announcements and Recognitions from the Chair. Standing Order number four, *Tabling of Documents and Petitions*, are there any documents or petitions that any Member would like to table at this point in time? The President of Nunatsiavut.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday I had announced that I have a Strategic Plan and it wasn't available and you all have copies now, I just want to make it official that it is now tabled at this Assembly. I also want to announce that there are typos that have to be corrected in this addition nothing major, and they will be done before the public document is released hopefully in next few weeks. Thank you very much.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, President Lyall. If I may, with the pleasure of the Assembly I have a couple of questions for the President on the Strategic Plan. I would like to know President Lyall whether or not you're tabling this document at this point in time for information purposes. Or are you expecting the Assembly to approve this plan for a strategic approach for the document that you're hoping to table.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The document got approval, all the Ministers, Deputies, Elected Officials approved at the time, when we had our sessions, however, if that's not the understanding, I would like to hear some comment on it. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** It's my understanding from the perspective of the Chair, that this Strategic Plan must be adopted and approved by the Assembly. The President is right in saying that everybody had a chance to participate in the development of this document but just by way of example and I'm only speaking to my perspective as the Speaker of the House of Assembly, we received this document a couple of days ago and I understand with some consultations with some Deputy Ministers that they have not received this plan as well. I have very grave concerns with respect to this Strategic Plan as presented, and I don't mean to be offensive. I believe that the President is responsible for communications, should produce something more professional to what's in here. From my perspective I have had opportunity to review this document, I have not gotten through that right now. There are many questions from my perspective relative to this document, the layout, the context, the content as I go through page by page by page I have many questions, many concerns with respect to professional and look of this document and I believe and I expect that there should be better work done on a document such as this. We have a resource center. We have a Director of Communications and I think each and everyone of the Elected Official whose sitting around this table that this should be more professionally developed this is going out to the public as the President said, there are many editing issues in here, there needs to be a further review from my perspective, contextually and conception wise for this document to be tabled in this House of Assembly. That's why I ask the President if this document is for informational purposes only or is he expecting this Assembly to approve this Strategic Plan, it does not even have a budget attached to, we have no idea where the funds are going to come from to

implement the strategic plan if and when it is approved by the Assembly. President of Nunatsiavut.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I should clarify this document that it is what will be in the Strategic Plan and will be published for the public, the public document will be good quality, it will be in color it will be set up properly, however if there are any other concerns, may be we could give everyone time to make comments on it, to see how it should look, but I don't think the content itself wouldn't be changed and I would expect everyone, maybe in the next couple of weeks to make a comment to my department and we will make the changes that is required. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you President for making that clarification, and we will use this document for information purposes at this point in time. Are there any further documents or petitions to be tabled at this point in time? The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time I would like to table two documents, the first is the Implementation Annual Report, entitled 'Putting the Pieces Together'; this document is available in all Field Offices. As well, to my understanding it is also available to Members of this Assembly. The second document Mr. Speaker is the 2008-2009 Nunatsiavut Government Annual Report, titled 'Staying Focused' has a lot of blue covers on the front, at this time, Mr. Speaker, in tabling these documents I will advise the Assembly that the 2008-2009 Implementation Committee Annual Report is now in draft form and in translation stage and we can expect the tabling of these documents perhaps at the next sitting of the Assembly just to point out again Mr. Speaker, in the beginning we're slowly catching up and getting our reports tabled in a timely manner. We continue to play catch up here and to point out there the other day a lot of the work is now done by our own people and the layout and design both of these reports were done by our Nunatsiavut Resource Center. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, Honorable Minister. Is the Assembly in favor of receiving these documents as tabled by the First Minister?

**Assembly:** Aye.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, First Minister. I also would like to extend my congratulations to the Nunatsiavut Resource Center for the quality of work that they are doing and I think we can only improve on that as we go along, so I think we need to give our congratulations to the staff at the Nunatsiavut Resource Center for doing such great work.

**Assembly:** Applause

**Mr. Pottle:** If there are no other documents or petitions to be tabled, that concludes *Order of the Day* number four, we'll now move to *Order of the Day* number five, *Minister's Statements or Announcements*; is there any minister who would like to make a statement or announcements at this time? The Honorable Minister of Finance and Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to take up on the Strategic Planning issue, the plan at this time, to my understanding, it is a strategic plan for the Nunatsiavut Government in order to enact this plan in the coming months in going forward, it will require a supplementary budget provision to be put to this House to enact provisions in that strategic plan. This plan will not be enacted by the Executive Council, there is no need for Members to worry, there will be a budget Bill brought forward to be debated, it is my understanding at the present time we have a pot of approximately fourteen million that we can spend in our strategic planning and it is our intent to, it would be led by President Lyall, that is how it would proceed, but certainly that is my understanding how the strategic planning will be presented in a go forward basis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, Honorable Minister. The President of Nunatsiavut. Sorry I thought I saw the President's hand go up. The Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

**Ms. Gear:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to say a few words on the Status of Women Department. As you know I am responsible for the Status of Women, that department is very busy working with women's issues in Nunatsiavut, Frances Murphy was working with us for over a year while Tracy was on maternity leave, Tracy has recently come back to her job as the Coordinator of Department of Status of Women, Frances did a wonderful job while she worked with us and for that I want to say a big thank you. I don't think we could've a better replacement for Tracy than Frances was. In January 2010 we received funding from the Provincial Government from the Aboriginal Violence Fund for projects including retreats, Aboriginal Women, more workshops, sexual assault and prevention workshops; we are hoping that we have all these projects complete by March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Status of Women Coordinator, Tracy has been working closely with the Women's organization, and presently Tracy and Andrea are traveling the Coast and Upper Lake Melville meeting with local women's groups to see what concerns they may have and how to address them. And they will also be holding their first AGM this spring. The community where it will be held has not yet been decided. But I would just like to say that I enjoyed working with the Status of Women department, it has been a real eye opener for me. There are many many issues facing our women here in Nunatsiavut and if I even scratch the surface, I want to thank you all for that. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, Honorable Minister. The Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

**Mr. Shiwak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Over the last year, my department has been working with Service Canada, Innu Nation, Métis Nation, Velcro Energy, to develop a training program, this project started to develop after the Lower Churchill Development, this past week on Monday, the office was opened for this, the project is called 'The Labrador Aboriginal Training Partnership, it is a partnership between the Innu, the Inuit, the Métis and Velcro Energy, the idea first was for the Lower Churchill Development, but now it is a training partnership which will focus on future developments within our region, within Nunatsiavut, Innu Nation Territory, first off I would like to say thanks to

Service Canada for having the wisdom to see the need funding for training for major projects to Actually begin, all too often in the past, I think that major projects are announced and then we begin training programs, it is too late for aboriginal people to get qualified jobs on those projects, so this is a good initiative I also like to recognize that the Innu and how they supported us on being on this project, the Innu Leadership were willing to accept us even though the project on the Lower Churchill would be on Innu Territory but they welcome us with open arms, Velcro Energy, they put in a lot of time into it, and if we weren't a partner with them we wouldn't have had started this project so thank you to them and the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador are putting a lot of time and energy into this project, so I guess I would like to say thanks to all those individual groups, but this is going to be a very good project, for training within Labrador for Inuit, for Innu, for Métis and hopefully pave the way for more partnerships in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, Honorable Minister. The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I so need to be trained sometimes and I understand that we have to try to stick to one particular issue here, so I'm going to say that issue is caribou. Certainly I do not want my friend and colleague, the Minister of Finance to be standing up and on points of order again today so, couple of things with respect to caribou, I want to inform the representatives from Makkovik and Postville, that my department and lastly we are working to ensure that licenses will be available for the zone in the South of Natuashish, given what the ice conditions are this year in Nunatsiavut, and people in those two communities in particular will be traveling in that direction, as you know the licenses from that particular zone have to be purchased and have to have a license in hand and we are working with our Conservation Officers in those two communities to ensure that the licenses are readily available when people want to hunt caribou. As well staying with caribou, I like to inform the House that and to clarify some issues with respect to pending charges against beneficiaries in the Upper Lake Melville area, you may have been aware of rumors of perhaps a process hunt and that was not the case and there are charges pending against several Members, that my own department, Lands and Natural Resources have assessed and in conversation with my friend, the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. I was able to speak directly to the Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs, not to ask for forgiveness, what I asked for, in the case of beneficiaries in the Upper Lake Melville area because they were caught in a closed zone, they didn't intentionally go to the closed zone to hunt caribou, my department believes the lack of signage, GPS information available to those people, they were a few hundred yards on one side of the line. We are not asking the Provincial Government in any way to drop charges, we are asking of the Provincial Government that fairness be appointed, we'll bring to light that I made reference to it with the Province is that whether you are a First Nation or Inuit or Métis or whatever Aboriginal group, I don't know the correct word, but that's the word I'll use for the lack of another word, Mr. Speaker, all people, all aboriginals in this Province be treated a like, we don't certainly ask for a special treatment, or honor the regulations that are put in place by Provincial Wildlife, should we have a difference with those regulations we'll seat at a table and negotiate with the Province, perhaps changes to those regulations, we'll certainly not go

to break Provincial Law without consultation and negotiations with the Province but certainly we do look for fairness and we want to ensure that our beneficiaries know of Upper Lake Melville that we will be there, we will be there to seek fairness and justice for our Members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Assembly:** Applause.

**Mr. Pottle:** That concludes *Order of the Day*, number five; *Minister's Statements or Announcements*, just a quick point on that, reference to the First Minister's statement and keeping his statement on once topical issue, that is the intent I think or hope that, that practice would carry on but if you go to Standing Order of the Day; relative to that you are allowed up to five minutes to make your statement or announcement so whatever you can jam-pack into that five minutes I think it should be entirely up to you as long as you stay within that time frame. I will move on to order of the day; *Member's Statements*. Are there any Members who wish to make a statement at this time? Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I like to begin once again by addressing the topic of communication; but our Government and specifically our Executive Council has no concept of the term. The constant secrecy of the Executive Council and refusal to produce reports and meeting minutes presents us to our beneficiaries and the world as being controlled by an aristocracy as opposed to the democracy we are supposed to be for the people. There has been no change here in spite of constant complaints by elected officials and demands from beneficiaries for answers. Before colonization the Inuit used to share everything, there was never secrecy by elders and leaders and the village when determining a course of Action but this is what we practice from the Executive Council in relation to the remaining Members of this Assembly. This should not be the way we do things, in our last sitting, the First Minister stated to me during question period that our administration of Registry of Beneficiaries and Enrolment process is the best it has ever been. I beg to differ once again. The administration has no idea what the committees are doing, and record keeping is careless at best. The left hand has no idea what the right hand is doing. We are telling one brother that he is a beneficiary and telling his brothers and sisters they are not. And that they are reviewing the situation we can not even tell them why, with any detail or consistency because of our problems with administration. If we continue on with this or continue on as is we should be ready for further legal Action against us, we're bringing upon ourselves. All in all and recently confirmed after my last two public meetings in North West River and Goose Bay, our Upper Lake Melville beneficiaries feel like they are forgotten like they were used for numbers to get this agreement and we are not seeing any investment or support in our communities outside of our Federal dollars that come from fiscal financing for health and education. Recently, I spoke with caribou hunters in the Upper Lake Melville area who have their papers to go to court when they were found hunting adjacent to the proper zone. With tagged animals and in my opinion not coaching or attempting an illegal hunt despite the fact, that as I understand it, the Province did not even have the proper maps for them to use, to ensure they are adhering to the rules. If the Sheshashiu Innu continues exercise their aboriginal rights to hunt in these areas because they know their leadership will be behind them and

the authorities know that too. I applaud them as they go forward, seemingly unchallenged and yet our beneficiaries in the Upper Lake Melville area who are aboriginals as well had their guns and meats seized because the Province and authorities know NG will not stand up for those outside of the Claims area, I'm not saying we're up above the Law, but someone has to stand up for our beneficiaries when mishaps like this take place, it should be us as a collective. I will say that I am very encouraged by the statement of our First Minister this morning regarding that topic. As for our beneficiaries on strike with Vale Inco, I'm glad to hear our President two days ago speak about the hardships of the families involved but I still think that we have not done enough, prove me wrong and let's work together to do something more than a kind word or a non-committal press release, this Government never seems to be able to stand up when we are needed. I hope this change as we mature as a Government. We are constantly saying one thing and doing another, we say that we are committed to bringing in our experienced and educated beneficiaries back home to help us with our self-government that we continue to maintain contracts with non-beneficiaries instead of bringing in qualified Labrador Innu, and in some cases like the LIDC, we let management give some non-beneficiaries full pay all winter long, outside of the window of seasonal operations while not even remaining in Labrador, let alone Nunatsiavut, how hypocritical can we get? People in Upper Lake Melville area want to know why is it we continue to fill top positions with non-beneficiaries and when we do bring in a qualified beneficiary, we bring them home and they try to do the right thing we then slam them into the ground and drive them out and protect the possible wrong doings of those in positions of power. As is evident in our LIDC situation that is set to be investigated and I know first hand about this as I was treated in the same manner as a young beneficiary excited at the prospect of being part of our future who made a mistake of standing up for what is wrong. In this regard, I believe we have made a serious mistake by appointing Trustees to the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust who are unprepared to Act in good faith and the best interest of the beneficiaries of our agreement in my opinion they should be removed and we should start over. Turning a blind eye is not good enough. I hope that when this investigation is complete that the Assembly has an awakening as to the disgusting events that have taken place I hope people are held accountable for once and we can finally say that we Actually addressed this situation with accountability and consequences to those who seem to be untouched, in this job over the last three and half years I have had my blood line and heritage mocked and insulted publicly by our leadership, I have been subjected to profanity at a public NG meeting from a Minister of the Executive Council and then being accused of reporting it for personal gain, I have witnessed a Government Minister ignore serious complaints and possible conflict of interest of another Minister, I reported alleged verbal assault by a Minister against our own public service which resulted in no investigation and I've seen careers of beneficiaries be destroyed by those inquisitions of control when they could not make people bend to their will and could not ignore any possible wrong doing. This is nothing more than lateral grounds, basically, in a nut shell this is constant fighting among our selves and it is oppression within our own culture, we are doing what outsiders did to us but within our own culture, only as a means of maintaining control of a select few. In closing I can truly say that it has been a very hard road up to this point but it has been an immense honor to represent Upper Lake Melville and be part of our first elected Assembly. As I said in my last Members statement, I have stood up for those

who feel that have been wronged, I have stood up for issues that need to be brought out into the open and I have stood up for Upper Lake Melville without fear of repercussion but still there is little to no change, we have a long, long way to go, if we are bold enough to put responsible and governance together in a sentence and talking about how we do things, perhaps some day hopefully in the near future when we have come strong enough to include an external third party Auditor General type auditor to keep us in check and when we are confident enough to form a role of opposition in this House only then we will be able to progress as a Government and is proud about doing it. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** At this point in time as per Standing Order *of the Day*; number twenty-seven, I'd like to see the Chair to the Deputy Speaker to participate in Members Statement period on interest relative to beneficiaries to the Constituency of Canada.

**Mr. Pottle:** Are there any other Members who would like to make a statement at this time? The Chair recognizes the Ordinary Member for the Constituency of Canada.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to say a few words as I haven't had the opportunity as Speaker of the Assembly to participate in proceedings of the Assembly, that is one of the short comings of sitting in the Speaker's chair and unfortunately I did not have the pleasure of working with another elected official and I believe the next time around after the election there will be two representatives from Canada, so either of those positions are in the Speaker's chair it certainly will give the elected officials from the Constituency of Canada to work together to ensure the issues of Canada are represented at the Assembly table. I would like to say thank you very much to the Constituents of Canada for putting their faith in me for the last three and half years. It has been a privilege and humbling experience to work on behalf of those beneficiaries who have placed their Trust in me. Over the last three and half years I have had the pleasure to meet beneficiaries across Canada, in communities such as Cartwright, Labrador City, St. John's, Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Edmonton, Fort McMurray, and Ottawa, the resounding message that I got from each of these Constituency meetings was final. Thank you to the Nunatsiavut Government for this opportunity and creating this position for the elected official as for the Land Claim Agreement and the Constitution for the Constituents of Canada. I have had, Mr. Speaker, individuals drive and take the time out of their day to drive three and four hours from one community by way of example would be from Ontario to Ottawa, from Quebec City to Montreal to participate in constituency meetings, the resounding message from those constituents was welcoming and they were finally grateful to have that. And I think those people need to be commended for taking the time and showing the interest to finally have the opportunity to participate and be informed with respect to what's happening within the Nunatsiavut Government and to have issues relative to their constituency addressed, I have always made, Mr. Speaker, communication to be my number one priority, beneficiaries, Mr. Speaker are my number one priority. Communication and an open door policy has been my approach to keeping beneficiaries informed, emails, phone calls, requests for visits have always been honored by the Office of the Constituency of Canada. And I have used the resources available me; these are the: constituency allowance, to ensure that I have an



individual hired to provide me with the administrative support in assisting with communication and an open door policy that number one priority. In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I would like to say once again thank you to the beneficiaries of Canada it has been a very humbling and rewarding experience and it is been a pleasure and honor to work on behalf of the beneficiaries who elected me to office. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Canada. Are there any Members who would like to make a statement at this time? If no other Members would like to make a statement at this time, we will proceed to *Order of the Day*, number seven, but before we do that I would like to see the Chair back to the Speaker of the House of Assembly.

**Mr. Pottle:** Carry on with our Orders of the Day; that completes *Members Statement* period we will now move to *Oral Question Period*. Are there any Members who wish to propose questions at this point in time? The AngajukKâk for Postville.

**Mr. Decker:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Health and Social Development. I know on few occasions and she was probably subject to it too that when we were traveling on the mission, our luggage have been searched, I have no problem with that just in the manner it was done, was done in the open, everybody could see what is in your luggage and I don't think, I was hoping for people on North Coast that is travel ling on the mission plane I think there should be a better system.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

**Ms. Gear:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I fully understand what the Member for Postville is talking about because I have had the experience happen to me, as you all know the mission plane is not in our department, it belongs to Labrador Grenfell Health, and their policy is that there is no liquor or drugs on their plane and this is why they do the search, it is unfortunate that they do search our luggage but we're working with them and Keith is right it is only in the North Coast they does this to and but we are working with them to come up with other solutions, instead of having our luggage picked through in public which can be very humiliating. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Education and Economic Development. First off, it was good that the Assembly or the Government extended the Loan Guarantees to Torngat Fish Producers, I only say that because the possibility of the Fish Plant at Nain being the only possible employment for anybody this coming year is; it looks like its going to happen, exploration is all but dead, any kind of development is dead, Voisey's Bay strike is still going on with no end in sight and now I heard a rumor yesterday that some of the people that work at the quarry at Ten Mile Bay are looking for work this summer because they heard that the quarry wasn't going to open, so I'd like some confirmation of that rumor please.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

**Mr. Shiwak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As far as to my knowledge there have been no decision made on the Ten Mile Bay quarry by LIDC or the Trustees of the Labrador Capitol Strategy Trust so I can not confirm or not confirm what you are hearing in Nain. I don't know if my colleagues from Nain could comment on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Supplemental question. AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again to the Minister of Education and Economic Development. Is there a possibility that the quarry at Nain will not be open this summer?

**Mr. Pottle:** Is it okay if the First Minister answers the question? The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Minister said, what I will say is perhaps not very different, every year there is a review of operations at Ten Mile Bay, whether or not the seasonal work will be twenty weeks, ten weeks whether it will continue or not. It would be unfair to the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Speaker, whether or not it will be open, we can not say that for sure, neither can we say it will be closed, what is taking place is a review, as well I can only add to that, is that there is a review as well taking place whether or not a review not to open the Iggiak quarry, as the AngajukKâk is aware, Mr. Speaker, that the Iggiak quarry has been closed for a number of years, so there are two things happening at once, we're anxious to find out as you are. We are anxious to find out, Mr. Speaker as the AngajukKâk for Nain is, the AngajukKâk from my Constituency, myself and my colleague the Ordinary Member from Nain as well very much certainly perhaps there is within the next few days, Mr. Speaker, I offer the AngajukKâk from Nain to sit with myself and the Ordinary Member from Nain with respect to operations with the quarry at Ten Mile Bay and Iggiak, as well, potential, what we see, what we know of, of what's happening with the fish plant at Nain, and possibilities on how we might work together to ensure that there is some kind of summer to look forward in our Constituents and her community. I don't know if that's helpful, I'm sure that isn't but it is as much as I know at this time, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Second supplemental question. AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you, First Minister. I look forward to our discussions; it would be really great to find out what's going on. Further to your statement earlier on, a review if going on, you have any idea when the review is generally done, or when an announcement is normally made as to what's going on with the operations?

**Mr. Pottle:** Who will respond to the AngajukKâks question? The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** I stand to be corrected, I'm sure someone will do that, if I am wrong, there is no absolute confirmed date, but we expect, or I expect what my colleague had said to me, that it will be completed in such a manner that they can prepare for the season and have everything ready, so, normally this decision would be made by somewhere around the end of March, that's the only thing that I can go on in the past years of operations, is that we knew by the end of March what the plan for the year was. I will not understand why they would change after so many years, her question, perhaps we can work together to find out and question when that date will be, again I'm not begin very helpful to the AngajukKâk, Mr. Speaker, that's the best of my knowledge. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Chair of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation.

**Mr. Tuttauk:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'm glad the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville mentioned the issue of communications, in his Member's Statement, my question is directed to the First Minister, does your department have a process to responding to inquiries from elected officials?

**Mr. Pottle:** Can you repeat your question please?

**Mr. Tuttauk:** Yes sir. Mr. First Minister does your department have a process to respond to enquiries from elected officials?

**Mr. Pottle:** Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Well, Mr. Speaker, if there is a process, the process is that we try very hard to respond to elected officials, that is the process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Supplemental question, Chair of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation.

**Mr. Tuttauk:** That is the intent of the question, thanks for your answer. If that is the process, when can the board of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation expect a response to a letter dated June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 addressed to you regarding the future plans of the Saputjivik building?

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** You can expect a response from me, Mr. Speaker as soon as I receive a response from the Department of Health and Social Development, who owns that building and is trying to put together plans for it and as soon as I receive that information as your letter was addressed through a meeting with me and that Department, as soon as I am aware of their plans than the process will be that I will respond. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Ordinary Member for Nain.

**Mr. Barbour:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's not so much that I got a question, it's just that I wanted to add on to what the First Minister has responded to the AngajukKâk for Nain. I too, just like the AngajukKâk, not only hearing the rumors but have been part of conference calls, a couple of conference calls regarding the review. I just want to ensure that the ....

**Mr. Russell:** Point of Order Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville may state his Point Of Order.

**Mr. Russell:** I'm just wondering does the Member for Nain Actually have a question? This is question period after all, Mr. Speaker. Nakummek.

**Mr. Pottle:** Would you be able refrain your statement in a form of a question, Ordinary Member for Nain?

**Mr. Barbour:** Again, I'll put it this way, my question to the First Minister then is that, is this new that the rumors that have happened over the past couple of years about the quarry closing, that to the First Minister, and even to the President but the question is to the First Minister, is this new? And again really, my involvement in the community of Nain, that there have been reviews over the last couple of years, its not new, thank you, Mr. Speaker, again my point being that the review has to take place each year.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My answer is no, this is not a new rumor, there have been rumors each and every year, about the possible cut backs-slow down, these operations have a lot of things, a lot of factors at play that have to be carefully reviewed, the market place, the Canadian dollar, normal things I suppose, I'm not a business man, lot of those things concern things that I do not for the review. And to hear from the LIDC itself or TUC on how that operation will go, certainly this will be short, it is intended, Mr. Speaker, no, this is not a new rumor. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

**Ms. Dicker:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the First Minister. Last fall we saw some materials arrive for the Assembly, I'm assuming that this is going to start this summer, will there be any local people hired to work on that project?

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank You, Mr. Speaker. First part of your question yes, the construction of the Assembly building will commence as soon as the weather allows, and as far as employment for local people, I believe, yes, there will be a lot of opportunity for local people as we have seen at the construction of the Admin Center in Nain, and

hopefully, we certainly intend to monitor even more closely than we have with the Admin Center in Nain to ensure that local beneficiaries not only beneficiaries but as well as residents of Hopedale get a full benefit from employment opportunities with construction of the Assembly building. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

**Mr. Jacque:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Education and Economic Development. It's a on-going issue, at the last sitting, you informed me, I guess going back to lack of communications again, you informed that there would be a letter of apology going out to seniors of Makkovik in regards to the wood, what is your intent and what are you planning on doing with the situation of the up-coming shipping season and I would like for you to follow up on this issue, I spoke to Brian Vincent of LIDC, he indicated to me that during January and February of 2010, he would be creating employment for persons of Makkovik and Postville, I'm asking if you can follow up on this for me. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

**Mr. Shiwak:** I want to apologize to the seniors that letter has not been sent and it will be sent. As far as the upcoming season is concerned in discussions with the province there's still substantial amount of wood left up on that road we have made commitment to look at that situation we want to insure that we get that wood out earlier this year we were looking at all options, we will be looking at all options on how we can do that whether it's through LIDC and the barge how we can get the wood from the road to the dock and out through the communities we will be looking at all communities to get the wood to all the communities not just a few. I did not get your last part of the question with regards to Hopedale and if I can get the Member to repeat the last part of the question.

**Mr. Jacque:** During the month of December I think it was after the seniors did not receive there wood I spoke to Brian Vincent with LIDC and he said he will be contacted he as well to try and create employment to cut wood in the area of Makkovik and Postville for the seniors and I wonder if you would follow up on that for me. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Minister of Education and Economic Development.

**Mr. Shiwak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I certain will follow up with Mr. Vincent on this issue if he had committed to doing such a thing I will inquire that to where it is too. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Honorable Minister of Finance. As per Section 42 part 1 of the Financial Administration Act that specifies that NG's financial statement are to be prepared within 90 days after the fiscal year end, and as per Section 42 part 2 of the Financial Administration Act that specifies that NG's

Financial statements are to be signed and presented to this Assembly by June 30<sup>th</sup> and as per as the Financial documents you provide to us at this sitting the Auditors reports signed by delighted to stated to November 6, 2009 clearly 8 minutes, 8 minutes forgive me 8 months its not going to be that fast, 8 months in contradiction to our legislation and now presented to us an additional 8 months later as per our legislation why are we now? Only having getting these late prepared statements presented to us at this time.  
Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Finance Human Resources Information Technology.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Member indeed has a valid question. The audited finance information and the June requirement for this information to be put together. I had many discussions with my Deputy Minister on this division and you know. Since I became the Minister I've tried as much as I could to be in compliance with our Acts and our legislation because that is the background of our government that insures that we operate in the manner that we are required to operate and follow our Acts on legislation. The putting together of the audited Financial information is a lengthy process Mr. Speaker and I'm sure that when this division was put in there, there may not have been the thought given to this division as it should have been, the auditors travel after end of Fiscal year to all of our sites from Nain to St. John's, they probably spend a week or more in each place doing there audits. Once this information is gathered by them they bring that back to St. John's and consolidate all the information. Once the information is consolidated by the auditors it is then checked by an independent person if he will insure accuracy. I can't answer for why the audited financial information was completed in November, and we still do not have the original statement. Just recently I received an electronic copy from my Deputy Minister who received it from the Deloitte. This is certainly one issue I will bring to the attention of my Deputy Minister if the auditors have that information for such a long time there should be no reason why we should not have the information earlier. Mr. Speaker, Members I may be getting off the topic here but Members may note in these Consolidated Financial Statements that the operations of the LIDC many of them are in definite Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure what the talk operation is saying in the financial information but many of the other subsidiary companies of LIDC are in each struggling. So to get back to the original's Member's question, I get on to the auditors and to see why how long the information for such a long period of time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Supplemental question for Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. Let me first start by saying that I appreciate the answer from the Minister of Finance and his ability to be a very open and honest about that and to acknowledge that fact that the Financial Administration Act maybe inadequate for our Government and or our auditors maybe unable or incompetent to do the work for the Government and or you have serious, serious issues within your department about the ability to get the work done and there should be consequences to that. But moving on to my Supplemental Question, as per Section 42.1 part A 42 part 1 Section A, I guess this

should include all Trusts with the exception of the Settlement Trust again why do we not have this information even now almost a full year after the fact is it our practice of our Government to just let the Trustees do whatever they want, or are we going to be bound to our legislation? Nakummek Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Honorable Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I sure to be the Member I will certainly be in contact with the auditors to find the answer he is seeking on the time frame. In regards with the Trusts I will also raise that issue as it relates to the Audited Statements and Section 42 of the Financial Administration Act. I am unsure at this time if indeed the Trusts Deeds themselves require there financial information to be consolidated with Nunatsiavut Governments audit or if the audited information of the Trust are to be independent of Nunatsiavut Government. This is something that the auditors would certainly have a better handle on I know that the Implementation and Settlement Trust Deed identify that these two Trusts are to report to the Nunatsiavut Government but these reports are not required to be tabled to our consolidated statements because these Trusts are independent of Nunatsiavut Government. So there maybe issues there that the auditors have with the Trusts and I certainly will check into that and get back to the Member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Second supplemental question.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. Bear with me here. I won't be too long but, just two days ago Mr. Minister you referred to the Financial Administration Act Legislation as a finance department bible. Can you explain to us then why your department and the Trustees responsible to our beneficiaries continue to operate and confirm contradiction to that legislation? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is indeed a confusing issue for myself as well I will check into that division and to be clear myself not to indeed interfere in the operations of the Trusts. I guess the Trusts have to have some sort of independence from our Government if they have to operate independently and make decisions, but certainly that is something that I will confirm and check into detail with the auditors and explain the provision in the Finance Administration Act the 40 Section provision as it relates to information from the Trusts and our consolidated financial information so I will seek the answer that the Member is requesting and get back to you and the other Members also. It is a concern for me too. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister. Our time for question period has lapsed. I know that we did yesterday approve a Bill to Amend the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act to allow more time for question period but until that law is registered it does not take effect but given that I do have two more Members on my slate who have raised there hand with respect to wanting to ask questions I think we should entertain that so I will allow a few

more minutes for those Members to ask their questions. Minister of Health and Social Development, did you have a question?

**Ms. Gear:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is more along the lines I guess is coming from Ordinary Member for Postville. My question is to that Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. I want to know if the English River Project is going to be going ahead this year. There have been rumors that the last year's operations would be the last so. I had some inquiries on that. I'd like to know if it's going to be going ahead. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Acting Minister of Land and Natural Resources.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again at this time I have to say to the Member that my Department has not secured funds at this time that I am able to stand and absolutely guarantee that the project will go ahead. I want to assure the Member that my Department is working with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans as well we are at this time exploring other resources, other possible sources of funding it is the intent my department to have once again an English River Project I have to say to you that at this time funds are not in place for English River Project. But we have to identify some possible sources of funds and will working with as I said Mr. Speaker, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and there are some considerations being made in other I don't know what you call them Mr. Speaker other purses and I'm not sure if my colleague from Finance as any light that he can shed on this as well and if Mr. Speaker would allow my colleague to perhaps add so that my question Member from Postville's question is a better answer so that I leave that for your consideration Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Does the Minister of Finance have anything to complement what's been provided by the Acting Minister.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes to elaborate on the First Minister's response to Minister here. Pending the Department of Health has the ability to absorb the costs overruns the Minister the non-insured Health Benefits Program there maybe a pile of money we can draw from to indeed put off the English River Project this coming year but we will have to wait until the end of this fiscal year to see what state the NIHB Program will indeed be in. Once the numbers are indeed tallied up and the Department can absorb the cost overruns in the NIHB Program in the program if indeed the department cannot absorb the cost we will have to direct our funds to help offset the cost for the NIHB program so we will require a bit more time Mr. Speaker to see what will happen in the NIHB program before we can indeed make a decision on whether or not we could consider funding the English River Project this coming year. I'm sorry Mr. Speaker there are no funds in the budget to operate the English River Project and will require a little more time to indeed provide a proper answer to the Minister of Health and Social Development. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Supplemental question.



**Ms. Gear:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If and when the funds become available, can either the Minister of Finance or the First Minister send me an email or give me a phone call. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** The very hour that those funds are secure for the English Project I will personally phone the Member for Postville Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

**Mr. Flowers:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the First Minister. Awhile back there was some concern I suppose I had some questions about the overlap with the Innu the swap of lands that will be taking place. My question for the First Minister is can you give me time or date that you will be coming to the community of Hopedale to talk to the residents that use the area that will be involved in this swap arrangement with the Innu and talk to the residents about this so we can learn a bit more about the details a lot of people don't really understand what this means so that we can get clarification from your department so we can know exactly what's going on there Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes we will request there have been some planning and as you are aware the Member as a great hunter you know that the impacts the weather has had on us since January. I can only tell the Member Mr. Speaker that this community consultation will not happen until after the election on May 4<sup>th</sup> and I would expect that the Department on that time after May 4<sup>th</sup> would be able to perhaps get a better idea when that is going to take place it is the Departments intention Mr. Speaker as the Member said to come to the community to consult with beneficiaries and certain there have been no changes in that plan Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** That concludes the time for question period. Oral question period. Our next Order of the Day written questions are there any written questions submitted at this time? I have received a written question from the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. I'm a little bit confused about who it's directed at but I may believe that maybe the President and or the First Minister, the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** To be clear the information I seek came to me by the grapevine if you will so at this point I'm clear as to whom might be able to answer the question I have chosen 3 potential individuals the President, the Minister of Economic Development or the First Minister that maybe will to answer it have the pleasure of the Speaker I request that he give it to the Executive Council the whole and if somebody has the answer and can't shed some light on it please do so. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** On that I will pass the question to the President of Nunatsiavut. As for Standing Order 66 replies to written questions are either to be tabled in the Assembly or delivered orally at some future date.

**President Lyall:** Sorry Mr. Speaker I was reading your question I never heard your question.

**Mr. Pottle:** You have the option President Lyall to table the answer to the question in the House or you may respond at some future date.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker I won't be responding today I will respond to that question either by written message if not the Members of the Assembly next time around I hope to have the answer back before that.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you President Lyall. Are there any more written questions to be submitted at this time? If there are no written questions to be submitted that concludes Order of the Day number 8 Order of the Day number 9 reports of Standing and Special Committees, are there any reports and Standing Committees at this time? If there are no reports I'd like to share with the Assembly from the perspective of my role of being a Member of the Opal Gasoline Committee that was struck some time ago as a result of my participation and the former Minister of Health and Social Development with respect of information gathering trip that we took to Australia and subsequently came back to work with the committee that was struck by the people at the Center of Memorial University. This committee is gradually finishing the work on that but before the committee finalizes it's work the committee has written to the Minister of Health and Social Development for a response on whether or not the Nunatsiavut Government believes that this is still a priority and whether or not we will continue to work in consultation with that committee to finalize the work that being said from my perspective and I shared with the opal gasoline committee given that the preliminary work has been done and the graduate student in engineering that was working on the committee is finished her work it is my belief that we have to produce a final report to all stake holders who are party to that committee so I just like to share that information with you and I will have further consultation with the Minister of Health and Social Development on that issue outside of the sitting of the House of Assembly so there will be a final report produced for the Assembly on the findings of the Opal Gasoline Committee. That concludes reports of Standing and Special Committees we have 2 remaining items on Orders of the Day, Notices of Motions and Motions we will take are daily break and reconvene again at 11:00 am.

**Mr. Pottle:** Back to order. We are on Standing Order of the day Order of the Day number 10 Notice of Motions. Are there any notices of motions at this point in time? The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I like to give Notice of 3 Motions that I will be tabling under Standing Order number 11. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker I like to give notice that I will be tabling 1 motion introducing 1 motion on under Standing Order number 11 as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you, if there are no further Notices of Motions that concludes Order of the Day number 10. We will now proceed to Order of the Day number 11 Motions. The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I stand on behalf of the stand coast here on behalf of the what has to become known I'm not sure what our own title we are a special committee of the Assembly that was appointed to insure that the recommendations from hearings that were held in communities on the impact of alcohol and drugs in 2006 and bring over those recommendations Mr. Speaker I stand on behalf on that committee Mr. Speaker I have to say that today I would be tabling into motions but are committee are spread out and were trying very hard to bring forward in timely matter those recommendations from the communities or our beneficiaries a fair number of them have already been implemented Mr. Speaker if that is the correct word sometimes these are done without recommendation or notice and perhaps there are Members and perhaps even beneficiaries that suspect that were not doing our job and maybe were not as fast as some would like but we are trying very hard to insure that report was tabled in the house I think in 2006 as well that those recommendations from beneficiaries in the communities of Nunatsiavut and North West River Upper Lake Melville as well brought forward and just to give perhaps some example of how we've Acted not only as committee but as a Government that I mention a few days ago Mr. Speaker the infrastructure a new healing lodge outside of Hopedale hopefully one will be constructed again this summer outside of Nain as part of the new land base healing that was so widely called for during that time as will can think of the community healing officer I'm forgetting the names that works with our committee as well as in Nain as we speak to the Nunatsiavut community healing project that was called for as far as those recommendations were trying very hard as well to work with them and we have not have tremendous success but were inch in forward with respect to infrastructure for youth for facilities for youth that was called for so these are just a few examples Mr. Speaker that have not been tabled for motions but none the other less I believe that we are moving forward and I stand today with pleasure on behalf of my colleagues from that special committee and if I might Mr. Speaker I will move forward with these 3 motions that I have to table and I'll move along that your wisdom Mr. Speaker you will let me know if I'm out of order or out of line Mr. Speaker I moved by second line that friend and coach here the Ordinary Member from Hopedale I moved that the following resolution be debated by the Assembly were as in February 2006 the Nunatsiavut Government established the committee Members of officials to hold healings regarding the impact of alcohol and drug abuse within Labrador Inuit communities those healing were held in the following communities Rigolet, Postville, Makkovik, Hopedale, Nain, North West River, and Happy Valley Goose Bay during May and June of 2006 and where as of December 2006 a Nunatsiavut Government alcohol and drug abuse hearing report was tabled in that Nunatsiavut Assembly at this time a special

committee of the Nunatsiavut Assembly was appointed to insure that the recommendations from those hearings were prioritized and a plan for implementation develop and as over the past 2 years the alcohol slash drug committee has been working diligently to insure those recommendations were taking seriously and implemented in a timely matter and where as in 2007 the province in Acted the Act to amend the liquor control Act so that the 5 Inuit communities has defined in the Inuit Land Claims agreement are included in the definition of communities under Section 1.3.1 of the Act and as for Section 1.3.1 of the liquor control as follows 1.3.1 Section 1 a community may establish a alcohol committee consisting of not less then 5 but more then 9 Members elected by residents of the community in accordance with the regulation under Section 1.3.3 which may when authorized by the regulations under Sections 1.3.3 prohibit person from prohibiting, purchasing, consuming making or transporting liquor within a restricted area for a period up to 3 years where in the opinion of the committee that person by excessive drinking or liquor misspent, wasted or duly lessoned his or her estate, injures his or her health or interrupts the peace, happiness of his or her family and or Members of the community or has sold or cause to be sold or given, transferred liquor to who has been made to subject to a provision 1.3.1 Section 4 where an alcohol committee is established under this Section. The alcohol committee may either alone or in conjunction with others organize programs to educate people in the use of liquor in the prevention of the abuse of liquor b) establish a counseling persons who abuse liquor c) promote programs for prevention of abuse of liquor and d) decide under the provisions of the Act I whom in possess purchase who consume or transport liquor in the municipality I who may bring liquor into the municipality I the amount of liquor that a person may possess purchase transport or bring into the municipality an iv I'm sorry Mr. Speaker I should be pronouncing those in roman numerals I suppose, roman numeral 4 who may brew beer or make wine for personal or family consumption in municipality amount of beer or wine that a person may brew or make and where as many of the Inuit communities have struggled to find representatives to sit on community alcohol committees because the nature of the issues now therefore it be resolved that Nunatsiavut Assembly indorse the recommendation to have the Nunatsiavut Government work towards the establishment of one regional alcohol committee for the 5 Inuit communities with the same authority as identified in the liquor control Act for an individual community and be it further result that the Minister of Health and Social Services Mr. Speaker there is a fine me say at this time that the word Social Services should be crossed out and it should read Social Development and I will start again with that correction Mr. Speaker and be further result that the Minister of Health and Social Development make a formal request, request to the Provincial Government to further amend the liquor control Act in order that there be one regional alcohol committee under Section 1.3.1 of the Act to represent to the 5 Inuit communities.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable First Minister. The Motion is in order. Each Member may speak to the motion or up to 15 minutes and we will be dealing with the First Ministers proposed Motions in sequence that he will be moving them 1, 2, 3. This is his first resolution so that there will be a debate on 2 more if the Motion is in order is. Any Member wish to speak to the motion? The AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker I'm a Member of the Alcohol and Drug Committee hearing committee or whatever we're called and I completely support this motion like the First Minister has said like we have been meeting and been working very hard although it may not be that obvious in general population as well as AngajukKâk we in Nain we have our own regulations for an Alcohol Committee but we are having a very difficult time finding people to sit on that committee again by the very nature of the committee one of the things that's not mentioned in this resolution and this is more information for the AngajukKâk even though if the Regional Committee was indorsed and set up and the Inuit Community Government's would still have the final say as to what resolutions were brought forth the Regional Alcohol Committee can only make recommendations for the ultimate say but without an alcohol committee for the community or the regional one the Inuit Community Government's can not use that portion for the liquor control Act that's why another really important point to have in this regional Alcohol Committee in place it gives the community governments more control by having the Alcohol Committee there to pass on the recommendation and again if the recommendations that comes from the Alcohol Committee may not fit in with the particular Government that community Government still has the authority to say yes or no if they like those recommendations and again I completely support this and I thank you it's about time they have this on the table.

**Mr. Pottle:** The AngajukKâk for Postville.

**Mr. Decker:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess so often you say you know your not doing nothing and time frames and everything else but to see this here today is great you know I fully supported this I support this motion.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister for Health and Social Development.

**Ms. Gear:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too fully support this resolution here today. I think this is why we have so much violence against woman, family break ups and sexual abuse and whatever else you mind to name. I think this all goes down to too much alcohol within our communities. In our own community there is no RCMP to control the amount of alcohol that comes into our community I'm just wondering if this is going to come into effect who is going to control the liquor that comes into my community all the other communities has got RCMP they can in force it but whose going to in force it in our community thank you very much.

**Mr. Pottle:** Does the First Minister as presenter of the Motion wish to respond to that inquiry?

**Mr. Anderson:** Now Mr. Speaker a little unfair with the question because of perhaps the Member of Minister was referring to the resolution that I have not yet come to this particular resolution that I just read only speaks to the establishment of the committee as far as under the Act there is a resolution that will not or to be tabled that speaks to announce because Mr. Speaker you know that this community as there known today because there so part of the Act liquor control Act I'm trying to look back for words and

don't have glasses but I think they were called community alcohol committees and now were looking for a reasonable alcohol committee were looking to change the Act but of course that my understanding and I stand to be corrected that this is a law in this Province it is a law the liquor control Act and such that Act has to be in force by the Province it is there Act I will work with them to change the Act to conclude the establishment of the regional alcohol committee to replace community so I have to say that of course this is in force by the if my words are correct by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and by the laws of this Province Mr. Speaker thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker I also support this resolution for a creation of the original committee to provide recommendations to each Inuit Community Government this is the missing link today to get these recommendations to the Inuit Community Governments so that the Inuit Community Government can indeed to further this information to the Liquor Control Board. I was just curious Mr. Speaker how the Alcohol and Drug Committee envision the composition of the regional committee we are asked to give approval to the regional committee and I am curious that is to how the Members of that committee regional committee would be put in place should the Assembly decide to approve this resolution Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Does the First Minister provide clarity on that?

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I may ask if this is out of order and perhaps you'll tell me Mr. Speaker is it possible that I could enjoy the support of my colleagues at the table to help me and responding to some of these questions that will I believe help, helpful to the Assembly Mr. Speaker it's such a request that order that certainly I will do my best to respond.

**Mr. Pottle:** I don't think your question is out of order First Minister we do have parliamentary procedures that we follow but we also do have digression to adapt I guess for lack of a better word to apply Inuit ways of responding to some of these inquiries so on that I will allow Members of the alcohol and drug committee to compliment your answers if they so choose. The AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you. Given of what you had said first I will respond to the Minister of Finance and her comment about enforcement one of the reasons that the committee decided to go with a regional alcohol committee was by this year fact that Nunatsiavut does not have it's own Justice system that if we had set up our own outside of this regional alcohol committee none of this would have been enforceable and by enforceable it's the RCMP unfortunately Postville doesn't have any RCMP if it any time there, there they can afford these regulations if this goes ahead so I hope that can give you some clarification with regards to the Minister of Finance's question in the composition of the committee what we had discussed we had Actually sent out letters to the Community Governments the existing standing the existing special committee would make up the alcohol committee and outside Members or the additional Members would be invited

from the communities that are not represented on the committee already so they would be representatives from each of the communities.

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek. The AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

**Ms. Dicker:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too approve of this and I want to thank the alcohol committee for doing this we've been along time waiting for it but now it is here thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

**Mr. Flowers:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes Mr. Speaker this resolution I think will go far for 5 Inuit communities that will try to make our communities a little bit better place and they will have a more of a voice but get every community will be of course a little bit different and I think that this way now that the alcohol committee that who ever it may be in the next round we would be able to sit down in each community and discuss with the people of that community on ways to better there community and like I said every community has little bit different hues on what they think should be done in there community and I think this goes along way to help each community Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Is there any other Member who wishes to speak to the Motion. The AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

**Mr. Jacque:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker I too am a Member of the Alcohol Committee. I fully support the resolution I think too the reason there was a regional committee want to be formed is because I posted this in my community for numerous times I could not get any interest there was no response so therefore I fully support thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. I been I guess extremely critical of social issues in Upper Lake Melville and within Nunatsiavut for sometime now I too I'm in full support of everything the First Minister is going to bring to this table this morning. I like to echo the ethnical sentence of the AngajukKâk for Postville. I guess too many times we been accused for the Government that says the right things that lip services as opposed as acting on it I hope this is a giant step in the right direction and beginning to something that is affected in our communities that Actually makes a difference it's a great start and I think that especially when this single committee is put together I hope they do see some results make some decisions and Actually affect some change in the communities nice to have a committee if the committee doesn't Actually Act and engage the Inuit Community Government's in order to make things happen then itself or not but I put my support behind this. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** There is no other Member wishes to speak to the motion, does the Honorable First Minister wish to conclude debate?

**Mr. Anderson:** I do Mr. Speaker. I wish to conclude debate.

**Mr. Pottle:** That concludes debate on the motion. Is the Assembly in favor in adopting the resolution as proposed by the Honorable First Minister?

**Assembly:** Aye

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable First Minister will proceed with his second motion.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I move second by my friend and colleague once again a friend and colleague Ordinary Member for Hopedale and coach here for alcohol and drug committee where as in February I move as Mr. Speaker as said following resolution where as in February 2006 that Nunatsiavut Government established a committee of Ministers and officials to hold hearings regarding the impacts the alcohol and drug abuse within Inuit Labrador communities hearings were held in the following communities, Rigolet, Postville, Makkovik, Hopedale, Nain, Northwest River and Happy-Valley Goose Bay during May and June of 2006 and where as in December 2006 the Nunatsiavut Government of alcohol and drug abuse I have a typo here and where is it Mr. Speaker there is a typo here I believe it should read Mr. Speaker where as in December 2006 the Nunatsiavut Government alcohol and drug abuse hearing support was tabled in the Nunatsiavut Assembly I continue Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Proceed First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** At this time a special committee of the Nunatsiavut Assembly was appointed to insure that the recommendations from the hearings were prioritized and a plan for implementation developed and as over the past 2 years the alcohol and drug committee has been working diligently to insure that the recommendations would be taking seriously and implemented in a timely manner and where as for Section 2 over Provincial liquor limitations order an Acted under the liquor control states as follows the prescribed amount of liquor which a person on any one occasion may bring into the Province from part of Canada other then the Province shall not exceed A) 40 ounces and again Mr. Speaker this A) should read 40 ounces or should replace the word of so that it reads A) 40 ounces, 40 ounces or 1.14 liters of spirits B) 40 ounces or 1.4 liters of wine and C) 2 dozens of bottles or cans or 9 liters of beer now therefore it be resolved that Nunatsiavut Assembly indorse the recommendations of alcohol and drug abuse hearings report 2006 to lobby and work with all public and private entities and authorities including Newfoundland and Labrador Corporation and airlines to establish on the amount of alcohol ship per day from the liquor store from the Province to an individual within Nunatsiavut recommending amounts for consideration are the same as the amounts of them 5 above in the Provincial liquor limitation order and be it further resolved that the airlines will be requested to immediately the airlines will be requested to eliminate the free pick up service from the liquor store for deliveries to Nunatsiavut Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable First Minister. Your motion is in order. Is there any Member who wishes to speak to the motion? The President of Nunatsiavut.

**President Lyall:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker I am really pleased with the work with the Alcohol and Drug Committee has done over the past 2 or 3 years I recommend the first resolution however I have some problems. I haven't viewed these resolutions until this morning. I was wondering if the Assembly would consider delaying supporting until the Members of this House have time to review there resolutions until the next Assembly. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** If the Assembly will bear with me for 2 minutes I need to clarify in my own mind with the Clerk and Legal Counsel the President's request. Order please. The Original Motion was tabled by the First Minister and accepted as an order by saying by the Chair and now we have a request from the President to put onto the table that this issue to be deferred to the next Assembly. I draw your intention to Standing Orders 164 and 166 that in order for a motion to be tabled it has to be consented to by the Assembly and if there was no consent to that then we must in vote Standing Order 166 it says that if there is not unanimous consent, the issue has to be voted on immediately. So the President has asked whether or not the Assembly or not is in favor of deferring this motion to a future session of the Assembly. Is the Assembly in favor of the request as tabled by the President of Nunatsiavut?

**Assembly:** Aye/Nay

**Mr. Pottle:** There has been differing views on the issue therefore I have no other choice but to call the matter to a vote. All those in favor of tabling and deferring this to another session of the Assembly please raise your hand. All those in favor of proceeding with the motion now raise your hand. We have 3 Members opposed and 10 in favor of proceeding with this resolution, therefore we will proceed. Proceed First Minister. Sorry the Minister has proceeded now we will entertain debate on the motion and each Member may have the opportunity to speak for up to 15 minutes. The Honorable Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Certainly my support is there for the intent of the alcohol and drug committee no question. I would just like a clarification I guess it is why I did also the support to delay this motion being read. The recommendation of the prescribed amounts that's being listed in the motion relates to an individual bringing the alcohol into the Province from an, another area in Canada. The motion that we are discussing will identify alcohol amounts that do not require to be transferred outside the Province. It is a-bit confusing to me Mr. Speaker that we recognize these amounts that a person can transfer to these Province's legally and we are not asking to have alcohol restrictions placed on us to travel outside of the Province. It's a Provincial jurisdiction and these amounts listed are a-bit confusing for me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The First Minister.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We use that as a guide to set the example of how much when you're traveling outside of the Province and into the Province we try to use this as a guide to establish. We wanted to put something here as I said these are motion that it'll be tabled as a resolution that and you will note that Mr. Speaker that I table this and I move that this motion be tabled for debate and certain we wanted to put in something Mr. Speaker so we picked these figures out of the liquor limitation order. Further to that we use the liquor limitation order only as a guide. I don't know say I suppose that we picked them out of the hat we picked them out of there but we have to had some figures in there these are the ones that we agreed to certainly the recommendation comes from that communities that set an amount that we felt it was necessary to try to set an amount so that there could be debate around an amount. Whether it's 40 ounces and you know 2, 40 ounces or something to try to, we wanted to get the ball rolling to establish amounts to, we looked at the figures from the North will there is perhaps there re-strengths or amounts that people can have sent or liquor store to themselves in the community at one time. We looked at those things try to bring forward the recommendation we understood it from a number of communities. To try to get a handle on and perhaps the biggest one of all I will not ramble because I, my friends to help me out that there is in Nunatsiavut as every Member in this House knows, a huge problem with bootlegging and the amount of alcohol that we see coming into our communities with names on it. For the run of the week or the run of 2 weeks, and we know that this is enough booze to run an alcohol establishment. We see and know these things we all know that, so as the RCMP. So what were trying to do here is to establish an amount for an individual that would eliminate some of that bootlegging. To get rid of some of that, that's what our communities, that is what our communities wanted. Our communities were upset that airlines will go down and pick up booze at the liquor store and free because there's so much of amount of business there and yet a single mother will have to pay for that same airline to go pick up a case of pampers at the Northern Store to be shipped here. Things kind of things tell us a sad story and these are the kind of things that our communities wanted to see changed so what we interpret a recommendation as our communities were asking that we got to get rid of the bootlegging and this is one way to help and the Province who the liquor corporation is a provincial crown corporation and if that liquor corporation wants to put catalogs on the internet were you can order booze online or what we have now a dial bottle of water that Provincial Government has to at least to listen to our concerns and to our communities and they have to agree and they have to go to their fully liquor corporation saying voice you got to stop that and you got to, what the Government in Nunatsiavut wants and what the communities want, and that is what we are trying to establish here Mr. Speaker, I hope that is helpful to the Member this pretty much in the guide as a guide that is. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and again I will be fully supported in this motion it's unfortunate that the President haven't enough time to properly read these, but I think it's pretty cut and dry I didn't Actually attend the hearings but in our meetings we had several Members of our committee that had been at the hearings and they express what they heard one of the biggest issues was the bootlegging in the communities it is a

major, major issue so much one of the other recommendations that came from our committee somebody may have seen the bootlegging signs I know there's 1 in Nain and I believe there's 1 here but I don't know about the other communities. With the bootlegging we hear a lot about it as a Community Government as representatives as this Government of how it seems the RCMP is not doing anything about it. You talk to the RCMP their hands are basically tied so there's nothing is getting done. This is a great step towards somehow controlling the bootlegging. When you go for 2 weeks without any fresh food or vegetables coming in or any mail or passengers, and you see a plane come in and 90% of that is booze and you know that you have a problem and it exists. With regards to the amounts the Province set up the amendment to the liquor corporation with the authority for them all in the Torngat region for the alcohol committees. This will, only by using the Province's amounts it will help us get more support I think from the Province and setting our amounts if we use the same as theirs. They were good enough to set up the region for Torngat for the special Act and the liquor control Act so if we just sort of mirror theirs I think we will have a lot as follows with regards to the free pick up from the liquor store I think the First Minister has hatched on that perfectly. You know there is a problem with it; it's just too easy to get bootleggers in our community and this basic simple motion by just the Assembly and endorsing these recommendations and approaching the airlines and the liquor corporation to help us with this I think we will go a long way. It's saying that we didn't just sit there and I presume that the Province is going to help us we didn't assume the liquor corporation is going to help us we didn't assume the airlines were going to help us. We have had several discussions with all those agencies about how we want to control the bootlegging in our communities, and you know their responses will show us something on their paper show us how seriously we are and we will do our support and this is why this motion is so important. While I'm talking now I just keep going on for a minute I think for one thing we're missing 3 Members of our committee. That we're sort of very important for our committee one was Michelle Kinney that was Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development. She did a lot of work in getting the recommendations together and mostly keeping us on track. We have Evelyn Winters who is community healing project coordinator her insight into a lot of issues because of the work she does certainly help us out and Brian Lyall in setting up our meetings on compacting the judges and will as the RCMP and trying to fill us into their schedule. So again we need this motion.

**Mr. Pottle:** Prior to the President's request I believe I saw the hand from the Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development. Would you like to speak to this motion Honorable Minister?

**Ms. Gear:** I just like to say that I will be fully supporting this and I think this is what we need. We need some control on how much alcohol comes into our community but I still have a concern about my community how is it going to be controlled? That's my concern right now. We have no RCMP sometimes we don't see an RCMP in our community for 4 to 6 weeks and I'm just wondering what's going to happen during all this time? When there's no RCMP there. Alcohol that flows into our community now is unbelievable. You can go in there and you can go into the Flights that are coming in if you're expecting a package you're almost certain it's not going to be on there. But there will be cases of

booze coming in. As alarmed I'm just wondering like how we can control it in our community I'm sure our AngajukKâk has the same concern and this is being talked about for a long time and I'm so happy to see this finally coming into effect. Thank you very much.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. Basic I guess show of support here from me I commend that First Minister. We got real situations you know you have an issue you bring that to the table with full admission to the issue itself and need to address it, and be serious about that and this is a serious issue do doubt. I will be throwing my support again behind this as I said earlier the only clarification I would like and maybe it's only a worthy thing but in the last part of the resolution concerning the airlines I would like to be there some I guess maybe not discussion but at least some kind of confirmation that the airlines will be requested to eliminate the free pick up service I would just like to make sure that the attempt is to have the free pick up service eliminated it's entirety as opposed to the airlines turning around and charging a dollar for the pickup service after this. That defeats the purpose of an additional dollars. To bootleggers that is not a big deal. So if the First Minister understands my point there perhaps he can address that Nakummek Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. Flowers:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

**Mr. Flowers:** To the Member for Upper Lake Melville that's how intent that there will be no pick up deliveries for alcohol and even if you know and even if they try and charge the service I think that we have to be on top of this and make sure that they don't try like to use as the dollar to go and pick it up but what were saying to the airlines is that we do not want you to pick up any booze from the liquor store regarding the pick up or not charge or not and we had discussions with both airlines and they understand, they understand that this is coming from was first the alcohol committee and now that it will be coming from the Government. So were saying that you know were serious, were serious about doing it, doing the right thing for Nunatsiavut and I also like to try to elaborate on some of the Minister of Health was saying about her community and having no RCMP it's very frustrating for her and to see how this is going to be able to be enforced in her community but when you read this and look at this I mean the liquor store in Goose-Bay or wherever it may be she said this is coming from Nunatsiavut. Postville is part of the Nunatsiavut and that means you know you can once when somebody from Postville die of for booze try to get a case for have you they no longer be able to do that when this comes into effect. So that is you know I hope that goes to try to answer some of the questions that you had you know the same provisions that will be in Postville and any other community and the liquor store can't say oh there no RCMP there and you know put a case of booze on for an individual there. So I don't know if anyone else might have

some, some clarifications there for either or the 2 Members to try and clarify this thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** The AngajukKâk for Postville.

**Mr. Decker:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I'm little bit surprised that President would want to delay this for another sitting. I think this have been delayed long enough. No doubt about that but I'm not going to harp on that. The thing is we know what airlines are bringing it out to the community and still we charter airlines that's airline that we charter. So I don't know if there's anyway that we could look at something there I'm not part of Lab Air or for Provincial and I promote in them. But we still throw all of our businesses through that pretty will and not the airline and we know that there the one's whose bringing the alcohol into the communities. In our community we you know that plane comes in and I don't be into many, but anyone that I been into yet this is the first thing to come off and the passengers there's cases there with people I know for a fact don't drink. But the bootleggers are using there names and that's what's happening. It's good to hear the Ordinary Minister for Hopedale say that you know it's going to be controlled at liquor store. I think there had to be some precautions put in there if there don't have be something there that you know there is going to be some kind of fine or something there if they continue to once put this is in place if they continue to I guess extra amounts in or whatever. But we are community with no put all regulations in place you got nobody to enforce it you know you're back to square 1 thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Education of Economic Development.

**Mr. Shiwak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do commend the Drug and Alcohol Committee for all their work and preventing to us here today. We have been concerned with this along with sort of what the President says timing as you're aware that my colleague from Rigolet, is we don't have one here to speak on this issue today. My only concern is that we weren't presented with this, this resolution will be coming forward to this House and we could have brought that to the communities for consultation to say that this is a resolution that maybe coming to the House I have no problem with whatever content you have in here. I don't know if these are the correct amounts that should be enforced on the communities from the liquor store I won't comment on that. My only concern is consultation with communities I know that he did hearings in the communities but the communities have never seen numbers such as these. They have never had a chance to input on these numbers and maybe they like more numbers, maybe they will like less numbers. That's my only concern is that they never seen. This is my first time I seen it and I never had a chance to bring it up to the communities. I understand that you did community consultation before but I think this is the first time that these numbers have come out and I know that there is need to limit and there is problems but I would just like to have time to consult it with my community on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

**Mrs. Dicker:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just about every time we have a meeting that's one of the topics that comes up. It's about the bootlegging in Hopedale and I support this. Our Council the last time we met and this was brought up again our Council decided that what they would like to see in Hopedale is that you know the planes not carrying it but they also wanted to say that one household per week get a 60 ounce and I guess a 60 ounce of spirits they didn't say anything about wine but I guess it's the same thing and 2 dozens of beers per week that was there recommendation I'm really happy that this is in place thank you good job. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** The AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

**Mr. Jacque:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I support this but as my own discretion. Because I brought this to the intention of the Inuit Community Government and they were against it and they requested a meeting with the Alcohol and Drug Committee and they are still and we know a fact or whether like the First Minister but I support it in my own discretion because the Inuit Community Government of Makkovik wanted us to meet with Alcohol and Drug Committee thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** I saw the Ordinary Member's for Hopedale's hand-up I'm wondering if you spoke on this as a representative for Hopedale. I think you're previous comments for clarity purposes for a question that was raised so that I will allow you to address this issue Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

**Mr. Flowers:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister of Economic Development said he hasn't seen any of this before today or last couple of days but if he recall I'm not sure if he was here for the last sitting of the House back I think I'm not sure what the date in December or whatever it was. The First Minister stood up at the Assembly and said that basically I'm not trying to put words in there but I'm trying to remember what he said that we put you on notice that we had 4 recommendations coming forth to the Assembly for you to take back to your communities and discuss with your communities that there was 4 recommendations one of them we have postponed we have 3 here today and for him to say that he didn't see it perhaps that I'll give him the benefit that he was in here for it was put in the binders for recommendations to be discussed with each community which brings back to there communities to discuss with there towns or there town councils and have open on discussions about this and I don't know if anyone else from the alcohol and drug committee wanted to say anything on it but I know that we had put forth recommendations and said that the next sitting of the House we will be bringing them in as a resolution Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation.

**Mr. Tuttauk:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. I think the Minister of Economic Development and Education's concerns are unfounded. Every Assembly we sit, we have documents tabled so that we see the first time with no opportunity to discuss with our communities. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you. If I may cede the Chair to the Deputy Speaker I would like to participate in this debate in the Ordinary Member for Canada as well.

**Mr. Russell:** I believe that almost every Member in Canada has spoken with the exception or the Ordinary Member for Canada. The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Canada.

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker. Just a couple of points before I make my own recommendation I'm not here to finger point either. But I agree with the Ordinary for Hopedale and Chair with the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation. Recognizing that this is not the first time that such information that comes from across to be received by the Members of this Assembly and I think that there should be a valuable learning lesson and each person should take that of under consideration and do utmost and to insure that Members are provided within information necessary to prepare themselves for debate if future sessions of the House of Assembly. I too have some concerns although I support the Principle of the motion I do have concerns that were raised by the Honorable Member of Finance and the Ordinary Member for Makkovik with respect to what's been proposed I support this motion in this entirety on principle but I am concerned as an elected official that if we approve this motion as so proposed it may not have any ability when we do approach the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador with respect to applying parts of their legislation that is with outside of there jurisdiction of per say and I just remind you to draw your attention to the third last where as Section 2 of the Provincial Liquor limitation order in Acted under the liquor control Acts dates as follows, 2 the prescribed amount of liquor which a person on any one occasion may bring into the Province from a part of Canada other then the Province shall not exceed the amounts are here in the resolution. I believe if we approve this resolution as proposed it will not have any weight with the Province therefore I would propose an amendment to this resolution to insert after the first resolution that another therefore be it resolved be added to the fact that the Nunatsiavut Government lobby the Provincial Government to amend there liquor limitation order under the liquor control Act so that clause in that legislation would now read prescribed amount of liquor which a person on one occasion may bring into the community from a part of Canada other then the Province with the exception of the Inuit Community Government shall not exceed the following amounts that's proposed here Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Russell:** With that I'll turn it over to the First Minister in order to respond.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We came with these resolutions Mr. Speaker at that there maybe debate and we could there is in the amounts the last as where as put in consideration and debate and I don't think Mr. Speaker that we will get too far with asking the Province to change their liquor limitation order. These amounts that are in the liquor limitation order under the liquor Act we put them here for only reason that for consideration and you know Mr. Speaker were not trying to enclose on individuals or to interfere with the individuals rights freedoms or anything that this resolution is aimed at the source and supply we know that the booze in the communities are not coming from South Air, Mickilie, or Jamaica and other places there are coming out of Newfoundland

and Labrador liquor stores and so that is the source and what were trying to do here is to cut off part of that access or where individuals can phone or send many cases of booze that's what were doing and asking the liquor stores to work with us it still doesn't it does not mention anything about an individual in Nain could only have an 40 ounce of booze this is to establish the limit on amount of alcohol shipped per day from the liquor store within the Province with the individual in Nunatsiavut and we had to be very careful in because we had a we did have a lawyer working with us too we constantly reminds us of to try to raise some freedoms in this Country you know and certain we want to be respectful of that and my full we don't bring stuff forward for your consideration is that we can't accomplish and move forward an inch at a time and as I think I said earlier anyway that what it is that you know Mr. Speaker I appreciate the input from table that this were merely put here as a guide that were even if you read the last you know we came here knowing we came here suspecting that this resolution would get amended before it left the table in here today and you know because the last line of the where as at the airport it was all those the last paragraph recommended amounts for consideration or the same as the amounts identified in the Provincial Liquor limitation order normally this would she going to help Community speaker for AngajukKâk from Nain if she might add on to the comments that I just made.

**Mr. Russell:** I would just like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Point of order Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Russell:** The Member will state the Point of Order.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I am beginning to discussion. I am beginning to become concerned that the Assembly maybe overstepping the boundaries on the establishment of a regional committee that will provide recommendations to the Inuit Community Government. This is a prime example of the work they must do to bring the recommendation to the Inuit Community Government who would then forward there work to the Newfoundland Liquor Corporation. Because under the Liquor Control Act the Inuit Community Government's have this authority. They just need that committee to bring this information to them for them to work on it. I believe and I would ask the Speaker to double check with our legal person here in the Assembly. The Assembly can only will although this is not legislation this is just a resolution. We have jurisdiction in Labrador Inuit Lands the land within the boundaries of the Inuit Community Government's are Inuit Community Government Lands and each Inuit Community is there own Government. They govern those what happens within the boundaries of that community and I believe Mr. Speaker that this resolution is in some way interfering with the operations of the Community Government's and I am concerned that we maybe overstepping our boundaries Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Russell:** Thank you Honorable First Minister. I guess will take 5 minutes here to confirm with Legal Council and the Deputy Speak and the Clerk to as pertain as to whether the motion as the motion to adopt the resolution is not an order and whether or not we do have a propose amend on the table and so we will take 5 minutes thank you.



After conferring with Legal Council and the Clerk of the Assembly, it has been determined and it is my ruling that the Minister's Point of Order is out of order and this is not an issue of jurisdiction over and beyond what were capable to do. Secondly the Ordinary Member for Canada's proposed amendment is also out of order and is therefore off the table. Thirdly everybody was given the opportunity to speak to this resolution and we have come full circle on that matter and therefore the debate is concluded the AngajukKâk for Nain will state her point of order.

**Ms. Erickson:** Mr. Speaker at the beginning of this debate the Original speaker had given Members of the committee it was sort of a I don't know what you call it but Members of the committee be willing to speak more than once on an issue. So before we close debate I want to propose an amendment to the motion.

**Mr. Russell:** It's my ruling at this time that your point of order is not well taken by the Chair you were given the opportunity to rein enforce the First Minister's points on the resolution and spoke as AngajukKâk of Nain in regards to the shipments that's coming into the communities and not mistaken. Here we go again one more try. The discussion did go back and forth many times and I guess it wasn't exactly tracked perfectly from the Chair exactly how many people have had to speak and how many opportunities they had to speak on. I will ask this Assembly if they would if I have their consent and order to allow the AngajukKâk of Nain to proceed with her proposed amendment.

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Russell:** The Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you to the rest of the Members of the Assembly for allowing me to do this. The amendment that we are proposing is too specifically to therefore part of the motion. It will now read the Nunatsiavut Assembly indorse the recommendations of the alcohol and drug abuse hearings to direct the Minister of Health and Social Development to lobby and work with all public and private entities authorities including Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Commission and airlines to establish a limit on the amount of alcohol shipped per day from an liquor store within the Province to an individual within Nunatsiavut recommended amounts for consideration are same as the amounts identified above in the Provincial limitation liquor order and therefore be it resolved that the First Minister request the airlines to eliminate any pickup service from the liquor store for deliveries within Nunatsiavut.

**Mr. Russell:** The Chair would like to as the AngajukKâk from Nain if she has a seconder for her proposal.

**Ms. Erickson:** Yes the Ordinary Member from Hopedale.

**Mr. Russell:** Thank you. Each Member of the Assembly will now be given the opportunity to speak for up to 15 minutes on the proposed amendment. Does anyone at

wish at this time to speak to the proposed amendment brought to the table by AngajukKâk from Nain? The Chair recognizes the Ordinary Member for Canada.

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker I fully support the amendment as proposed by the AngajukKâk for Nain it's certainly gives more clarity to the original resolution and it gives more direction of how this resolution will be implemented if it is so that it was adopted by the Assembly so therefore she has my support on her amendment Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Russell:** The Chair recognizes the Honorable Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker I too was wondering if who would get this work done. This amendment certainly clarifies that I certainly would put my support to this amendment proposed by the AngajukKâk for Nain Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Russell:** Does any other Member at this time wishes to speak to the proposed amendment? If not then debate I guess has to be concluded by the mover of the amendment does the AngajukKâk from Nain wish to close debate on the proposed amendment?

**Ms. Erickson:** Yes Mr. Speaker

**Mr. Russell:** I will now put it to the floor as to whether or not the First Minister has unanimous consent to adopt the resolution as amended by the AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Mr. Pottle:** Order please.

**Mr. Russell:** Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency.

**Mr. Pottle:** I don't think that we're following the right process here. I don't think that the call should have been whether or not the First Minister has the support to of the Assembly for this resolution. I think the call should be whether or not the Assembly has the support for the amendment as proposed to the resolution by the AngajukKâk for Nain. Nakummek Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Russell:** Your point is well taken. Does this, does the Ordinary for Nain have this support of this Assembly? Forgive me does the AngajukKâk from Nain have the unanimous consent of this Assembly to amend the resolution?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Russell:** I guess moving on next. Will does the First Minister have unanimous consent of this Assembly to adopt the resolution?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Russell:** The resolution is adopted as such now I will now cede the Chair back to the Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

**Mr. Pottle:** Nakummek Deputy Speaker. I'm pleased to give you this opportunity to experience what it feels like to be sitting up here at some time it is very trying but with the graciousness and the patience of the Assembly and the ability to consult on issues like this with the Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and Legal Council. I think it helps us and it will be very valuable learning experience next time around and hopefully this process as a result of that will be it will certainly be made a lot smoother. The next order of business the First Minister will propose his 3<sup>rd</sup> resolution.

**Mr. Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker I move 2<sup>nd</sup> by the Coach here Ordinary Member for Hopedale. That the following resolution be debated by the Assembly. Whereas in February 2006 that Nunatsiavut Government established the committee Minister's and Officials to hold hearings regarding the alcohol and drug abuse within Labrador Inuit Communities, these hearings were held in the following communities, Rigolet, Postville, Makkovik, Hopedale, Nain, Northwest River, and Happy-Valley Goose Bay during May and June of 2006 and whereas in December 2006 a Nunatsiavut Government alcohol and drug abuse hearing report was tabled in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. At this time a special committee of the Nunatsiavut Assembly was appointed to insure that the recommendations from the hearings were prioritized and a plan for the implementation developed and whereas over the past 2 years the alcohol slash drug committee has been working diligently to insure that the recommendations were taking seriously and implemented in a timely manner. Now therefore be it resolved at Nunatsiavut Assembly indorse the recommendation to alcohol and drug abuse to hearings support 2006 that no alcohol be served or allowed at any sort of sponsored Nunatsiavut Government event or Activity Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable First Minister your motion is in order does any Member wish to speak to the motion the AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker I just want to reinforce my support for this motion. As you notice in the particulars of this it says that no alcohol will be served or allowed at any sole response with the Nunatsiavut event. What were specifically targeting are any events that Nunatsiavut has as a stand alone event whether it be something sponsored by our Community Governments or by Nunatsiavut in any of our communities. We had a hard time to discuss this as to how we are going to fit in the bigger events that Nunatsiavut may not sponsor solely, maybe co-sponsor their co-partners with and we wanted to leave them alone because we have no control over them but we can control what we as a Government and as Community Government's solely sponsor do and that's why it was worthy.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Honorable Minister of Education of Economic Development.

**Mr. Shiwak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Member for Nain sort of answered part of the question I was going to ask. Does this apply to the Inuit Community Government's?

My 2<sup>nd</sup> question is around if any of the Inuit Community Governments were to decide not to adhere to this resolution, is it within to their power to do so, have the Inuit Community Governments knowing that there haven't been someone to represent the Inuit Community Government at this table since this resolution came into being has the Inuit Community Government been consulted by the alcohol committee on this and got feedback from them on this.

**Mr. Pottle:** Who would like to respond, the First Minister or a Member of the Committee. The AngajukKâk for Nain.

**Ms. Erickson:** I have to apologize it was a mistake on my part when I mentioned Community Governments it is just Nunatsiavut Government I was speaking as the AngajukKâk for Nain because our events are completely alcohol free but this resolution just deals with Nunatsiavut Government and nothing to do with the Inuit Community Governments.

**Mr. Pottle:** If there is no other Member who wishes to speak to the resolution, does the First Minister wish to conclude debate on this? I never saw the Ordinary Member for Hopedale's hand; I give you the opportunity Mr. Flowers.

**Mr. Flowers:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just like to say that I support this resolution and support all 3 resolutions that we have brought forth today and it was a big challenge for us to and we had a lot of meeting and we had a lot of dispute amongst ourselves and try to do this right and I just like to thank everybody who participated in this we've sat down with judges and we sat down with the Liquor Corporation we sat down with RCMP officers we've and the airlines we've had a lot of healthy discussions and I like to thank every Member of the Alcohol Committee for their work and commitment to Nunatsiavut I just like to thank them from the people of our communities stepped were finally you know doing what they asked in 2006 when they went around and I just like to say again thank you very much for your hard work and dedication to Nunatsiavut just trying to make it a little bit better place for our children to grow up in. Thank you.

**Mr. Pottle:** I believe the Honorable Minister of Finance would like to speak to the matter as well.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker when the report was released from the Drug and Alcohol Committee back in 2006 I recall reading that report thoroughly the one thing that stood out in my mind that the time that jumped out from the pages is that people in the communities wanted to see their elected officials act as role models. These 3 resolutions are taken from those hearings from those recommendations from people in the communities. I don't think people in the communities come back and criticize us and not consulting with them. Hearings were held in all the communities including Rigolet. These resolutions are a prime example of those hearings. I commend the committee for their fine work. There were some issues in this resolution that certain we had to clarify before we move forward. They all have been clarified to the best of our ability and as a Member

of this Assembly I'm trying to be a role model myself I fully support this resolution from the committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** If no other Member wishes to address to the matter does the First Minister wish to conclude debate?

**Mr. Anderson:** I do Mr. Speaker and I believe I'm not in order if in concluding that I will make a few remarks and if someone were to see these resolutions and say and read the last whereas Mr. Speaker that Nunatsiavut Assembly endorse the recommendations of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Hearings Report 2006 no alcohol will be served at Nunatsiavut sponsored events, then this whole response with Nunatsiavut Government liquor Activity if I may say good God! Is that still happening or what will maybe it isn't anymore but 4 short years ago and we were and Assembly and maybe just over 4 years ago we were sponsored Nunatsiavut Government event or Activity the gathering of the elected officials in Hopedale and that's the only example that I will use that there was drinking when we came to Hopedale to hold our business and that is gone and its been gone for sometime and what were doing here today is making some things that we work towards to make officials Mr. Speaker and I'm very pleased to be the part of that and you know we can and you know were not absolute perfect human beings that I suppose if but some of us do drink and but we still have a job do to and we still have to honor our office and to try to bring forward the recommendations from our communities and doing so and the this is a great day, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker when people are able to read this resolution and youth are able to see and say they have done something and they have written it down for a change. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Is the Assembly in favor of adopting the resolution as proposed by the First Minister?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Pottle:** With the unanimous consent the resolution has been adopted by the Assembly. We still have one order of business. One more order of business to conclude under Motions and that is a Motion from the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Russell:** Nakummek Mr. Speaker under Standing Order number 164 I move seconded by the Chair of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation of Northwest River Mr. Ed Tuttauq that the Special Committee of the House be struck or maybe to be examine and report back to this Assembly on the inconsistencies related to the 5 questionable settlement payouts on the ratifications voters list. If I may give a brief statement to what I'm looking to accomplish here Mr. Speaker we all know that yesterday that I try to propose amendment to a Bill about certain issues that may have been attached to that Bill and it was unsuccessful. We all I think want to see that issue put to bed but we did not want to jeopardize the transfer of the monies held in segregated accounts to the Trust's in order to get them invested and basically during the break I got some advice from our Honorable First Minister that there maybe other ways to accomplish that. I'm not looking for a long drawn out the debate but I thank the First

Minister for his guidance. Basically I think we should put our money where our mouth is if we are to be the accountable and completely transparent that has been reiterated by our Minister of Finance and our President. That this is the very least we could do without attaching it to a Money Bill and without having a number allocated to that. Nakummek Mr. Speaker.

. **Mr. Pottle:** The Ordinary Members resolution for Upper Lake Melville given that he hasn't moved and, seconded there is an order and from what I've heard I ask him to give me a copy of his resolution and because I never had time to note down all the details of that. But the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville is moving that a Special Committee of the House be struck to examine and report back to the Assembly on the inconsistencies related to the \$5000.00 settlement pay out on the voter's ratification list so that's the order, that's the issue in the debate for consideration, does any Member wish to speak to the Motion? I'm wondering if we can just take a short one minute break so that I could consult with Clerk and Legal Counsel on the matter with respect on the references under Standing Order 164 in the Members motion. I just wanted to confer with the Clerk of the Assembly and Legal Counsel on whether or not the wording in the motion have to be relative to Standing Order 164. I rule the motion in order there was no need to do that so we can continue to proceed with the Members motion. Does any Member wish to speak to the motion? President of Nunatsiavut.

**President Lyall:** Mr. Speaker could I have the motion read again please.

**Mr. Pottle:** The Motion as proposed by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville is that a Special Committee of the House be struck in order to examine and report back to this Assembly on the inconsistencies related to the \$5000.00 settlement payout and the ratification voters list. Does any Member like to speak to the motion? Do you wish to speak to the motion?

**Mr. Tuttauk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker I would like to make an amendment to the resolution.

**Mr. Pottle:** As long as you have a second there for your amendment to the resolution, proceed Chair of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation.

**Mr. Tuttauk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville that the President of Nunatsiavut strike a Special Committee at the First sitting of the next Assembly to examine and to inquire on the inconsistencies related to the \$5000 settlement payout and the ratifications voters list. The composition of the committee is referred to the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures prior to the approval of the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Is there any Member wishes to speak to the proposed amendment. The Ordinary Member for Nain.

**Mr. Barbour:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's difficult to not be able to see the original motion and the amended motion without physically reading it. What my take on what I'm listening to I might take on this is that work is already being completed by NG itself and by the RCMP investigation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Ordinary Member for Nain .If there's no Member further wishes to speak to the amendment as proposed by the Chair of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, is the Assembly in favor of adopting the amendment as the proposed?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Pottle:** The resolution has unanimous consent therefore I believe that sorry I didn't hear any nays I heard yeas' so therefore there are nays this needs to be put to a vote all those in favor of adopting the amendment as proposed by the Chair of the Inuit Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation raise your hand. All those opposed raise your hand. There are 5 Members 8 Members in favor and there are 5 opposed therefore the amendment is carried. I believe please Clerk of the Assembly or Legal Council give me the nod so we won't have to break again whether or not we have now there's no need to go back to put the question on the Original resolution for proposed by the Ordinary from Upper Lake Melville because it's been adopted as amended sorry bear with us again for a few more minutes we have to do this properly, order please, thank you, again for your patience and bearing with us but processes have to be followed and we have to follow processes in our Standing Orders. I have to close debate on the resolution as amended as per the vote that was just approved on the resolution. Now I have to back track again and close debate on the original motion as amended and put that to a vote the Original motion as amended before amendment was that a Special Committee of the House be struck in order to examine and report back to the Assembly on the inconsistencies related to the \$5000.00 payout and the voters ratification list that has been amended to say that the President of Nunatsiavut strike a Special Committee at the first sitting of the next Assembly and asked for the establishment of a Special Committee of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to examine the inconsistencies related to the \$5000.00 settlement payout to the voters ratification list and the composition of the Special Committee be referred to the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures prior to final approval by the Assembly. Is the Assembly in favor of the adopting the initial resolution as amended?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Pottle:** Did I hear any nays that time around? There have been nays so I have to call the issue to a vote. All those in favor of the initial motion as amended raise your hand. All those opposed. The vote is 8 in favor, 5 opposed the resolution is carried. That concludes the debate.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for your patience. Certainly in our budget that projection for the coming fiscal year we have not budgeted for these 2 committees so we will possibly have to use funds from within our within the Assembly budget to achieve the costs to cover these 2 committees community structures to fund these 2 committees I

just like the Members to be aware of that.. I think this is some of the Members should be aware of when the committees in place and they are not budgeted for Certainly the Department of Finance will work and we can achieve this if we are to bring this issue to the Executive Council. We would do that but certain have the ability to ship funds that we have to move funds around to find costs for Members to travel and to be part of these committees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Honorable Minister of Finance for making that clarification. Your points are will taken. Before I close or ask for a Chairman of the House I would just like to bring one more attention to your matter. There have been some inquiries that about the dissolution of the House of Assembly because of the election for Ordinary Members. I would like to draw your attention to the Labrador Inuit Constitution Chapter 4 Section 4 Part 4 Section 4.5.3. In an ordinary election of the Nunatsiavut Assembly sorry if an ordinary general election for the Nunatsiavut Assembly is to be held in accordance with Section 4.5.2 of the Assembly the Assembly shall be dissolved by the virtue of this Section and whether or not it is then sitting at 12:00 noon on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the immediately proceeding April what that means is that this House of Assembly will be dissolved on April 6, 2010. I think you all should be aware that each and every committee whether that's a Standing Committee or a Special Committee on the House of the Assembly also is dissolved and those committees have to be reestablished again on the House of Assembly reconvenes following the generally election for the Ordinary Members. Listening to the Minister of Finance again his points were well taken and there's no guarantee what's been budgeted for by the Members Services Committee with respect to compositions of committees if there's no guarantee that these committees will be struck again but it is my belief that there will be funds as approved by the budget for committees no matter which they perform they takes so they will be dollars there. I think the Members Services Committee should take the Minister of Finances point into consideration when constructing the budget for the Assembly for next year that you should also consider budgeting some funds for special committees that may be struck by the Assembly. Before I adjourn the Assembly I would jut like to say from its Speaker's perspective that on behalf of each Member I believe I can speak on behalf of this last 3 and a half years have been tremendous, tremendous learning experience for us all. I think you should give yourself a pat on the back for the work you have done representing the constituency in your writings. I also think you should give yourself a pat on the back and commend yourself for the smooth and effective operation of the House of Assembly. When we sit obviously Member knows process the quite well. There will always be grey areas and we will learn and hopefully eliminate those grey areas and as we proceed and grow as a Government. So I think on behalf of all beneficiaries and I think the Assembly should be congratulated for the work that you have done over the last 4 years thank you. That concludes our Orders of the Day. Just one quick announcement the charter has been arranged to arrive in Hopedale at 3:00pm. It will go to Nain and then come back to Hopedale and go all points south from there. If anybody has any issues related to the transportation, please check with Hilda before the charter arrives. Thank you and God bless.