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Speaker: Patricia Ford

In Attendance:

Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Honorable Patricia Ford

President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Jim Lyall

First Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Honorable Darryl Shiwak

Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Johannes Lampe

Minister of Education, Training and Economic Development, Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Honorable Susan Nochasak

Minister of Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Honorable Daniel Pottle

Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Minister of Health and Social Development, Patricia Kemuksigak

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gary Mitchell

Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Deputy Speaker, Denise Lane

Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard

Chair Person for the NunaKatiget Community Corporation, Malcolm Winters

Chair Person for the Sivunivut Community Corporation, Edward Tuttauq

AngajukKâk for Nain, Anthony Andersen

AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey

Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Toby Andersen

Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Carl McLean

Deputy Minister of Finance and Human Resources, Information Technology, Rexanne Crawford

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

Acting Director of Communications, Bert Pomeroy

Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin

Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett

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MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek. Ullâkutllonnasi. I'd like to officially call to order the fall session of the second Nunatsiavut Assembly, the first sitting, this 13th day of December, 2011 to order. I will ask Reverend Beatrice Hope to say the opening prayer.

MS HOPE: I translated, edited it by myself, so please forgive my mistakes. Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. May we prove ourselves and be more mindful of your generosity and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education and an Honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, all pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Defend our liberties and keep those whom we have entrusted. We give authority of the Government, a spirit of wisdom that they there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our heart be thankful, and in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, almighty and most merciful God. Remember before you the homeless, the destitute, the sick, the aged, and all who have known to care for them. Heal those who are broken in spirit or body, and turn their sorrow into joy. Comfort the sad. Give strength to those who suffer. Hear the prayers of your people who are in trouble. Grant everyone in distress mercy, relief and refreshing. Grant these for the love of your son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray that the Nunatsiavut Government always remember the Inuit people at work and in their daily lives. We pray that as leaders we will think of ourselves as servants to the people. Amen.

ASSEMBLY: Amen.

MS HOPE: Nakummek.

ASSEMBLY: Amen.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, Reverend Hope. Order of the day number three, Announcements and Recognitions from the Chair. As this is the first time that the Assembly is meeting in the new

legislative building of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, I would like to invite President Lyall to provide opening comments.

MR. LYALL: Nakummek. Itsivautak. I'm really pleased to be here in Hopedale today, very first sitting of our Assembly in our brand new legislature. I think if we recognize that this is a building for the people, for the Inuit people of Nunatsiavut, I think it'll inspire us to do good things for all our people. Madame Speaker, I am extremely pleased to be the first President of Nunatsiavut to stand in this beautiful Assembly building, and I am honored and humbled to be part of this historical occasion for Nunatsiavut and our Government. I also want to acknowledge and welcome our newest elected member, Gary Mitchell, who will forever have the distinction of participating in his first ever sitting here in this building. Although the Government infrastructure falls under the Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Madame Speaker, I think it's important for me as President to note that this building belongs to all beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Since being formed just over six years ago, Madame Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government has made significant strides in many fronts of our new administration building opening in Nain less than two years ago. We had built new houses and Government offices, funded recreational and multi purposes facilities, and other community infrastructure, and we've continued to grow our Government so that we can provide programs and services to all of our people. The Nunatsiavut Assembly building, Madame Speaker, serves as a symbol of our strength as a people, and a resolve to control our own destiny, and a reflection of the great changes that we are making as a Government, not only here in Hopedale, but throughout the whole of Nunatsiavut. This is a very impressive building, Madame Speaker, something all Labrador Inuit should be proud of to call their own. While we had hoped to have held an official opening to coincide with this session of the Assembly, as you know, Madame Speaker, we had to push our plans back due to the fact that we only took out ownership of the building just a couple of weeks ago. I understand that there are still efficiencies that had to be addressed, but I am confident in saying that we will hold an official opening this coming spring, probably in March. We intend to invite many special guests, various dignitaries and officials from the federal, provincial and as well as the Inuit Government organization throughout the country. The official opening will be a momentous and historic occasion, Madame Speaker, and we want to take that opportunity to showcase Nunatsiavut to the rest of the province and, indeed, to the entire country. In closing, Madame Speaker, I want to commend and thank all those involved in helping to make this Assembly building become a reality. I also want to thank Assembly members for their support, hard work and dedication over the past year. While we often have to make some very difficult decisions, we do so with the best interest of Nunatsiavut and its beneficiaries. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

ASSEMBLY: (Knocks in Agreement)

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. President. For the information of the Assembly, the pages are Thomas Onalik and Amber Vincent. They are excelling high school students from the Amos Comenius School in Hopedale. The helpers are Nancy Rose and Emily Abel. The interpreter/translators are John Jararuse and Wilson Jararuse. Andrew Hamel is the IT person assisting us for this Assembly. As well, we would like to recognize the OkâlaKatiget staff, Mitchell White and Patrick Goudie. The snack caterer for this session is Damieon Lucy. If there are any questions around travel and logistics, please see Nancy

Rose. Victoria Winters will be the driver for the day, if anyone needs transportation here and there. So we'll now move on down to number four, Oath of Office for the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. May I request the President to administer the Oath of Office for Gary Mitchell who won the by-election for the Ordinary Member in Upper Lake Melville.

MR. LYALL: Please repeat after me, Gary. In the presence of everyone assembled here, and the full realization of the high calling I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. MITCHELL: In the presence of everyone assembled here, and the full realization of the high calling I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. LYALL: And that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

MR. MITCHELL: And that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

MR. LYALL: I, Gary Mitchell, swear that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut and will obey, respect, and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution.

MR. MITCHELL: I, Gary Mitchell, swear that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut and will obey, respect, and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution.

MR. LYALL: And all Inuit laws.

MR. MITCHELL: And all Inuit laws.

MR. LYALL: And I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader.

MR. MITCHELL: And I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader.

MR. LYALL: And to perform my functions as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to the best of my ability, so help me, God.

MR. MITCHELL: And to perform my functions as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to the best of my ability, so help me, God.

ASSEMBLY: (Knocks in Agreement)

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. President, and welcome, Gary Mitchell. Gary will sit on the Member Services Committee. We'll go over to number five on Orders of the Day, Presentation from the Auditors, and right now I'd like to recognize Mr. President.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'll ask the Minister of Finance to make introductions. Thank you.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Deloitte & Touche LLP, known as Deloitte, is part of Deloitte, Touche, Tohmatsu one of the world's leading professional service firms. In Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador, Deloitte is the largest professional service firm providing a full range of

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MADAM SPEAKER: Mr. President, would you like to request Assembly of the Whole for this?

MR. LYALL: Yes, I request that we go into a Committee as a Whole for this session. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Assembly will now convene as a Committee of the Whole to hear from Keith Mayer and Paul Janes from the audit firm of Deloitte & Touche.

MR. JANES: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, and thank you for welcoming us to this beautiful building that you've had here today, and we'll have a couple of different documents that we'll go through. So the first one is the document with the cover, like, this cover. This will allow us a chance to walk you through a little bit of detail around our audit and the audit process, and then we'll present the other two documents simultaneously as we walk through highlights of the consolidated financial statements for March 31st, 2011. So the first document has, is titled, Year End Communication Nunatsiavut Government. It's the first page is just our cover letter to this document and it talks about the fact that we have issued our consolidated audit report on the consolidated financial statements as of March 31st, 2011, and the audit report is dated November 18th, which is the date which the financial statements were approved by the Executive Council, and thanks management of the Government for all their help and assistance during the audit process. Page one is the Executive Summary. So some highlights are: Our audit of the consolidated financial statements is designed to obtain a reasonable,

rather than absolute, assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. There were no significant departures from our audit planning and risk assessment process and our materiality was calculated at \$750,000 in the current year compared to 685 for the 2010 audit, and this did not change throughout the course of our audit. We have rendered a qualified audit opinion on the consolidated financial statements, so I'll speak to that a little bit later when I get into the actual details of the financial statements. We go through and during our planning process and throughout our audit, we'll go through a process where look at what the significant risks are, throughout the audit process. We detail those and pay close attention to them throughout the process, and we've outlined some of the more significant ones here, which will be revenue recognition, the financial statement presentation and disclosure, unusual transactions, management estimates and the general ledger and adjusting journal entry process, which we'll talk to in a little more detail. With regards to fraud and illegal acts, as recommended Canadian Audit Standard 240, we are not aware of any illegal or fraudulent events. So although our audits not designed to detect fraud, we do have a bit of a responsibility to make sure that our procedures are designed that they may detect fraud if it did occur, and during their audit process there was nothing that came to our attention. The significant accounting policies of the Government are set forth in note two to the financial statements. Again, we'll discuss these a little bit later when I walk through the financial statements. During the day to day accounting of the Government, managements uses many estimates to form the financial statements, and we'll go through those with management and during our audit process for March 31st, 2011 year end management advises that there were no significant changes in the way that they came up with their estimates and the judgments that they used. It's our responsibility to bring forward to you any audit adjustments on correcting misstatements or disclosure deficiencies that we found during the course of our audit. It is our practice to tell you all unadjusted differences in excess of 37,500, which is a percentage of our materiality that we use. There's only one and it was very minor in nature and that there was interest revenue accrual from 2010, which is actually recorded in 2011. So it's just in the wrong period but, again, very minor in nature in the grand scheme of the financial statements. Also there was one disclosure deficiency. Under the Public Sector Accounting Standards, which the Nunatsiavut Government follows, there's a requirement to disclose on the statement of operation and comparison to your budget numbers, however, in the Government's case, this is a very difficult task to achieve and have this disclosure in there, due to the fact that the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust is consolidated into your financial statements, as you know, and this is the budgeting process that they follow doesn't necessarily coincide yet with the Government, so it's something that we have brought to management's attention in working with them on, but I am aware, I think the Government is aware of the budgets that you do have, so the information is readily available to compare to what your actual financial statements present at the end of the day. Independence. We have developed appropriate safeguards procedures to eliminate any threats to our independence and can declare that we are independent for the period covering the audit, March 31st, 2011 and, again, we have issued a qualified audit report, which I will speak to a little bit later. Under our Audit Scope and Findings on page three, so in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Auditing Standards our audit plan is designed to enable us to express an opinion on the fairness of the presentation of the Government annual financial statements prepared in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Changes to the audit plan. During the March 31st, 2011, our audit plan went as planned and there were no

significant changes to that plan. During the course of our audit, there were no disagreements with management on any matters, and if there were, we would bring those to your attention. There were no consultations with other accountants that we're aware of on accounting matters. Our procedures did not identify any areas of material non-compliance with laws and regulations by the Government, and it's also we should bring to your attention any post balance sheet events, so any events that could affect the financial statements post March 31st, 2011, and as disclosed in note 23, to your financial statements, there was a forgiveness of debt of the Tasiujatsoak Trust of \$6 million to the Government post balance sheet date after year end. So this is, although it's not reflected in the numbers of the financial statements right now, it is note disclosed and during the 2012 fiscal year this amount will be reflected in the accounts for the Nunatsiavut Government, and I'll point that out in further detail when we get to the balance sheet. So our areas of focus, just in a little more detail financial statement disclosure and presentations. So we review with management all significant accounting policies and disclosures to ensure that they are in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, and we did obtain documentation in respect of all the areas that we were required to review. And we are satisfied with the presentation of the financial statements, and all material quantitative and qualitative disclosures have been properly included therein. We also look at any unusual transactions and management estimates. One of those management estimates would be completeness of accrued liabilities. We reviewed significant supporting documentation as well as assumptions with management that they made and their reasoning for those assumptions, and conclude that the estimates are appropriately recorded and disclosed in the financial statements. There's one significant transaction that we'll speak to in more detail when we get to the financial statements, but that was of a recording of a lease transaction within the Capital Strategy Limited Partnership, I think, probably the most often referred to as the infrastructure park within the Government. So this is a very, very complex transaction that happened during the year and required a significant amount of accounting research around it due to the complexity. So we went through the agreements thoroughly with management and were able to conclude that the recording of the lease was appropriate, and I will highlight the major areas where that affects your financial statements so let me go through those in detail. Another area of focus for us is around adjusting journal entries as this is one area where it allows the, I guess, changes to the numbers and records within your financial statements, and when testing a sample of those, we found that they were properly approved and there was no errors there and they were able to be supported with supporting documentation in all cases. The last area of focus is around revenue recognition. This is a focus for us as auditors no matter what entity we are auditing. It's always a significant area to look at. In the Government's case, we would have confirmed the majority of revenue as well as tested anything that we couldn't confirm through a third party source, and reviewed internal controls related to the recording of revenues as well, and are satisfied that the Government's revenue recognition process is appropriate and revenues are not materially misstated. Page six, Significant Accounting Practices. Again, these are disclosed in note two to the financial statements. I'm happy to go through any of them with you that you may have questions on, but they are all, obviously, within Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and you follow the Public Sector Accounting Standards as laid out by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, and during the year ended March 31st, 2011, there were no new accounting standards adopted. They were all the same as the prior year. Any questions so far? Okay. So next I'm going to-, hopefully I won't be too confusing but I'm

going to walk through the Nunatsiavut Government Assembly consolidated financial statement presentation that's there as well as your financial statements at the same time. And this document is really meant to just highlight the differences year over year and the changes year over year, the major balances that are there. I'll be happy to take any questions as I go through any of the balances, but this document really is meant to highlight the significant changes year over year. So on page one of the presentation and page four of the actual financial statements, which is the consolidated statement of financial position, is where we'll start. So some of the significant balances and changes that I thought I should bring to your attention on this statement of financial position, there's obviously the cash-, oh, sorry.

MADAM SPEAKER: Question down here.

MR. JANES: Sure.

MR. POTTLE: People are just wondering where to find the consolidated financial statements. They're in your binder under tab three, the back of tab three.

MR. JANES: Okay. So, yes within those statements, we'll start on page four, which is the consolidated statement of financial position.

MS. WOLFREY: In tab three, all I'm seeing is the standing orders. Then it's Inuttitut. Oh, after tab three, is it? Okay. Sorry. Thank you.

MR. JANES: Okay. So, again, starting on page four and also page one of the other document which I'll highlight some of the changes. The cash balance at the end of March 31st, 2011, was 53.2 million versus 18.5 in, in the prior year. 19.5 million of this sits within the Nunatsiavut Government departments, and 30.7 million of this would sit within the implementation and settlement trust records. The inventory, although, it's a small balance, I just want to bring that to your attention, that most of that would, that entire inventory sits within the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust and the related entities underneath that Trust, and so it's not within the Government, itself. Restricted cash balance is nil. It was \$83,000 in the past, and this was in relation to a loan that the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation had with the BDC, Business Development Bank of Canada, and the cash was, that's just part of the security for that, for that loan. That loan's now been paid off, so the security's been released and, therefore, the restricted cash balance is no longer there. The portfolio investments are \$15.2 million versus 20 million in the prior year, and this consists of GIC's and bonds that the Government has purchased over the last couple of years. The restricted investments balance of a hundred and eighty-one million versus almost a hundred and eighty-three point five in the prior year, are the investments that are held within both the Implementation and Settlement Trusts. Just turning to page two of the presentation. The loans receivable balance of 2.9, very consistent with the balance in the prior year. It's coming from two different sources; one being the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, and there's an offsetting payable of the exact same amount of 2.5 million to the Tasiujatsoak Trust, which we'll get to in a little bit, in note 13, and the different remaining of the balance comes from the NBCI. Investments and advances of approximately \$1.5 million is all from ICST and LIDC entities and subsidiaries. And there's further detail of what makes up that balance in note six. New balance there that you'll see, net

investment in finance lease, which is detailed in note four, but a significant balance at \$12.5 million is the transaction that I referred to earlier as the infrastructure park deal, and represents the lease that will be received over the next 13 years from a transaction with Vale Inco. Again, this is a very complex transaction that took place during the year. We spent a significant amount of time researching it to make sure that it was properly recorded under the accounting principles, and found that it was properly recorded. That \$12 million will basically be received over the next 13 years. Some of it will be shown, you'll receive about a million dollars, approximately, every single year. Some of it will go towards reducing this balance that you see as a receivable on the balance sheet. The rest of it will be income, and if I can relate it to a mortgage on your home. It's about the same, it works similarly. So in the early years a lot of the payments will be applied as interest, and you'll see that as revenue in the later years of that 13-year period, a lot of the money received will go against the balance that you see sitting in here on the balance sheet of \$12.5 million and less of it will be recorded as interest revenue, and I'll talk to the revenue side of it when we get to that in a few moments. Turning to the liabilities section of the Statement of Financial Position, you can see that the bank indebtedness has gone down from 3.8 million to 2.3 in the current year. This all comes from the LIDC into the secured line of credit with the Bank of Montreal. There are further details around the security and the line of credit in note seven to the financial statements and, basically, this has been able to be reduced in the current period because of the positive cash flow that the LIDC and related entities was able to turn in the current year which they used to pay down this bank indebtedness as well as their long-term debt, which we'll speak to in a second. This deferred revenue there of 16.1 million versus 20.8, this is mostly within the Nunatsiavut Government departments and relates to funds that you've received from different sources that you haven't been able to bring into revenue yet, either because the money hasn't been spent, or because there's conditions around the funding agreement that are yet to be met to allow that amount to be brought into revenue. That's normal course of business, nothing unusual there. Long-term debt is 2.4 million versus 3 million in the prior year, so the debt's being paid off in normal course and, again, this all comes from Labrador Inuit Development Corporation and related entities and the amounts are due to the Bank of Montreal, CBDC and ACOA, and again all the debt is being paid down on schedule. The note payable is payable to the Government of Canada. Details are in note 11 to the financial statements. The balance has come down \$3 million and again this is part of normal course and is being paid down on schedule as per the terms of the note. Payable to the Tasiujatsoak Trust is \$8.5 million, 2.5 million of which is the offsetting to the loan that is in loan receivable that I spoke to earlier and is detailed in note five, and the other \$6 million, as I mentioned earlier, has been forgiven by the Tasiujatsoak Trust after year end. So that balance will, that you see there under liabilities, are now \$8.5 million. Next year, or as we speak, is now 2.5, instead of 8.5 due to that forgiveness of debt. Deferred capital grants is just under a million dollars, \$956,000, and these are grants that have been received for the purpose, over time, for the purchase of capital assets and that amount's brought into income as the capital assets are amortized and expensed. Due to affiliated entities, our balance is underneath the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation and affiliated entities and, basically, our balances that are owing to entities that do not end up getting consolidated into these financial statements, but which the LIDC has some type of partial ownership in. Annual capital assets have increased from 27.3 million in the prior year to 30.4 in the current year. Most of this is within the NG departments and various buildings, including this one, that are under construction during the year. Deferred expenditures. Land claims. Again is being amortized

over a period of time and this balance comes down by the same rate every year and will so until the balance is zero. Okay. So turn our attention now to Statement of Operations, which is H5 of the presentation and coincidentally page five of the financial statements as well. Speak to this at a high level, but if anybody has-, oh, sorry, go ahead.

MS. WOLFREY: I'm going to go back to this finance lease of \$12.5 million because I really don't understand what you were telling us, and before I can move on and put my attention to the rest, because I keep thinking about what is that, I need you to explain to me what it is. I didn't really understand it, sorry.

MR. JANES: Sure. No problem. So I'll give you the details of what happened in that transaction. Basically, there was at a high level, and you tell me if there's a further questions, I'll be happy to answer. High level, what happened was; there was a \$25 million grant from the federal government, as well as a \$5 million grant from Vale Inco, which totals 30 million. This 30 million came to the Nunatsiavut Government. The Government then gave this money to Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, which the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust then formed another entity. The \$30 million was given to that entity. They then took it and bought assets from Vale Inco at which, and my understanding is that all the assets are at Voisey's Bay, which represent buildings, mostly fixed assets, buildings, wharfs, other assets that are there. So the assets were purchased for \$42 million. You paid for those assets through \$30 million in cash, which I just spoke about, as well as a \$12 million note, which you owe to Vale Inco. At the same instance as you purchased them, two minutes later, you lease the assets back to Vale Inco, which gives rise to the balance that you see there. The balance is made up of three different components. One is the principal payments that you will receive from Vale Inco over a 13-year period, so that's the term of the lease. The lease you signed was for 13 years, which is, I'm assuming, Vale's best guess at the life of the mine, but there are clauses in there which allow the lease to be extended. So it's \$33 million in principal payments. There's \$8 million in interest payments and then offsetting so that they offset each other on the balance sheet because one is a deferred revenue and one is an asset, which gets you down to about 24, \$25 million, and then the note payable that I just spoke about which you owe to them is off, is also offset against that balance which gets you to a net balance of \$12.5 million on the balance sheet. So you got 33 less 8, which is the deferred revenue or the interest that you'll receive, less the \$12 million note payable that you owe to Vale as part of the transaction as well that offsets each other which gets you back to a lease that you will receive of \$12.5 million. That is one half of the transaction because the other half of the transaction happened with the Innu. So the numbers are exactly the same. So, essentially, there's \$84 million, and as you double all the numbers and you get back to the full transaction that happened, you were 50 percent of the transaction. The Innu were the other 50 percent of the transaction, but everything happened the same. So I kind of try to separate it for simplicity sake, if it is simple, but, basically, the numbers that I just said to you about the Nunatsiavut Government happened on the Innu side as well in exactly the same fashion and manner.

MS. WOLFREY: I've got to try to make sure I understand so are you telling me that we bought the wharfs and the infrastructure from Inco, and that the million dollars that we get every year, do we still owe Inco money, is that what you're saying? We bought all that stuff from them so basically, built all that stuff and we were going to buy it back from them, is that what you're telling me?

MR. JANES: Essentially, yes, they owned assets, they leased them, and then the Nunatsiavut Government purchased them, sorry, and then leased them back to receive those payments over the term of the lease over a period of time. The end of the lease there you will not owe money to, I don't know if that's part of your question, but you will not owe further cash or money to Vale. Once the lease is paid out by Vale that will be the end of the transaction. What will be after happening over a period of time is you'll be after receiving that money back from Vale Inco.

MS. WOLFREY: Yes, I'm wondering what we're going to do with docks and infrastructure that's going to be left. What are we doing buying that, for what reason are we buying that? That's what I'm wondering. Why did we spend \$33 million buying infrastructure when there's no mine there? What are we going to do with a dock over there in Voisey's Bay or wherever it's at?

MADAM SPEAKER: Danny.

MR. POTTLE: I'd like to call Deputy Minister Rexanne Crawford to the table to help the AngajukKâk for Rigolet understand our position.

MS CRAWFORD: The infrastructure park deal is part of negotiations with Vale Inco when they were starting the mine. So this is a way of getting some federal dollars and to help bring the mine to fruition, and I believe that in the Voisey's Bay, and I can look it up, there is a clause we have to remediate this site too at the end of the mine's life. So there shouldn't be a lot of infrastructure there, but I can look on up in the agreement.

MS. WOLFREY: I know that we're supposed to bring the environment back to as much of its natural state as what it was when they went there. Knowing there was a mine is not going to be, you know, like that, but that's why I'm asking why did we buy a dock that's going to be toredown? That's what I'm asking that for and I, I don't know if I'm missing something or what, but I really need to know and, anyway, Rexanne, I thought you'd come to the table and would be able to explain it because, I mean, you normally can make my mind okay with stuff, but I still don't understand why we bought a dock that's going to be tore down, and why Vale Inco's is leasing it back from us. At the end of the day, I guess we wouldn't have spent any money, is that what you're saying?

MS CRAWFORD: In my knowledge, it was a way of getting the federal government dollars into the mine. So the federal government gave a grant to \$25 million, and the way to get it into Voisey's Bay to get the mine running was to buy the assets, lease it back, and the reason that it's under the Capital Strategy Trust is to protect us from the OSR clawback. So that's why the money that we used to buy the assets of Voisey's Bay is for federal government dollars, and it was the way that Voisey's Bay Nickel at the time, Vale Inco now, could get money from the feds. The only way the feds could give money to Voisey's Bay was to flow it through the two aboriginal groups in Labrador at the time this was being negotiated LIA, now Nunatsiavut Government and Innu Nation, and they flow the money to the aboriginal groups, and then you purchase the assets because we had to do something with the money. We couldn't just grant it to Voisey's Bay. We bought the assets, but they are using the assets. So we lease it back to them and we're earning, we're allowed to, we can earn money from that transaction

then and have extra cash into the Government that we can use, well, the capital strategy trust can use and hopefully grant us some money too.

MS. WOLFREY: Vale Inco is one of the richest companies in the world, and whoever bought Voisey's Bay out in the first place paid 4 or \$5 billion for it, and my goodness, if they could afford to do that they didn't need Government money, did they? I mean, it's just something that is unusual, but because Vale Inco is, my understanding is they've got everything over there paid for, lock, stock and barrel and every ounce and nickel that comes out of there, they're making money on, so they're kind of rich for us to be helping.

MR. LYALL: I would just like to add something to this. The agreement we have between Vale Inco and the federal government, also and the Innu, we're making money out of this deal. At the end of the end of the day when the lease is finished, we're at a \$13 million profit. We're not losing any money; we're making money on the deal.

MS. WOLFREY: And we're getting a dock in the process that's going to be torn down.

MR. LYALL: No, we're getting \$13 million. I don't care what happens to the dock.

MR. JANES: I hope I'm not speaking out of turn and I'll just make one other point about that. Essentially, what happened is the 25 million came from the federal government into the Nunatsiavut Government's hands, went to Vale Inco's hands, but over time, it comes back to you. I think that's the key, the key piece, is that that \$25 million over that 13-year period of the lease comes back to the Nunatsiavut Government with interest. So I think because I don't want to speak out of turn, but I don't think the purpose of it was, essentially, for 25 million to go into Vale Inco. I think the \$25 million, the purpose of it was to go into Vale, but then come to Nunatsiavut Government over time, so.... Yes, but it was a very, very complex transaction, to say the least. So we were just Statement of Operations, on page five of the financial statements and page five of the presentation. So, as you can see, the consolidated revenues for the Nunatsiavut Government were \$90.7 million in the current year versus 84.4 million. Essentially, all the revenue balances year over year were very similar with two significant changes, one being you say, see there referred to as gain on sale of assets of \$13 million. It's the third line down on page five. This is all related to the agreement we just discussed with Vale Inco. This large increase in your revenues is a one-time event and happened as a result of the accounting around the transaction. Go forward, you will see; approximately three quarters of a million dollars every year come out of that deal, which would be recognized as revenue. So, as I said earlier, there's approximately a million dollars that will be received every year. In the first few years of the transaction, about three quarters of a million of that will be recognized as revenue. The remainder will reduce the receivable and then that will over the 13-year period you'll see one balance decrease and the amount that is related to the paying down the receivable will go up, so your receivable will go down. And amount of revenue that you recognize will go down over time, but essentially what happens is that the full \$25 million goes into your cash balances. The other decrease was amounts there of the last line under revenue from the Implementation Trust, which went from 7.4 last year to nothing in the current year, and I think that was related to capital projects, I think, last year. Your total expenditure balance, this is a lot of line items

there under expenditures, and most of them are fairly consistent year over year. Your total expenditures went from 70 million in the current year, it was 75 in the prior year and that the significant decreases there was that one line, equipment line, went down from \$2.7 million in the prior year. All the rest of the balances, I think, are fairly consistent year over year. So you'll note there at the bottom of page six, which is the end of the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus, that your consolidated surplus for the current year is \$20.1 million dollars versus 9.5 in the prior year, but a caution that a significant portion of that 20 million, \$13 million, which is the one-time increase in revenues that we talked about related to the Infrastructure Park Agreement under the Capital Strategy Limited Partnership. So that is a one-time event and will not be there in the coming years, and that's really driving a significant portion of what that surplus balance is in the current year. Your consolidated accumulated surplus, which is the last line on page six of the financial statements, is \$263 million, 211 million of which is from the Implementation and Settlement Trusts, and that \$263 balance is further broken down into note 11. You can see the further details as to what makes up that balance, but a significant portion of it is coming from the two trusts. And the capital transfer line, just to highlight, there are transfers that are of capital into the two trusts during the year, okay, and that balance was 30, almost \$33 million in the current year. Page six of the presentation talks about the statement of changes and net financial assets, which is page seven of the consolidated financial statements. The statement shows the changes and the assets and liabilities for the year essentially affecting the Government's ability to pay its liabilities in the future. It shows a healthy financial position with a net asset position of \$201 million at the end of the year. And just to point out that if Nunatsiavut Government had more liabilities than what you had assets with the ability to pay those liabilities, the statement would show a net debt position instead of a net asset position. So I just want to highlight that to make sure that you're aware of the difference. So it does show a healthy financial position when you're in a net financial asset position of 201 million. So page seven of the presentation just highlights some other areas that we might not have yet talked about, but that you should be aware of as part of your financial statements. The first is the qualified audit report, which is page one of your financial statements, and the qualified audit report is due to the fact that there was some information with regards to entities that the ICST and LIDC have ownership in, that the financial records were not available at the time we did the consolidation. So that is why there is a qualified audit report, and two of those entities are entities which we believe that there is no transactions, or very little transactions in those companies, if any, but we're just not able to fully substantiate that, and it's not the fault of management underneath the LIDC or ICST. It's the fact that the records that do not exist under their control, so it's hard for us to be able to substantiate what did or didn't exist in those entities. Note two to your financial statements. So the notes to the financial statements are there to provide further explanatory information to all the numbers of your financial statements. Note two, which starts on page 10, highlights all of your accounting policies. I didn't plan to go through those in detail. I just want to highlight those so that you understand that they're there to help you. If you were trying to understand how certain transactions may be accounted for, note two would outline all those. Note 14 outlines the purpose of the implementation and settlement trusts. Note 16, as I've already brought your attention to, highlights the components of accumulated surplus, and Note 16, sorry, is on page 22, so it's at the near the back of the actual consolidated financial statements. And, again, worth noting that the significant accumulated surplus balances that are built up within the two trusts. One other note I'd like

to draw your attention to, would be Note 20, which is on page 24, and this highlights contingencies that are out there that could affect the Nunatsiavut Government. These are not, oh, sorry...

MR. WINTERS: Excuse me, could you slow down a bit, please? We're going from one to the other, and it's kind of confusing. Thank you.

MR. JANES: Sir, sorry, about that. So Note 20 is the contingencies. Note 20 is on page 24 of your financial statements, which highlights the possibility of legal proceedings as well as a couple of guarantees to other parties. And the legal proceedings note is there as a description of possible legal proceedings that could come against the Government. If there were legal proceedings that we thought were going to actually result in a liability of the Government, and we would discuss with management and your legal counsel and ask that a liability be recorded. Through our discussions with management and legal counsel, as of the date of the financial statements, we're not aware of anything that will definitely result in a liability to the Government, but that we do bring this note as a highlight to the reader that in the normal course of business there's always the opportunity, there is always the possibility, I should say, that something could come up that could cause the Government to have a liability through legal proceedings. So that's really, at this point in time, there's nothing to highlight that we're aware of, but it is there to highlight to the reader of the financial statements. That was the major highlights that we were going to go through in the statements, but if there's, obviously, if there's questions or further details that anybody would like, I'm happy to, to go through any issues in further detail.

MR. PIERCY: On page seven of your report it says the write down of tangible capital assets. Why is there a difference from 30 to 307, how would you explain because if you keep going down amortization, right, you go from 25 to 23, then capital transfer from 92 to 32, but the amortization of deferred expenditures, then it says land claims, that number don't change.

MR. JANES: Sure. I can talk to that a little bit. So these balances won't necessarily relate to each other year over year, but specifically around the write down of tangible capital assets, that was within one of the entities underneath the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation, and they were assets which were on the books which, from a valuation perspective, through discussions with management, we felt that they necessarily didn't have the value that they were recorded for. So we're required under accounting principles to ensure that the balance that they're on the financial statements for, they're at least worth that much. The \$30,000 in the prior year, I think, was from the same thing, but that was just a much smaller balance than in the current year. It was felt that we should write down some of those assets, and so that it came from, I don't remember the exact entity now, but I can find out for you, but it is one of the entities under the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation where we, through discussions with management, we asked them to write down those assets. So that balance can fluctuate from year to year, and some years it'll be nothing, and some years it will have a balance there. The other balance is the amortization of capital assets, your capital transfers. The amortization of deferred expenditures land claims will not change year over year because it's a set amount based on the accounting policy that's been adopted by the Government that will be written down. So that relates to, if you look on page four, right at the bottom, there's a deferred expenditure land claim balance there of \$30 million.

This balance comes from expenses of the Nunatsiavut Government. It's my understanding, expenses of the Nunatsiavut Government when you are going through the land claims process, and it will be written down over 15 years. So that amount will not change until that \$30.4 million you see on the Statement of Financial Position on page four becomes zero. So you'll write down that \$3.3 million every single year, for 15 years until that's zero. So that's been happening for the last few years and will continue to happen and Rexanne's reminding me, it's non-cash. There's no cash involved. So that expenses that you had years and years ago, it became an asset of the organization and it's written down, but it's not actually cash out of your pocket. The cash was out of the pocket a long time ago and relates to the note payable that's there under liabilities and described in Note 11 of \$33 million as well. So one is kind of related to the other. Does that answer your question, or is there a number there you want me to go into more detail?

MR. PIERCY: No.

MR. JANES: Okay.

MS. WOLFREY: I'm just wondering, is it possible for us to get this stuff up front so that we could have looked at it, or would it be too confusing for us to have looked at it days before and then come in here with our questions, or I might have even had Rexanne called up and she might have had all that explained to me and I'd come in here knowing what I was talking about instead of getting it explained to me here in the Assembly. So would that be possible?

MS. CRAWFORD: It was sent out, I think, on Friday, to all the Assembly members. We sent it to the Assembly, I think it's 48 hours we have to have documents submitted to be mailed out to the Assembly prior to it, and those were all emailed out as well. So we did make an effort, I know last year, I don't think it was emailed out, but it was emailed out on Friday morning to the Assembly.

MR. ANDERSEN: You know, I don't, start reading emails on Friday afternoon. It's the weekend. So, hey, you know, got better things to do on the weekend than read the boring audits, but, you know, it's not something that you want to take home with you, but like Charlotte and it was mentioned before if we could have a few days to read some of that stuff, it would make your life easier as well.

MR. JANES: The other thing is that transaction is part of ICST and I think ICST reports to you now on a regular basis, or does it?

MS. CRAWFORD: The ICST is reported in September, and our plan is, or their plan is to report on a yearly basis every September, so some of the questions, but in response to AngajukKâk Andersen, we will, next year, try to get it out even earlier than the 48 hours to the best of our ability.

MADAM SPEAKER: Any more questions for the auditors?

MR. JACQUE: For clarification purposes, on page 24 of the financial statements and commitments, 21, Item 1, says that the Nunatsiavut Government or the Department of Health and Social Development is coming to annual rental payments for 2012, 13 and 14. Just wondering why the big difference there in the decrease and what are those rentals for? Thank you.

MS. CRAWFORD: The Department of Health and Social Development runs various buildings. There's Kelland Drive and Courte Real in Goose Bay. In Makkovik they rent an office space. I think those are the three buildings. We rent some space currently in Nain as well. We only put in our commitments that we have a lease agreement with. So our lease in Goose Bay on Kelland Drive is due to end in March 31st, 2012. So until we have another lease in place, you wouldn't see the commitment there for 2013, until we signed the next lease, and so those are the three buildings that we rent there and the cost.

MR. JACQUE: Wouldn't that have been included in Item 2; the Government has commended us to lease office space? There are two different types, or are...

MR. JANES: We separate them, and they're separated here only because we report on separate financial statements of the Government and the Department of Health as well, and these would be broken out underneath those. They could be added together because in your eyes it's one Government and it's leases. So, yeah, we could consolidate them and add those together. They are just leases for office space. They are separated here only because of the purpose that we report on separate financial statements for those entities.

MADAM SPEAKER: Any more questions? The Honorable President?

MR. LYALL: Madame Speaker, I suggest if there's no more questions or comments, that we go back into a general Assembly. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: We're back into Assembly now and I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Finance.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. One of the things that we have to formally do is propose a motion to the Assembly to accept the report of the auditors for period ending March 31st, 2011. Therefore, Madame Speaker, I move that the Assembly accept the audited consolidated financial statements as presented by Deloitte & Touche for the year ending March 31st, 2011, seconded by the Honorable First Minister. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: The motion is in order. Do the Assembly accept the report?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MADAM SPEAKER: The report is accepted. We're now going to take a break until 10 to 11:00.

(Recess)

MADAM SPEAKER: On the Orders of the Day we are now down to number six, Tabling of Documents and Petitions, and right now I'd like to recognize Denise Lane, Ordinary Member for Makkovik.

MS. LANE: Madame Speaker, I wish to move, seconded by Honorable Dan Pottle, that the revised Standing Orders approved by the standing committee on rules and procedures on November the 15th, 2011, to be received and tabled in the Assembly. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: The motion is carried and the document is considered tabled. Are there any more Tabling of Documents and Petitions? Then we'll move on to Order of the Day, number seven, Minister Statements or Announcements. Are there any Minister Statements or Announcements? I'd like to recognize the Honorable Danny Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. On behalf of the Canadian Constituency and the Nunatsiavut Assembly, I would ask this Honorable house in joining me in congratulating Violet Ford, a beneficiary to the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement, who has been nominated and will receive the National Aboriginal Achievement Award for the category of law and justice, and this award will be presented to Violet in February of 2012 in Vancouver, B.C. I'd also ask this Honorable House to join me in congratulating another beneficiary in Canada, Rob Lackie, who just received the Aboriginal Affairs Award from the City of Toronto. Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I would also, at this point in time, Madame Speaker, like to present the Departmental Report from the Department of Finance and Human Resources for the period September 1st to November 30th, 2011. In the division of finance we have been extremely busy over the last period, Madame Speaker, working on several projects. We have started negotiations, Madame Speaker, with the Government of Canada for a new Fiscal Financing Agreement. We are in negotiation with new agreements with two air services providers on the north coast, Air Labrador and Provincial Airlines Innu Mikun. We finalized agreement with Air Canada, Madame Speaker that provides us with significant benefits for flights between Goose Bay and St. John's, specifically. Air Canada, we've entered into a contract and they give us a discounted rate of 65 percent off their latitude fare and there are no change fees associated with that, Madame Speaker, so that should be a cost saving to the Nunatsiavut Government. Madame Speaker, infrastructure continues to be a demand on our division as we plan for new facilities and, as such, new office complexes in Makkovik, and seniors' apartments, complexes for Hopedale and Nain. We continue, Madame Speaker, through the Joint Management Committee to work on capital words projects for all our Inuit communities. In an effort, Madame Speaker, to provide financial information for the period ending November 30, 2011, we have received the following revenues as noted in Budget Act 2011. In personal income tax, \$2 million, GST Agreement, \$1.179549 million. Interest income, \$374,576, mining tax royalties, \$224,674, and Fiscal Financing Agreement, \$23,800,918. In the division of Human Resources, Madame Speaker, for the period of September 1st, 2011, to November 30, 2011, the Human Resources division held 11 job competitions. The majority of the positions were within the Department of Health and Social Development including the team leader's position in the community of Rigolet. During the last period, Madame Speaker, several managers within the Government participated in Training and Human Resources. This training was provided with funds under the Aboriginal Health Human Resources initiative project. This money was received under the Department of Health and Social Development. Over a three-day period, Madame Speaker, training was focused on Human Resources Management, and Planning and Evaluation was provided by the Canadian Management Centre. Finally, Madame Speaker, we saw that a new Director of Economic Development, Daryl Dibblee begin his position and he's taken up residence in the community of Nain. Daryl comes to the Nunatsiavut Government from Cambridge Bay, and although he's not a beneficiary of the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement he do have ties through his spouse who was a beneficiary originally from North West River. In the division of Information Technology, Madame Speaker, this fall has been a busy one for the IT Department. While

the volume of help desk calls have remained fairly steady, there have been a lot of scheduled computer rebuilds and replacement. All of the schedule replacements have been performed, and all of the old assets are in the process of being decommissioned and/or re-provisioned within the Civil Service. In cases where we have older equipment, Madame Speaker, that does not meet our operational requirements, but is still functional, those assets are retained for donation to community groups within Nunatsiavut. Over and above the daily operations the IT Department has been working towards larger projects in this quarter. The Nunatsiavut Government intranet is now operational on our network, Madame Speaker. It is currently being utilized by the Department of Health and Social Development, Finance, Human Resources and the Office of the Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. As this site is further populated with data the intranet will begin to replace the file, the shared files we had currently used for distributing and sharing information. Training has been conducted with all departments that have been customized within the areas of the intranet. This will continue, Madame Speaker, on an as needed basis until all staff is comfortable using this new tool. The network backup implementation, Madame Speaker, the IT Department division is continuing the testing of our new office backup strategy. We have encountered challenges due to the volume of data to be backed up and the network speed available. It has resulted in some modifications to the methodology used to deploy the new backups. As a result, Madame Speaker, the initial off site backups for each office will be slower than anticipated, but this will not impact subsequent backups after the initial data load from each office. We anticipate beginning the implementation to the offices and elimination of local backup tapes by the end of December, Madame Speaker. Just to go back to one point that I should have raised under the division of Human Resources just last evening, Madame Speaker, the Executive Council, gave the department the go ahead to create another Human Manager position to be located in the community of Nain. We had tried on two occasions to recruit and hire a Director of Human Resources without success. I reported, Madame Speaker, during the last sitting of the Assembly that we made a job offer to an individual. Unfortunately, that individual has declined our offer and has relocated back to his home country. So we've had, again, Madame Speaker, some issues with filling that position and our plan is to hire another Human Resources Manager and to mentor and train that position with the intent of becoming the Director of Human Resources over the next couple years. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Are there any more Minister Statements or announcements? I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Education.

MS. NOCHASAK: Thank you, Madame Speaker. In post-secondary this quarter, Madame Speaker, as we approached the end of fall, 2011 semester, our student numbers remain high with 138 full-time students and 30 part-time students. There has not been much turn over in the students since the beginning of the year and Happy Valley-Goose Bay has not seen any turnover at all. Madame Speaker, in the Inuit Bachelor of Social Work program continues to run fairly smoothly, but we may be losing our first student this week. We had one student who had her placement postponed earlier in the term due to medical and personal reasons, but she will rejoin the program in January and pick up a placement this spring. Lucy, Sandy and Gwen along with Memorial University employees, has continued to work on getting all the arrangements in place for the winter 2012 semester. All instructors are now in place, books and materials have been ordered, accommodations and travel plans are complete and we are set

for the next semester. Gwen continues to work with all the professors incorporating the cultural content piece. She sits on most of the classes to assist with this. Madame Speaker, an evaluation is being planned for the program, but the details have not been completed. Memorial University and the Labrador Institute are working on details. Once they have the outline of what they want from an evaluation, they will then come to our Government for our input, processes to develop a budget and a proposal for funding. Jodi Lane, Education Counselor, has been continuing to come to our communities. This year, Janice Webb has joined her on her travels to talk about the health careers. That has been going really well and students are quite receptive and interested in hearing about those options. There was a lot of feedback, Madame Speaker, from the students this year at the youth symposium. A few of the post-secondary student support program students who attended gave presentations on a Life away from Home, and the expectations, college and/or university. These presentations went extremely well and had everyone engaged in asking questions. Jodi will be involved in the grade nine trip to Happy Valley-Goose Bay with the school, with the school board during the winter. She will also be involved in planning and the attendance of Grade 12 students travelling to St. John's again, and this is organized by the school board. Lucy and Bobbi have travelled to Goose Bay and set up a booth at Mealy Mountain high school during a parent/teacher night to provide information to parents and students interested in post-secondary studies. We spent the afternoon and the evening at that school. The number of people accessing information were low, but we did meet with the guidance counselor and left packages of information and contact information for anyone interested in post-secondary education studies, either through the Post-Secondary Student Support Program or Inuit Pathways. Budget review and student allocations had been completed for the winter 2012. Three new students will be picked up from Canada. These new students will fill seats left open by students finishing up. There are a few seats available for the coastal communities, but at present we do not have any applicants. Madame Speaker, continuing on with Inuit Pathways. Inuit Pathways, as agreement holder, continues to sponsor clients for skills development and training and work experience opportunities. Approximately 40 have completed or are participating in the skills, training and intervention. During the fall six work experience projects are ongoing or completed. Inuit Pathways is in the process of creating a position of partnership, development officer to meet the demands of partnering under the assets. An important accountability component of the new agreement was the mid-year dialogue. This was completed through Service Canada representatives in late October. This was an opportunity to review five-year current year plans to ensure optimal delivery, and to continue to fulfill the agreement. As its staff has recently returned from the annual meeting from all Inuit asset agreement holders facilitated through ITK, this was an opportunity to meet with other Inuit service providers. As well, we have direct discussions with the director general and staff from the Aboriginal Affairs division of Human Resources, Social Development Canada national headquarters, and these discussions centered around clarification on service delivery issues that have arose during the past year. Labrador Aboriginal training program, Madame Speaker, partnership funding is still due to end March 31st, 2012. However, we are working along with the Innu and the Metis as well as Nalcor Energy in attempt to steer funding for the additional five years. The proposal had been developed and submitted to the strategic partnership initiative under the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. We have had good success to date with LITP, and just to give you a brief overview of the Inuit statistics, LITP has completed 332 client assessments, have put 105 people into core training and skills development, and we have a total of 112

people employed on various projects. We are very positive, we have had very positive feedback from Ottawa and are hopeful that the funding may continue, particularly in the Lower Churchill Project is sanctioned. Madame Speaker, I'd also like to mention the Wood Project. Joined with LIDC, we have secure containers of wood for the five communities in Nunatsiavut. We have had a difficult process, but through dedication and teamwork we have accomplished to service our beneficiaries appreciate. Winding down, Madame Speaker, Community Economic Development. It is extremely an exciting time in our short history. To be Minister of Economic Development the opportunities currently abound in the resource sector. The key for us as a people and as a Government is to take advantage of these opportunities to create long-term sustainable employment, business growth, training and educational options that create wealth for both our Government and our beneficiaries. Our department must look at the current conditions and work closely with the Inuit Community Governments through community development officers to fund projects that enhance tourism and cultural activity. To date we have recently funded a phase three of the Boardwalk Project in Postville, a trail network in Makkovik, Boardwalk Infrastructure as well, work to the Strathcona House in Rigolet, a conference on the future of the Char Fishery in Nain, an important economic and social driver in that community. Madame Speaker, on the issue of banking, our department is also involved in working with other departments to enhance the banking and availability of cash in all communities. We look for some movement on this in early 2012. Finally, Madame Speaker, Heritage. I, as a member of the Government, and Minister, am very concerned about protecting and restoring our heritage. My department, along with the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism are looking at restoration projects both in Hopedale and in Nain and the concept of clustering, or pulling together resources that will allow us to seek other levels of Government funding to protect, enhance and create economic activity through our heritage buildings. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. I'd now like to recognize Honorable Glen Sheppard, Minister of Lands.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I guess, first of all, I'd like to officially congratulate Gary Mitchell as the newly elected Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville area and I'm very much looking forward to working with you, Gary, and you being a part of Government. Having said that, Madame Speaker, this department holds many files when it comes to information sharing. We have broken it down in comparison to the last report that we had at the last sitting. However, it's still a few pages long so just bear with me as I go through and give you an update on some of the activities that has been going on within this department of Lands and Resources in the last quarter. Madame Speaker, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources has been extremely busy over the last number of months in all sectors of the department. I would like to provide an update on the status of the key files our department is actively engaged in. Minister's Office. Madame Speaker, as Minister I was actively engaged in the department's key files as well as participated in many meetings. I took part in an aboriginal forum at the St. John's Newfoundland and Labrador Mineral Resource review conference in St. John's. At the same time I took the time to meet with the Chamber of Mines to discuss their issues and concerns. I held an introductory meeting with the Torngat Secretariat Board Chairs, John Marshall from the Joint Fisheries Board, Bruce Roberts from the Wildlife and Plants Co-management Board. We

discussed the Board's priorities and we moved forward to the next year. I also met with Torngat Fisheries Co-operative Board of Directors to discuss their issues, and I met the with province's Duty Minister, Department of Fisheries and Agriculture to discuss how we can advance our fishery concerns. Madame Speaker, I will now provide a quick update on our key files. The Environment Division, Madame Speaker, over the last two months the Environment Division has undergone a transition and renewal. On a Human Resources front, Carla Pamak has been hired as the Inuit Researcher Advisor. Katie Winters has been hired as the Northern Contaminants Researcher. We have also offered the positions of Environmental Protection Analyst and Environmental Assessment Manager to two candidates that are working out the final contract details with them so that they can work out of Nain. We have completed our technical participation in the Lower Churchill Hydro Electric Generation Project Environmental Assessment. The Nunatsiavut Government made over 30 separate submissions to the panel. These submissions involved collaboration with scientific experts and Inuit experts. Although the submissions and presentations ranged from environmental, to socio-economic to health impacts, all of the Nunatsiavut Government's concerns are related to Inuit rights and title as established under the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. We were pleased to see that the panel felt many of our concerns to be valid and agreed with many of our recommendations. The panel was extremely clear in elevating their level of concern for Inuit by making a significant adverse effect pronouncement for Inuit without making the same determination for any other avenues, aboriginal group involved in the Environmental Assessment process. This must be accommodated for and mitigated by Nalcor, the Provincial Government and the Federal Government. We have been clear that further consultation does not constitute, nor is equal to mitigation, and given the panel report, we are now pursuing these discussions at a political level with the Provincial Government, Federal Government and Innu Nation. We are also working on regulations, policies, and guidelines to accompany the Environmental Protection Act with the aim to have the most important ones ready by March. Key aspects of this work involves Department of Environmental Assessment Processes as well as policies on Inuit traditional knowledge and regulations for monitoring and environmental protection. We are scanning widely to ensure that we are informed by other best practices across indigenous areas of the world while developing this file. Work around the contamination at Hopedale is continuing. Our department has worked closely with the Hopedale Inuit Community Government in order to ensure the rights of Inuit in the community are protected. Partly as a result of this work, the province has committed \$6 million to the remediation efforts at Hopedale. We will continue to pressure the province to ensure that the contamination and debris associated with the former radar site is cleaned up to an acceptable standard. As a department we thank the AngajukKâk of Hopedale for his tireless work on this file in partnership with our department. Mr. Piercy's work has been of incredible value. Finally, Madame Speaker, we are collaborating with the Joint Management Committee to deliver a Sustainable Community's workshop in early February. This involves reviewing best practices in northern housing design and development, building strategies in permafrost zones, successes and challenges of sustainable development, initiatives in other northern regions, cost benefit assessments of various infrastructure design alternatives, and data regarding the environmental and social characteristics of Nunatsiavut that are relevant for planning and development. It is hoped that with this workshop, we can begin to support communities with their sustainable development regions going forward. Renewable Resource Division. Madame Speaker, our Renewable Resource Division has been kept busy this last quarter. Fishery and wildlife issues are

extremely important and we have worked hard to manage these important files. Madame Speaker, October marked the end of a very successful year for our commercial fishery designates in the SFA 5 Inshore Fishery. It was the first time in our eight years that the whole twelve hundred and sixty metric tonnes quota was harvested by beneficiaries in the inshore fishery. Between December the 4th and December the 12th, 2011, the representatives of the Renewable Resource Division, along with representatives from the Torngat Fish Producers Co-op and the Torngat Secretariat conducted community consultations on a Nunatsiavut Government commercial fishery policy. The aim of developing a commercial fishery policy is to, number one, increase transparency in the management and issuance of designations. Number two; maximize Nunatsiavut Government's existing commercial fishery assets. Number three; promote the growth and development of the Labrador, Northern Labrador Fishery and Nunatsiavut's economy. It is anticipated that this policy will be ready for the 2012 commercial fishery season. Furthermore, the Division also continues its effort to assess additional quarters for Nunatsiavut. A letter was sent to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Minister requesting a communal quota for Greenland halibut and a meeting with the Minister. There has been no formal response to date. I have since made an additional request to meet with Minister Ashfield before year's end.

Wildlife Issues. Madame Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government received from the province, on recommendation from the Torngat Wildlife and Plants Board a 35 moose total allowable harvest for the Labrador Inuit settlement area. It was decided by the Executive Council that 28 licenses would be drawn to be harvested by beneficiaries. The remaining seven would be made available to Inuit Community Corporations and the Inuit Community Governments for Community feasts, events, or social health programs. To date, three of the moose licenses have been filled, all of them in Nain. In a continued pursuit for more equitable access to polar bear harvest of the Davis Strait sub-population, a letter was sent to Minister friends requesting an increase in the provincial polar bear total allowable harvest from six animals to 12 for the harvesting season of 2012. The Nunatsiavut Government has not received a response to its request. Madame Speaker, between November the 6th and 14th, 2011, representatives from the Nunatsiavut Government's Renewable Division, along with a panel of hunters, a representative from the Torngat Secretariat, as well as a provincial biologist conducted community consultations throughout Nunatsiavut and the Upper Lake Melville to discuss the status of the George River caribou herd and potential management measures. The consultations indicated a clear desire by beneficiaries to have measures implemented to conserve the George River caribou herd. Following the consultations it was decided by the Executive Council that the first step towards implementing measures would be for the province to implement a total allowable harvest after which an Inuit harvest level would be identified. An Inuit harvest level would constitute a first demand against a total allowable harvest. It was recommended to the province that they establish a total allowable harvest for 2011 and 2012. No response has yet been received from the province, but indications are they will announce management measures by December the 18th. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. I'd like to now recognize the First Minister.

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'll just give a few highlights of some of the issues the Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs have been facing, and the first one is transportation. As you're all aware, this year has been quite troubling with regards to shipping within Nunatsiavut. We recognize the

problem with and we brought it up with the province. Our departments have been in communication with the province on this issue for the past year and we intend to meet with the Minister to discuss the problems and to ensure that those problems don't happen again in the coming years. We've also been in contact with the Federal Department of Transportation on the discussions of a new air strip for Nain, and also on docks, improving the docks, modifying docks within our communities. Housing. The Federal/Provincial Nunatsiavut Government Housing Needs Assessment is approaching finalization and is expected to be completed in February. This assessment will provide the most updated information of housing needs in Nunatsiavut and is what is required to be included in the funding proposal for housing within Nunatsiavut. It is intended that such a proposal will go to the Federal/Provincial Governments. Membership. There have been a few applications submitted for this judicial review process of the federal courts by applicants whose applications were denied by the Inuit Appeals Board. One judicial review was heard by the federal court and a court decision was that the applicant be granted a re-hearing before the Inuit Appeal Board. Further workshops are ongoing with the membership committees and the appeal boards to ensure that the criteria are being applied fairly and consistently. The number of beneficiaries that the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement to date is currently 7,225. Infrastructure. As of Friday a call for proposals for the engineering and architectural design of the new Torngat Cultural Centre ended last week on Friday. The Assembly building is now complete as you're all aware, we're sitting here today so, but as the President pointed out, there are some deficiencies that still need to be worked on. Only those deficiencies are minor. The large conference room that you're aware of over to the side here, needs to be leased to the courts five times per year, but we also want to use space in this building for community purposes, as we feel that the community of Hopedale needs to take ownership of this building and be able to use this building for their own events. The DHSD Administration Building in Nain is getting further to completion. We expect it may be ready for occupancy by the beginning of March, 2012, which is five months ahead of schedule and within budget. The Makkovik Office Complex Daycare Centre, that little office has been designed and still expected to be constructed in 2012. We are currently finalizing land acquisition transactions to proceed clear the tenders for engineering and consulting. We are engaged with the Nain Community Government to try to select a suitable location for the center area of town to construct the seniors' complex. These discussions were very positive and we thank the AngajukKâk from Nain for his support and assistance. Nunatsiavut Affairs and Finance are continuing to lobby the province for cost sharing funding where we're able to construct seniors' complexes in Nain and one in Hopedale. Senior representatives from my department, the Department of Finance, have met and are attempting to draft a five-year infrastructure plan for Nunatsiavut that will be presented to the NEC sometime in the near future. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Do we have any more Minister Statements or announcements? I'd like to recognize the Honorable Johannes Lampe.

MR. LAMPE: Nakummek. Madame Speaker. First of all I would like to thank as the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, I would like to say what I want to say to all of the employees with this department and I would not be able to say what I want to say now. First of all I would like to say we are trying to maintain our language and how we can move forward with our duties and we have to keep

speaking Inuktitut here in Nunatsiavut and how we have to protect and maintain and grow without Inuktitut language and the Labrador Inuit Constitution says that you can see it in plain English language it says in Inuktitut in the English language here in Nunatsiavut Government, it's the main office of the Government and Inuit Community Governments, Inuk Community Government have to work together including the Inuit Community Corporations and that we have to keep our Inuit tradition going and speak out own language in certain meetings and we have to keep our people informed on what we are doing and we have to keep the Inuktitut language and lifestyle alive and that has to be used by Nunatsiavut Assembly if possible to speak more Inuktitut in our Assembly meetings if possible and we have to keep and support the Inuktitut language preservation. With the new Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement it states that the Nunatsiavut Government may make laws to preserve and promote Inuktitut and in relation to Inuktitut orthography and the certification of Inuktitut teachers, interpreters and translators through Newfoundland and Labrador. In order to continue to live up to the words within our Constitution, we need to be pro-active and preserve, Inuktitut, promote it and bring about the revitalization of our language. According to the 2006 census from Statistics Canada 60 percent of our ability to converse in Inuktitut is held by five percent of our population, Madame Speaker. That five percent is our elderly population 65 and over. With that portion of our population continually diminishing, we need to act now to preserve their knowledge and revitalize our language. In order to keep what is stated within our Constitution, we need to ensure we have more speakers within our families, our communities, Madame Speaker. About our language, preserving of our language strategy is a plan that was formulated through consultations with Nunatsiavut beneficiaries in all Inuit communities and the Upper Lake Melville area. It is comprised of short, mid and long-term goals and provides a strategic direction for Inuktitut to take its rightful place in all aspects of life for Labrador Inuit. Madame Speaker, we need to build on our priorities in order to move forward on our language strategy. So we have a planning committee with roles and accountability, vision, mission, values and principles, and we have strategic directions and aims. Madame Speaker, this document that I present today to the Assembly is a working document, it's a live document, and this document is being forwarded to the different departments of the Nunatsiavut Government and we will continue to keep you updated in assessing how each department feels that the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism should be doing more in order to preserve Inuktitut in our families and our communities. And in building our plans, we have to go to the communities to consult and we have been doing that in 2009 and 2010. We have to engage with the communities, and we have to have an implementation plan and start to take action and keep monitoring and do ongoing evaluation. Strategy is to increase the number of Labrador Inuktitut speakers, support the use of Inuktitut by all ages, and significantly increase the visibility of Inuktitut. The vision and mission of the strategy, Madame Speaker, is to speak it, teach it, live it. And a mission to restore Inuktitut within families and communities. And, Madame Speaker, I'd like to say or quote as one of our committee members had asked me to give a message to the Assembly related to the AsiujittailillugitUKausivut. The elder and the champion of this committee said to tell you that first and foremost this language strategy is for Inuktitut to survive among Inuit families and communities in Labrador. It is not to be watered down as a means for educators in our colleges and universities to develop Inuktitut programs. Madame Speaker, what that means to me is that we don't just put it into the schools, the colleges, or universities. We speak it as families and as communities, and I believe that is the only way that we will revitalize Inuktitut language. And the strategic directions, Madame Speaker,

is our culture and our lifestyle, how we live our lives as Inuit to remember who we are and where we came from, and to keep learning and keep educating our young people the Inuttitut language, and to work on policy and legislation and very importantly, Madame Speaker, to keep focusing on our youth. These strategic directions provide a guide for the short, mid and long-term goals for Inuttitut, and, again, in our culture and lifestyle we have to inspire Inuit in their communities. We have to empower and encourage each and every person by Inuk that needs help in getting back their language, and we have to support cultural events and celebrations and we have to promote and keep promoting the use of Inuttitut. And in learning and education, we have to maintain high standards of Inuttitut education, Madame Speaker. We have four interpretive translators who are very highly skilled in, as you can witness today, in interpreting, two of our interpreters are here and two others in Nain, they work together where they do terminology workshop and that team is called the Isumâta where the brains are working to try to gather together the different terms that we need to work at and to work at consistency. And without consistency, Madame Speaker, we can move forward and not go around in circles. And we have to become fluent in a language and so we have to speak it, read it, write it and teach it. Madame Speaker, this is what I have to give on the AsiujittailillugitUKausivut but we have a lot of work to do. For example, the Inuaggualuiteducation, the funding that had been given to teach babies how to speak the Inuttitut language, the funding was not always there and especially this past year, the funding was not available when it was needed, so we are working on trying to get funding for Hopedale. And we look to expand, Madame Speaker, to Nain. And, and not just to Nain, Madame Speaker, also to the Nunatsiavut communities and including the Inuit Community Corporations and Canada-wide, if those beneficiaries are interested in that program. Madame Speaker, there is a lot to say on language, but I have other important news on different programs and projects that we have been doing over the past 2011, but we'll keep you up to date and the strategy is, like I said, a live document, a working document, and we will present a final document in March. Madame Speaker, on the work that the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism had been doing over the past year, on May 22nd, we started to travel to Chicago to re-claim our ancestors and we did Isabella Payne, Jamie Brake and myself, and including Sarah Leo from the OkâlaKatiget Society, went to Chicago to get back the remains of our ancestors. And that project was a successful project, and with the help of the Chicago Field Museum, we were able to get back, reclaim our ancestors and brought them back to Nain on 27th of May. And, Madame Speaker, we did rebury those remains in June of 22nd, where our new MP, Peter Penashue, came to the ceremony, and also the Aboriginal Affairs Minister, MHA Patty Pottle, came with others, and other members of the Nunatsiavut Government were also were present. And, again, on August 3, we also travelled to St. John's to reclaim 13 fragmentary remains of our ancestors and we did re-bury them at Rose Island on August 16th. And so, Madame Speaker, we were able to re-bury our ancestors at their rightful place in June and August, and I feel that we should feel honored and appreciate the help, the collaboration that the Chicago Field Museum and the Rooms were able to give us, and I truly appreciate their help in what we did. And on the Torngasuk Cultural Centre, we had done a feasibility study and a business plan, and we are looking and have been talking to the Federal and Provincial partners in finding funding to secure in building that Torngasuk Cultural Centre. And the request for a proposal has to be put out and it closed this past Friday on the 9th of December. And we are continuing to keep working on the Torngasuk Cultural Centre, and hopefully the committee that is responsible in taking care of that will be successful into finding the right people to keep working on this. And, again, in

May we did a heritage workshop in Hopedale and where different communities, different agencies and groups were involved in such as the Agvituk Heritage Society here in Hopedale, the Makkovik Historical Society, the Rigolet Heritage Society, the Nain Heritage Committee and the Labrador Interpretation Centre. Madame Speaker, we are also very grateful that the communities are able to help us and the different departments of Nunatsiavut Government where we are as a department learning to start a working relationship with Nunatsiavut Government departments and, again, the Hebron Ambassador Program we did send Buddy Merkuratsuk and Jenny and his two boys to keep watch over the Heritage Community in Hebron, where cruise ships come to look at the historic community. And we truly appreciate the work that they do to keep tourists busy, and we are still talking to continue to keep working on the work that we still need to do to restore the building, the Hebron Building, and we have to, Madame Speaker, come back to our master plan and to implement what we have to do. Lastly, Madame Speaker is on the Mealy Mountains National Park. There is and right now an ongoing negotiations of Parks and Impact Benefits Agreement. And we have to identify tourism opportunities in Rigolet, and we have to look at the archaeology assessments where Inuit have occupied the area in the earlier years and, Madame Speaker, we need to work on capacity building, we have to make sure that we have the resources that we need to make the work go as we would like it to go. That was quite a lengthy report Madame Speaker; we had Tom Gordon come to Nain to work with the Nain choir and to work also with the choir from St. John's to get together Labrador Inuit Choir Traditions in Hopedale and Nain. And, Madame Speaker, Nigel Markham has put together a film which he's right now still editing, and we were wanting to do a screening at this Assembly this month, but Nigel Markham, Madame Speaker, felt that he needs to do a good job and that maybe we can do the unveiling of the Labrador Inuit Choir Traditions film in March. Madame Speaker, I had the great opportunity to see that film. It is a beautiful film and it will, Madame Speaker, I believe, empower and encourage Labrador Inuit to keep up their culture and their traditional values and, Madame Speaker, I know that this is a lot of information, but I will certainly keep you up to date on what the Department has been doing and is still doing. That is far as I will get today, thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honorable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Honorable Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I wanted to touch on a few key areas from the Department of Health and Social Development and also the Status of Women. In October, 23 survivors and four Nunatsiavut beneficiaries, myself and the Deputy Minister, attended the Atlantic Truth and Reconciliation Event in Halifax. We had successfully advocated to have some of our members involved in some of the panels and in some key areas, Sarah Anala was selected to light the wick every morning and do an Inuit opening prayer. Charlotte Wolfrey, she was selected as one of the honorary witnesses. Bill Flowers was on a panel for reconciliation and Martha Winters Abel was on a panel for resilience. Many of our delegates who attended gave public statements and the vast majority did private statements. The non-insured health deficit, as was mentioned earlier, the DHSD staff are working very diligently on gathering all the statistics and tracking data to get the amount of funding to adequately run the non-insured Health Benefit Program, so that we don't run a deficit because we've been running major deficits every year since we've taken it over hoping fully that we'll get adequate funding to run a

program. Madame Speaker, The First Nations Inuit Suicide Prevention Association of Quebec and Labrador held their annual conference in Montreal late in November and December, four adults and four youth from Hopedale and Nain, as well as myself, attended the conference. It was very beneficial. Everybody felt who attended, there were front line staff from communities in Nain and Hopedale and youth, and everybody felt it was very worthwhile. Madame Speaker, in November the Executive Council met with Minister Leona Aglukkaq, the Minister of Health for Canada about several items, non-insured health benefit deficit, suicide prevention and health supports for residential school survivors. Following the meeting we received funds from Health Canada's Resolution Health Support Program to fund a position from December 1st to March 31st and hopefully if the statistics are good, we might get on it again for next year, and we requested that because a lot of our survivors who came from the Inuvik event, Halifax event and the Hopedale event and Goose Bay event, felt they needed health supports when they came back. They had health supports while they were there, but not when they came back. So we appointed Evelyn Winters. The person had to have a social worker degree and had to have the training and she met both criteria. So she'd be working until March 31st. She's held two healing circles in Goose Bay, North West River, and in the New Year she'll be travelling to all the communities to do work with survivors. Madame Speaker, we submitted a proposal to Health Canada for two suicide prevention workers, one for Nain and one for Hopedale. We have not heard back yet on the funding. And Health Canada committed to working with Nunatsiavut Government to look at ways to further fund an NIHB program to alleviate the deficit that our Government bears every year. Madame Speaker, the DHSD received funds from the Tasiujatsoak Trust to hire a consultant to develop Inuit-specific policies and programming in regards to Child, Youth and Family Services so that we can go further into the evolution of the program. And in December, there was the 12 Days of Violence Prevention. That was put out by the province and also supported by the Status of Women. Thank you. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. I'd like to recognize the Honorable President.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Madame Speaker. Two very quick announcements. It is my duty to advise the Assembly that Derek Pottle has been re-appointed to the Torngat Mountains National Park Co-Management Board, and with the resignation of Randy Edmunds, who is now a member of Torngat Mountains, he's sitting on the Torngat Wildlife Plant Co-Management Board. He has been replaced by Eric Andersen of Makkovik. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable President. Are there any more Minister Statements? Before we adjourn for lunch, our next item after lunch will be Member Statements. I'd like members to know that if you're going to make a statement, if you would let me know now, and to remember that you can only do one statement, and that it's to be five minutes, no more than five minutes long for a total of 20 minutes. So if you could give me your names now before we break for lunch. Herb, Gary, Charlotte, Tony, Diane, Wayne, anyone else? And I would just like to say I mentioned earlier that we had Patrick Goudie for OK Society, but its Sarah Abel instead, and I'd like for you to, if you're going out for a cigarette on breaks, if you could use the back door. So now we're going to break for lunch until two o'clock. And Vicky is here for driving people.

(Recess)

MADAM SPEAKER: We'll now call the Assembly back to session and continue on our Orders of the Day. Number eight with member statements. I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque.

MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Madame Speaker. First of all, I'd just like to update the Assembly on a couple of programs and projects that's happening in my community, Makkovik Inuit Community Government. Our youth center is coming along well. All external work is completed and started internal. The youth are very happy. So I'd like to thank the Joint Management and everybody else who contributed to that project. The other one is the Community Enhancement Program that's just begun last week. I'd like to commend and thank Minister Nochasak for all her efforts she put into getting wood supply for our seniors. I know at times I must have been a pest. I've been bugging you quite a bit. Apologize for that. I'd like to congratulate our newest member, Gary Mitchell. Welcome to the Assembly. Also to our MHA, Randy Edmunds. We've already had a good start in a working relationship and I hope it continues. I'm sure it will. Thanks to Patty Pottle for her past effort and hard work over the last four years. To continue on, I, too, like Danny did this morning, I'd like to congratulate Violet Ford on her achievement in receiving the award, Violet is originally from Makkovik and her family and our community is very happy. To continue on, I'd just like to say on behalf of Makkovik Inuit Community Government to each and every Assembly member, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you AngajukKâk from Makkovik. I would now like to recognize the ordinary member for Upper Lake Melville, Gary Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Because I have not been involved in any work activities, my statement today is more of a personal note. I stand here today and feel very honored, privileged and proud to be elected into the Nunatsiavut Assembly by the voters of Upper Lake Melville. I wish to thank the voters of Upper Lake Melville for putting their confidence in me to be their elected representative with the Nunatsiavut Government. I'd also like to thank my family in for their support and work with my campaign. The voters have given me as a responsibility as their member to bring forth their issues and concerns over the coming months. I trust that the members of this Assembly will support me in my endeavors to achieve positive results and we can all work together co-operatively for the good of all the beneficiaries, wherever they may be. During my term of office, I will strive to be a strong advocate of the Nunatsiavut Government and want to be a cog the wheel as we go about our business collectively to look after the needs and aspirations of our people. Back 39 years ago in the old community hall here in Hopedale, I was a part of that first group that sat for the first combined council meeting. I never dreamed that one day I'd be standing here as an elected member of the Nunatsiavut Government in the state of the art building working together to shape a new future for our people. I look forward to the work and challenges ahead and wish to thank everyone here for all the contributions they have made to bring us to this level to where we are today. So much work has been by all of you, and it's up to us now to continue and build on that foundation and continue to preserve our traditions, culture and heritage. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

ASSEMBLY: (Knocks in Agreement)

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. I would now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I'm going to make my stuff short and sweet because Herb said almost everything I was going to say. I was going to talk to about the wood, the Economic Development Projects that have come to my community and to congratulate Randy and certainly to thank Patty; Herb almost said everything I was going to say. I have congratulations to extend to two people from my community, to Kristy Sheppard who just finished her masters in tourism management and to Eldred Allen who has finished an advanced GIS course, and they're both employees of Nunatsiavut Government, but I'd like my congratulations to go to them. And the other thing I'd just like to touch on a little bit is that it's the programs that we used to call make work projects, and this year we only got one from the province and I think the Nunatsiavut Department of Economic Development has certainly given us a couple. You talked about, and Susan talked about the extension to the board walk and their renovations or whatever to Strathcona House. I wish I didn't have to stand up here and to be talking about the needs for jobs in our community and the need for these make work programs. I'm hoping that one of these days we can find some money to invest in our communities so that we've got some long-term employment and we don't have to be going around begging for bits and pieces and scraps and stuff like that so that our people can get twelve weeks of work so that they can be on unemployment. I'm hoping that in my lifetime I can see our communities thrive and prosper and to become what we negotiated a land claim for, and that's for our communities and our people to benefit, you know, to be the beneficiaries of the hard work that has gone into this process to get us where we are today. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms. Wolfrey. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk from Postville, Diane Gear.

MS. GEAR: Thank you, Madame Speaker. On behalf of the Postville Inuit Community Government I want to say thank you to the Honorable Minister Susan Nochasak for the containers of wood that was brought into our community this fall. Our seniors are very grateful for it and it's very much appreciated, and I'm sure I'll echo Herb's comments when he says that you must put a lot of effort into it, because I can only imagine how stressful it must have been trying to get it in before the end of the shipping season. Also want to say that our boardwalk project is coming along very well. We've still got workers working on it, although it's in the wintertime, it's still progressing fairly well. I also want to say congratulations to our newest member, Gary Mitchell. I'm going to enjoy looking forward to working with you over the next few years. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms. Gear. I would now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Mr. Wayne Piercy.

MR. PIERCY: Thank you, Madame Speaker. And I'd too like to say thank you to Honorable Minister Nochasak for the containers of wood. To date, we delivered wood to 54 people. That included the seniors and low income and still have, roughly, a container and hopefully this afternoon we'll have

another list done up so that the rest of your wood can be distributed before Christmas. I'd, too, like to say thank you to Patty Pottle. Congratulations to Gary and congratulations to Randy. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Piercy. I would now like to recognize Mr. Ed Tuttauq, Chair of Sivunivut.

MR. TUTTAUK: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Council and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada for approving a couple of projects Sivunivut was lucky enough to receive approval and funding for. The first was Sivunivut Corporation's Economic Leakage Study which determined how and in what areas and products members spent their money on outside the community. It was hoped that the data received from the study could encourage beneficiaries to start their own businesses in the community. Apparently, this was the first study of its kind in the province, so we're quite pleased with that. The total amount of the funding was \$36,520. The project description is available on Sivunivut's website, www.sivunivut.ca, and the Executive Council will receive the final report once it's completed. The second project I would like to mention is our lapidary or jewelry making course. This proposal, through the Cultural Education Centre's program was valued at 29,800 and will cover the cost of equipment, materials and instructor fees, and it is hoped that we will attract interested beneficiaries and Inuit artists into learning the skills of jewelry making. Also through this program we were able to receive grants for two local Inuit artists to assist them in purchasing new equipment and materials for the artwork. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Tuttauq. This is the end of our Member Statements. We'll move on to the next item. Number nine, Oral Question Period. Anybody with any questions? The AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'd like to ask the Minister of Health, Honorable Patricia Kemuksigak, something with regards to the Status of Women file. The Ministers have changed over a couple of times since I've been here and I've asked the question of the previous Minister and it's with regards to the status of women's file being put under Health. When it was directly under a Minister, and I think that the previous Minister of Health was saying that it was going to be looked at, and I'm just wondering have you had any briefings on that and what are your plans with regards to that file? I think it gets lost in Health. That's why I'm asking that question. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honorable Minister of Health.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Thank you for your question, Honorable Wolfrey. I haven't been briefed that we had to look at where the Status of Women portfolio would fall under, but I could look into that when I go back and possibly discuss it with the Executive Council. But that information wasn't passed on to me that it was supposed to be reviewed, but I could look into it and start a review.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Any more questions. AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'd like to direct my question to the First Minister. Just recently, probably a week or so ago, you circulated an email stating or indicating that you were going to

have a meeting with Nick McGrath regarding the CEEP dollars there, Mr. Shiwak, what's the status on that? Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honorable First Minister.

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Madame Speaker, and thank you for the question. Yes, I did request a meeting with Minister McGrath based on the fact that some of our communities, or all of our communities received very little community enhancement dollars, and there's a need for more dollars within our communities for work this fall and this winter. I have not received a formal response from the Minister. I do know that through our communication with his department that this issue has been moved around within the department and it's finally landed on Aboriginal Affairs. We are currently awaiting a response from Aboriginal Affairs on whether they are going to support us on this, and as soon as I know something, I'll let all the AngajukKaat know. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Any more questions?The AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'd like to ask the Minister of Health, Madame Speaker, in her Minister Statements today she spoke a bit about the residential school survivors and the process for healing. I have to say, Madame Speaker, that it seems that the federal government has skipped the first process, which is to recognize and apologize and compensate the survivors of residential schools. But we seem to go be going full tilt with the federal dollars on the second part, which is the healing. And I have to say that, you know what, it seems, and the Minister has done well and she is championed in our cause, because I think most of the rest of them over there are even afraid to touch the issue, Madame Speaker, but the Minister has done well, and I certainly support her, but there can be no healing, if there isn't, first of all, recognition, that this even happened to our people. And until that is done, until that is recognized then we can move forward. Certainly, myself, as a survivor, if the federal government is going to not recognize that I even was a residential school person, then what is the point of trying to help me get over that and without saying, but we can't recognize you as such, but we're going to heal you? You know the process, itself, and it needs to be championed and it needs to be championed by our Government and not by courts and lawyers. They have to get up. The President has to take this up and stand behind his Minister and support his Minister. We all do so that we can move forward with this very, very important issue that's been left in the dirt, and left only for courts when we should be able to resolve that with our Partners Canada and Newfoundland for that matter. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honorable Minister of Health.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: I thank you for your comment, AngajukKâk Andersen. I stated that at the Truth and Reconciliation event and so I know Minister Nochasak did in Hopedale, and Minister Pottle did, and so did Charlotte as an honorary witness to the TRC event. We cannot heal because we haven't been recognized and we haven't been apologized to and for people who went to residential school, and that's very important because the rest of Canada, well, not the rest, but the majority of residential school survivors received an apology in 2008, but we didn't receive one. And, you know we have to continue to push that forward and when we met with the Minister of Aboriginal, it used to be INAC, but there's a

new name, we mentioned that we need to be recognized. We need to be apologized. We need to have what the other people in Canada have. And I know Mary Sillett also mentioned it when they were in Hopedale, when the TRC was in Hopedale. We cannot have truth and reconciliation if no one believes our truth and we can't have reconciliation. So that's where we fall down in Labrador and also with the Innu. It's a very difficult topic and you know, we've continued to push forward individually. I don't as like me, as the Minister, and I know Susan brought it forward as the Education Minister, I'm not sure if I answered your question properly, and also we needed the health supports after they came back because a lot of people were traumatized from what they experienced and from sharing their story and they had no one to talk to when they came back and wanted to share with. So we have the temporary Health Support Worker, but we're not sure what'll happen after the end of March, but we need a lot of things to be put in place. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. I would now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gary Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is directed to the First Minister Shiwak. It's regarding the membership list for Upper Lake Melville area. It seems that every campaign that's run candidates have a problem with the membership list because it's not updated, and it's very embarrassing to go to somebody's house and ask for people and they say, well, they've been passed on for a few years. I know it's the responsibility of the people to let the office know that these people are not there anymore, but as you know, people tend to put things off and then it just looks bad for us when we go campaigning or for anything that the people are not there anymore. I wish there was a way we could update that list with a more accurate list, and maybe a suggestion, if I can make a suggestion, I'm not sure if I'm permitted to have somebody from the Goose Bay office go to each household, or find out who's actually on the list anymore and do a census of the Upper Lake Melville area. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. Honorable First Minister.

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Madame Speaker. Thanks for the suggestion. I know there has been trouble with keeping the list updated and it is, like I say, the responsibility of the individual, or the individual's family to notify the membership office when an individual has passed away or if they have moved to let the membership office know what the change of address is. We have nothing in place right now to do what you suggest, to have someone from the Goose Bay office go out and update the membership list. But I certainly will take that into consideration as we have more staff meetings. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. I'd like to recognize the Honorable President.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I just want to clarify a statement made by the AngajukKâk from Nain on a previous question about residential schools. I want to make him aware that resident school issue is not a dead thing with my Government. I've had a number of meetings with different federal ministers trying to keep the issue alive and trying to see if they can recognize our people that attended resident schools in Labrador. It's my understanding from the Minister of Indian Northern

Affairs and the Honorable Peter Penashue, that the issue is not dead. They're still working on it, and I, too, am concerned about it. We've had a number of meetings on this issue. We haven't made anything public because we don't know where it's going yet. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable President. Do we have any more questions? The AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Madame Speaker, I'm going to direct my question to the Honorable First Minister, Minister Shiwak. In your opening statements this morning you talked about a request for proposals for a cultural center. I'm just wondering if the decision has been made, where that cultural center is going to go, or is it still going to be looked at, or what's the status on that because there's some communities that have got infrastructures and buildings, and there's some communities that don't. So I'm just wondering where the request for proposals is out, is a decision made as to where that cultural center is going to go? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honorable First Minister.

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'm not sure if I'm going to be answering this, or if the Minister responsible for culture, but the decision has been made that the proposed culture center will go into Nain and that was based upon the consultations that was done, but is part of the Cultural, Recreation and Tourism, and I could be wrong with the year, here, Johannes, but I think it was in 2007, the Director of Torngasuk, went to each community and did consultations, and based on those consultations it was determined that the cultural center would go into Nain. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable First Minister. Any more questions? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Denise Lane.

MS. LANE: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I guess I've got to address this to First Minister Shiwak. I was very excited this morning to hear that Makkovik is getting a new daycare, but in saying that I also heard that it's only going to be big enough for 15 children. Makkovik, alone, has the second highest enrolment in Nunatsiavut, and that's only half of what we need. Can you, before laying the cement, can you see that we have enough space to house more children and, if so, maybe even hire another worker? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honorable First Minister.

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Madame Speaker. We're ready to go for engineering and the architectural design for that building. The specifications, what we were to put in that building, was based on our information that we received from the program administrators, and at that point they informed us that 15 children within the daycare was sufficient. Now, if you're telling me, and if there's evidence to show, that that number has skyrocketed and sort of doubled, then we'll have to look at that again and investigate with the program administrators in Makkovik. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. I now recognize the Honorable Minister of Health.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: I think when they did the study for how big the new daycare should be, they determined it to be for 16 children, and it was based also on the budget that they get for childcare and if you allocate more than 16, you'd have to have more than two workers, so we wouldn't have enough money in our budget. So, you know, if the need is greater in Makkovik, we may have to look at other avenues, like, maybe we've got to try to find money somewhere else or cut back in another community because there's only so much money to go around, but we could possibly look into the need. I know I've had one phone call from a parent who newly moved to Makkovik, that there's not enough space, but we'll take that into consideration, but we also have budget restraints as well.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Chair of the NunaKatiget, Max Winters.

MR. WINTERS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth, on the elders' conference. I've been away for a while, but I'm wondering are you going to continue with that, and if you are, when or where will be the next meeting? Thank you, Honorable Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honorable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth.

MR. LAMPE: Nakummek Ukattik. Thank you for the question, AngajukKâk from NunaKatiget. Yes, we have an Elders Conference Committee. We are planning, preparing to come to Hopedale in May. We thought about coming here sometime this fall, but looking at the weather, and the time of year is not very good for travel, especially by air and especially for elderly people, and so we are looking at May of 2012, and our Elders Gathering Committee is hard at work and we are utilizing Nunatsiavut staff from each community, including Upper Lake Melville. The elders' conference will happen in 2012. Nakummek.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honorable Minister. Do we have any more questions? The AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

MR. PIERCY: Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is directed to Minister Pottle. I'm just wondering if we could get an update on our RRF for arena and multi-purpose building. We'd asked a few times now and they said should be done, they should be done, so. We're just getting kind of worried where it's getting so late in the year. Nakummek.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honorable Minister of Finance.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Hopedale. For your question, as you're aware, this is an issue not relative to my department, per se, but this is an issue relative to the Joint Management Committee, itself. I understand and I certainly will follow up on your question, but I was under the understanding that the provincial engineer and the advisor to the Joint Management Committee was

working in consultation with your Government on that request for proposal. I will certainly follow up and get back to you next week on that, AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. I would now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb.

MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'd like to direct my question to the Minister of Finance. There still seems to be some confusion on the constituency allowances. Can you clarify something, or what is the status? Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honorable Minister of Finance.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Makkovik for your question. From my perspective as Minister of Finance, and as I indicated to this Assembly, in September this Assembly approved a budget plan, a consolidated budget plan, which then became the Budget Act for 2011-2012. There have been no changes to constituency allowances with the exception of some advice that's come to the Member Services Committee from legal counsel on the whole issue of donations. We'd been advised by legal counsel that donations are not an appropriate use of constituency allowance because it does not directly relate to discharging members' duties. That's the only change that's been made to that and the Chair of the Member Services Committee who is the person responsible for approving constituency allowance claims has indicated to me that she will be no longer approving applications for donations under constituency allowance spending, but the other allocations that was approved by this Assembly still stands. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Do we have any more questions? If that's it for questions, we'll move onto the next item on the agenda, which is, Written Questions. If someone has a written question, you can put your hand up and the page will pick it up and deliver it to the clerk. If you have a question it will be read here. So does anybody have any written questions? No written questions? Then we'll move onto the next item on the agenda, which is number 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. I would like to recognize Denise Lane, Ordinary Member from Makkovik, to present the Member Services Committee Report on proposed salaries and benefits for elected officials.

MS. LANE: Thank you, Madame Speaker. As required under the Inuit law, the Member Services Committee of the Nunatsiavut Assembly are expected to consult and seek feedback from the Inuit Community Public before the Nunatsiavut Assembly can agree to salary and benefits for elected officials. On November the 21st, 2011, the Member Services Committee issued a public service announcement to the Inuit public inviting feedback on salaries and benefits of elected officials. On salaries, the announcement stated that the MSC will be recommending that the base salary for the elected officials be increased to 65,4, with a three percent cost of living increase for the next four years, with a cap on the fourth year. If accepted, these increases will become effective April 1st, 2012. The proposed salary increase will be supported by decreasing other budget items in the Assembly budget, such as professional fees. A severance package equal to one month's salary for every four years served with elected officials is provided upon termination of holding electing office. With respect to benefits the

announcement stated the following: Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly who reside in Northern Zone A or B receive a northern allowance benefits based on the number of dependents. Members in the Nunatsiavut Communities receive 5,450 with dependents, and without dependents, the members receive \$2,725. In Upper Lake Melville the members with dependents, receive 3,850, and the members, without dependents, receive 1,925. Members of Nunatsiavut Assembly receive an annual taxable travel benefit based on the number of persons in their household. Members of Upper Lake Melville in Canada receives 350 per family member, and members of the Inuit communities receive 550 per family member. If an elected official travels more than 40 percent of their working day in a fiscal year, the Nunatsiavut Assembly will purchase the equivalent cost of a return ticket from Ottawa, \$1,600 towards a ticket for an elected official's spouse or dependent family member when the elected family member is travelling on business in the next fiscal year. Each ordinary member will receive an annual constituency allowance for carrying out work related to their constituency as the following rates: Inuit communities, 4,000, Upper Lake Melville, 4,000, Canadian constituency, 32,000. Eligible expenses allowance for constituency allowance spending are limited to the following categories: public meetings, administrative support, travel, newsletters, websites, telephone, postage, office supplies, mileage and advertising. The deadline for comments on the announcement was the end of the working day on Friday, December the 9th, 2011. It was posted on the Nunatsiavut Government website and it was distributed to all the NG liaison offices to post in their respective communities. There were no written comments from the Inuit public on the public service announcement that was posted from November the 21st to December the 9th. Madame Speaker that concludes the report. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Denise. This is the report from the MSC. Are there any questions on this report? The Honorable Minister of Finance.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. A question for Ms. Lane I'm not sure if I've missed something here and it's come to, I guess, the attention for a request to the Executive Council for the need for a receptionist for this Assembly building at Hopedale. Is that something that you consider, or is it at this point in time, strictly related to salaries and benefits for elected officials? Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MS. LANE: Thank you. I think it's just for the elected officials only. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Madame Speaker. So I guess this report is saying that the AngajukKâk and the Chairs of the Inuit Community Corporations don't have any constituents because we're not getting a constituency allowance from the looks of this report. So we don't have a constituency allowance. I guess that was a question that Herb was asking so we don't have any constituents, is that what you're saying or why wouldn't we get a constituency allowance and not use it for donations. Like everyone else, we're representing our people, and by doing that, I'd say we got constituents.

MADAM SPEAKER: William Barbour.

MR. BARBOUR: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I think to answer that question fully, while the Minister of Finance was correct when he responded to the question from the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, one of the things that the Member Service Committee had received two legal opinions, okay, which we never tabled in December, September, I'm sorry, that we never tabled. Those two legal opinions made specific reference to donations. No Assembly member will have donations as part of their constituency allowance. Now, again, for me to be absolutely sure, I would have to ask legal counsel again, goes back to the question raised by the AngajukKâk for Rigolet. The AngajukKaat for the Inuit Community Governments have their budget checked for their communities as to what they do? Both Inuit Community Corporations from North West River and for Happy Valley-Goose Bay Mud Lake, they have their budgets as to what they're going to do. Will they receive a constituency allowance? I would have to ask that question directly of legal counsel before I give a full response that is not any more questionable. That I don't want to leave the impression that I'm giving the wrong answer, or leaving the impression that there will be a constituency allowance for the AngajukKaat and for the Chairs of the two community corporations. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honorable Minister of Finance.

MR. POTTLE: If I may, Madam Speaker. Nakummek. Given Mr. Barbour's sentiments regarding the need to consult with legal, obviously, legal can't come to this table when the House of Assembly is in session unless we're convened as a Committee of the Whole, but to compliment, I guess, and to help the Assembly understand, we do have a Constitution that says that there are seven constituencies within the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Nain, Hopedale, Postville, Rigolet, Upper Lake Melville and Canada. I think I've got every constituency. There are seven constituencies represented by ordinary members. So based on legal opinion of the Constitution and the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, the only members of the Assembly who are eligible for constituency allowances are those members who are elected to represent the seven constituencies, namely, the ordinary members elected to each of those constituencies. The AngajukKâk, the President, and the Chair of the Inuit Community Corporations are ex officio members of the Assembly by virtue of their elected office. They do not represent constituencies. There are 10 ordinary members elected to represent the seven constituencies in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The elected officials will be discussed under motions. The elected officials' policies will be discussed under motions, and it is at that time, we can break as a Committee of the Whole. The only purpose at this time is to report on the proposed salaries. Does the Assembly accept the report on the elected official salary and benefit review?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MADAM SPEAKER: I now recognize the Minister of Lands and National Resources, the Honorable Glen Sheppard, to present the report on the public consultations regarding a moratorium on the working, production, mining and development of uranium on Labrador Inuit lands.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Madame Speaker. At this time I would like to ask for the Assembly to convene into a Committee of the Whole. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Do the Assembly agree to go into Committee as a Whole?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MADAM SPEAKER: Okay. We are now in as a Committee of the Whole.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I guess, first of all, I would like to say that, you know, as Chair of the Special Committee, we were tasked with the responsibility under the direction of the Nunatsiavut Assembly sitting in September, to go out and perform the duties, to do public consultations on uranium mining, milling and production on Labrador Inuit lands. I could, Madame Speaker, stand quite long here this afternoon, but I will go by my speaking notes and then, you know, this is an opportunity for us to debate the issue on the uranium moratorium itself, and it's a process that, you know, began, basically, after March 31st of this past year that we were feeling the pressures from beneficiaries, and I think as a Government we have and had a responsibility to follow through with this process leading up to this day in this beautiful building of Hopedale. As for me, Chair of this Special Committee, I'm no different than anyone that walked the roads of the Nunatsiavut communities, the Upper Lake Melville area. I'm the ordinary guy. I use just as much of the land as anybody do. However, having said that, I will get into my speaking notes. Good afternoon. I am speaking to you here today as Chair of the Special Committee that was struck to conduct public consultations on the moratorium, on the working, mining, milling and production of uranium on Labrador Inuit lands. The Nunatsiavut Assembly established a Special Committee with me as Chair to seek input from Labrador Inuit and other stakeholders so that we could get a better understanding of the current public environment surrounding the moratorium and uranium mining and development. The Assembly also appointed William Barbour, Ordinary Member for Nain, Denise Lane, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Deputy Speaker, and Carl McLean, Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources to the Special Committee. A Special Committee secured the services of Sikumuit Environmental Management Ltd. to facilitate the public consultation process, provide technical expertise on uranium issue and to provide a comprehensive report on the consultation process. Sikumuit sub-contracted Grant Fresby of SENES Consultants Limited to provide the specific uranium and radioactivity expertise. Bobbi Boland from Sikumuit facilitated the public consultation process and Carol Ann Larwood from Sikumuit was tasked to make an accurate record of all of the consultation sessions. The committee would like to acknowledge the professionalism and thoroughness of the Sikumuit SENES Team. We feel the report provided by Sikumuit is an accurate and thorough explanation of the public consultation process. Interested individuals had several avenues to communicate their views to the Special Committee; public consultation meetings, email submissions, or in writing, a Facebook site, and they could also request an individual meeting with the Special Committee. A few individuals expressed concern that me as Chair and the Sikumuit SENES team were in a conflict of interest. They indicated that as Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and Member for Postville, which community could benefit from uranium development, I was perceived by some as being in a conflict of interest. Also as Sikumuit SENES have worked for Aurora Resources, a uranium exploration company. They were also in a conflict of interest. As for myself, I assured the public and assure you that I have conducted these consultations in an unbiased and transparent fashion and have considered the views of all the people we've heard, whether they were for or against lifting the moratorium. It was important to the Special Committee that the Sikumuit team now allows their expert

advice to be swayed or influenced to suit the needs of one particular group or another. Rather, they needed to assess and provide expert opinion that stand on its own merits. Within Canada and internationally, there is a limited expertise, amount of expertise when it comes to the nuclear industry. We found that all of the interested consultants have worked for industry, regulators and special interest groups on various projects. Grant Fresby is recognized internationally for his credible and scientific expertise on radio activity issues. We are confident that the Sikumuit team participated in these consultations in an unbiased and transparent fashion. We found that throughout the consultation process, it was difficult for people to give their opinion on lifting the moratorium without also taking to the issue of a uranium mine going forward. In our presentations we explain the difference between the decision on lifting the moratorium and the environmental assessment and the regulatory process that would have to be followed to get approval to proceed with a uranium development. Many common interests came up during the consultations. People want jobs and prosperity for their communities as an income is needed for gas, and supplies to hunt and fish and carry on traditional activities. Many people also wanted assurances that the land, wildlife and human health were protected in the long term and short term. They also wanted the Nunatsiavut Government to ensure that the Government had the ability and capacity to ensure the rules were followed and enforced, that the Nunatsiavut Government and the communities benefitted from any development. There were a core group of people that expressed their views through the Facebook site, written submissions and verbally at the public meetings, that the moratorium should remain in place as, in their opinion, would support various professionals. Uranium mining and nuclear energy could not be done safely. These opinions are outlined in the report. The Special Committee also received a petition, "Say No to Uranium Mining". The petition seemed to be an online petition and it contained 142 signatures. Several people signed as anonymous. Some had their first names only, and we could not determine where many of these names were from. The petition called on residents of Labrador to petition the Nunatsiavut Government to place a permanent ban on uranium prospecting, exploration and mining within Nunatsiavut. The majority of people that expressed their opinions at the public meetings supported lifting the moratorium, or at least allows a project to go to the environmental assessment, which assessment would determine the effects on people, wildlife and land. This is the process that determines whether or not the project can be done safely. The Sikumuit report provides the details on each of the consultation sessions and summarizes the views of all opinions that we heard throughout the process. At the September, 2011 sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, you asked that the Special Committee go out and seek the views of beneficiaries in our communities on the uranium moratorium issue. The majority of people we heard from supported lifting the moratorium to at least allow a proposed uranium project to proceed to the environmental assessment stage. The Special Committee supports the opinion of the majority of people we heard at the public meetings. We are confident that the Nunatsiavut Government will have the Environmental Protection Act and mechanisms in place that will ensure a mining project can be done safely before granting their approval. Lifting the moratorium is not a guarantee for a uranium project to proceed. The environmental assessment and regulatory processes which can take many years is where a decision on a mining project should be made. It is with this in mind that the Special Committee will present an amendment to the Labrador Inuit Lands Act to remove the restrictions on the working, mining, milling and production of uranium on Labrador Inuit lands. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Are there any questions or comments? The Honorable President.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I guess most of us are aware and had this uranium issue on our minds for the last four years or, at least, ever since the moratorium was first put in place previous to my time as President. I've heard opinions from all communities from lots of different people, from professionals, non-professionals alike. I want to comment and Minister Sheppard touched on it. There was a petition on line. I think the petition is one thing that has really bugged me for the last couple of weeks when I heard that this is going to be part and parcel of this presentation. The petition was started by a non-beneficiary. Sixty-four percent of names on the petition are non-beneficiaries. We had a Land Claims Agreement, Madame Speaker, because we were governed from people from outside, or people that were Non-Inuit, or people that are non-beneficiaries. Whether they recommend, in this case, recommending that we say no to uranium, but even if they were recommending that we say yes to lifting the moratorium, I say that today has passed and long gone. We make our decisions on what we do. We'll make our own mistakes. We learn from our own mistakes. We don't need outside people from outside Nunatsiavut telling us how to run our region. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

ASSEMBLY: (Knocks in Agreement.)

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable President. Do we have any more questions or comments? The Honorable Minister of Finance.

MR. POTTLE: Thank you, Madame Chair. Just a comment, I guess. I would like to thank the Special Committee of the Assembly for carrying out the work as directed by the Nunatsiavut Assembly. I know the issue and the task at hand was hard. It could not have been easy listening to everybody's opinion, whether they were for or against uranium mining. The other members of the Special Committee have to be commended as well for your diligence and your work that you have put in through this process. I trust, as a Member of the Assembly, as this Assembly put its faith and its trust into the Special Committee to do its work. I have no problems with the report and that's the only thing that I would like to comment on and commend the committee for carrying out the task that the Assembly assigned you to do. Thank you, Madame Chair.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Barbour.

MR. BARBOUR: Thank you, Madame Chair. Because we are in Committee of the Whole I won't call you Madame Speaker, but because we are in Committee of the Whole, Carl McLean, who was part of the Special Committee can sit at the table to answer some technical questions, and why I chose to speak now is goes back to the point that the President made with regard to the petition that was forwarded to Sikumuit as that was the one place that all written submissions were going to go to, or if any committee member received them, we forwarded it onto Sikumuit. There were a number of submissions by non-beneficiaries in the health and social work field who were non-beneficiaries, but basically the Assembly resolution of September, basically, directed us, the Special Committee to go out and listen to beneficiaries and potential other stakeholders, being experts in companies, being people in the health field, in the social work field, and we grapple with that question that the President raises about including

the petition. We felt that at the end of the day that for us to exclude the petition and include everything else was unfair to that one particular piece. So we had that in-house, if you will, of the Special Committee, that discussion of whether we included the petition or not. I agree, I looked at it. There's a number of anonymous signatures. How can anyone put their name to a petition and call themselves anonymous? I've looked at it. There are a number of individuals who put their names forward and put them there twice in the petition. But for us to exclude the petition, we felt that we were not fully reporting to the Assembly. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Barbour. Any more questions or comments? The AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you. I guess in making a statement about the presentation that I did to the committee, unfortunately, I was out of my community and I didn't get to speak to them in person, but I certainly went through a lot of the stuff that's in here. I can't say I went through everything word-for-word, but I certainly went through the report and I think that it includes everybody's opinions whether they were for or against or whatever and that it's a good job, like that, but what I wanted to say, myself, is that I didn't put in my submission lightly. I did a lot of homework, and I agonized because uranium was something that we knew as Brinex, I guess, and we knew as a poisonous substance and that's where I came from when I went into this, and then after really digging and researching and trying to find unbiased opinions, and I think that that's where one of the problems is with calling people biased or unbiased. When you look at this subject it's really hard to get an opinion because if you worked in the industry you're seen as pro-uranium, and if you look at some of the reports from some people, look as though they're totally against uranium, it's really hard to get unbiased information, and I tried to do that. I really did. And when I made my submission, I didn't do it lightly. Like Glen said I love the land, I live on the land, I love to see it untouched and beautiful like it is forever, but then we've got to look at the reality in our lands, in our communities, what are we left with? And in my submission, I say that I support lifting the moratorium, and when I say that I'm not saying I'm supporting a uranium mine. I'm supporting lifting the moratorium to let the process proceed to let the people of Nunatsiavut have their say and to let the experts come forward and give us their opinions and then the people in Nunatsiavut can decide whether or not they want a mine. I'm supporting lifting the moratorium so that the process can proceed. And when it comes time to vote on making a mine, I'll make my vote at that time, not now. I'm not making my vote for a mine. I'm making my vote for lifting the moratorium, if we're going to vote. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, AngajukKâk for Rigolet. Any more questions? The AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

MR. JACQUE: Thank you. Yes, likewise, Charlotte. I want to say here today that we're here, if there's going to be a vote, wanting to lift the moratorium, not for a uranium mine, and I want this recorded in the minutes so all our beneficiaries will know, we all know, every one of us sitting around the table, that in all of our communities, there are people for and against. So I'd like to make that clear that we're not here voting on the uranium mine and it's a better understanding out there now from the beginning. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, AngajukKâk. AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. ANDERSEN: Yes. My point, Madame, is that, Madame Speaker is that we're not debating whether or not to lift the moratorium at this time, but we're supposed to be, maybe we should be accepting the report from the Special Committee because we seem to be wondering into debate on whether or not we should lift the moratorium.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, AngajukKâk. I'd like to recognize the Minister of Lands.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Madame Speaker. As Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and Chair of the Special Committee, I'd move, seconded by William Barbour, the Ordinary Member for Nain, that the Assembly accept the report on the public consultations regarding a moratorium on the working, production, mining and development of uranium on Labrador Inuit lands. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The motion is in order. Is everyone in agreement to accept the motion?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MADAM SPEAKER: The motion is adopted. We are now going to break until quarter to 4:00.

MS. NOCHASAK: Excuse me, Madame Speaker, if I may? Not understanding the process right now, where AngajukKâk from Nain said we're not debating the issue of lifting the moratorium or not, I think that it's good to hear everybody's opinion before we break and since we're on this topic right now, and there are some people that had their opinion raised, and I think there might be, like myself, that would like to speak in regards to this before the actual break happens. I know the motion is not adopted for the report, but I think there is still room for more opinions and concerns in regards to this issue. Madame Speaker, I have clarification from our President. Thank you. That's fine.

MADAM SPEAKER: Yes. We're going to break till quarter to 4:00.

(Recess)

MADAM SPEAKER: Okay. We're still into a Committee as a Whole. I'm going to recognize now the Honorable Glen Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Madame Chair. Based on the findings of our consultation process which took place, the Special Committee and me as Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, we'll be putting forward a Bill to Amend the Labrador Inuit Lands Act at this Assembly sitting. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Are there any questions? Questions or comments?

MR. LYALL: I have a question. Are you putting forward the Bill now, Minister Sheppard?

MR. SHEPPARD: No. Once we go back into the Assembly and re-convene from the Committee of the Whole.

MADAM SPEAKER: Go ahead.

MS. SILLETT: If I could try to clarify the process, a recommendation is being made right now by the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, and when it's time on the Orders of the Day, to go through the process for Bills, we'll go through that process when we're in Assembly.

MADAM SPEAKER: So now, if there are no questions or comments. The AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

MR. PIERCY: Thank you, Madame Chair. As everybody here knows, this is a big issue we're going to face and when the time comes to vote, there's people in our communities that's saying yes and some are saying no, but when I talk to a few of them I told them that right now it's just to lift a moratorium, it's not to go ahead and say yes to the uranium mine, but saying yes to the moratorium being lifted opens up different other avenues that are communities can benefit from. So just like I say, what Herb said earlier, just for the record, my vote just reflects on what the moratorium is about, not on the mine. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honorable Susan Nochasak.

MS. NOCHASAK: Nakummek Ukattik. I will say a few slues first I'd like to mention that I'd like to speak at this time on lifting the moratorium. I'll just go through my speaking notes at the beginning. There are a number of issues to be considered, not the least is the economic impact on our beneficiaries in our communities. While ensuring safety and no risk to our environment, the ability to create infrastructure, roads, power lines, enhanced services, business opportunities and education, training and long-term employment while remaining in our home communities, the bigger picture is the message of lifting this moratorium sends to the business community, which is that we are open for business, and the impact this has, not only on uranium mining, but on other projects and opportunities that our stakeholders have not moved forward on. Until our Government has lifted the moratorium, the impact of this decision will have long-term ramifications for this prosperity of our beneficiaries. Our communities are looking for the employment opportunities that this decision will create, and as their representative, I must be supportive of their opinion. I'm aware of the economic impact of this decision and I'm also aware that there are many safeguards in the environmental process as we move forward that give me peace of mind in my decision. Madame Speaker and fellow Assembly members, we agreed to establish the Special Committee to review the moratorium through public consultations so as we might hear the opinions and the voices of our people. I have studied the report and all the information from all of the sessions, and I feel that our people have spoken and the majority of their voices are clear. The moratorium should be lifted, not in saying that we are going to go ahead with uranium mining as it has been stated by the last two members, but we are interested in the steps forward and to have our questions answered. Madame Speaker, in the last week I went door to door to many of my beneficiaries in this community. I have spoken with many people in this community and asked their opinions as their elected official. I have stated that lifting the moratorium does not mean that there will be a mine opened up. I have stated that lifting the moratorium means that there will be

production and exploration chances and employment opportunities for our communities. With a heavy heart and doing a lot of research as AngajukKâk Wolfrey had mentioned, this decision wasn't easy to come to, but the constituents of Hopedale had made it clear that they would like to see prosperity in employment opportunities. Madame Speaker, by ending, I would also like to say that we have a lot of poverty in our communities and many people cannot afford to spend time in and on our beautiful land. They can merely see it in pictures and on Facebook, and pray and hope that some time, somewhere, someone will be kind enough to share their food with them. Madame Speaker, in this day and age people need employment and, in turn, money in order to be able to hunt and fish like they did before and use and enjoy our beautiful land. Thank you, Madame Speaker. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Any more questions or comments?The Honorable Minister of Health.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'm speaking on behalf of my constituents as Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, I received some feedback, not as much as I had hoped from my constituents on this issue. I received 15 comments, 10 were for lifting the moratorium and 5 for keeping it in place. Most who said to lift the moratorium, they want to lift it as long as the environment is protected, the animals, the fish, the waterways, are safe. To lift the moratorium, they said it does not mean they support the mine, but they want the EIS process to proceed. I would like to just read out a couple of comments I received from some people. "I am in favor of lifting the uranium moratorium. There are many precautions and regulations in place to monitor this. It will positively impact the employment opportunities for North Coast communities, which are in desperate need for individuals to find employment, long-term employment. I think the moratorium should be lifted. Lifting this moratorium does not mean that a mine will go ahead. I do think that there is a need for the environmental reviews, however, I do not think that looking into this can be good for the economy of the Nunatsiavut Government." This is another comment. "We do not need uranium mining on our lands. The negative effects outweigh the positive. I am in favor of lifting the moratorium as long as all environmental processes are in place. If the mine was ever to go ahead, there would have to be some direct impacts to the beneficiaries." "I have to say that the environment means more to me than anything. This includes the health of our people, animals, water, air, flora and fauna. Our beautiful, pristine, untouched land is such a rarity in today's world. I think we need to keep it that way." And the last one. "I do approve the lifting of the moratorium, but it does not mean I approve the mining at this moment. I still have many unaddressed concerns of uranium mining that a two-hour meeting will not address." I also read all the reports that were given to us over the last week, and probably the thing that most moved me was comments from the residents of Postville, and some of them in their 70's and 60's saying they don't want Postville to be a retirement community. They want their young people to come back home. They want to fill their schools. They want employment for the young people. So that really touched me. It's not an easy decision but, you know, lifting the moratorium doesn't mean a mine will take place, and I need to go with what the majority of the people in my constituency and also what I heard, like, what I've read from the other communities as well. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gary Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'd just like to add to what people are saying that in regard to; just give a comment from myself, as Member for Upper Lake Melville. I've attended the consultation meetings and I felt there was concerns made at the meeting, but it seemed that people were for lifting the moratorium and wanting economic development. For myself, I've seen the devastation that uranium mining could do. I visited Elliott Lake with delegation in the 70's, and Mary Jane was with us at the time and different people from the communities, and because of the total lack of regard for the environment, lack of restrictions and guidelines, the place was just a mess to look at. In the last year or so I've been following up on the new guidelines that we've been putting in place and the new ways to contain some of the waste and also the people, themselves, and pretty much educated on this issue, including myself, and I think people are starting to realize maybe it can be contained to some extent. We know this is going to be pollution. That it's a mine, so there's going to be pollution, but how much pollution's going to be there if you got the guidelines in place, and the companies have been coming with their models and showing us and I'm sure with strict Government guidelines and the Nunatsiavut Government putting their foot down right from day one saying that if you're going to come in, this is what you have to do, I've sort of satisfied myself, yes, things may work, you know, it's a very sensitive issue and sometimes you have to go further than what your heart feels. You have to look at the big picture of economic development and are we going to continue to stay behind the rest of the world, and our young people want to get out there and work and have all the other things that other people have, and it's a very sensitive issue that I have to deal with, but we're here. We're elected people. We have to make a stand and do this and lift it. If we have it lifted or not lifted, it's up to us now, but as the people around the table mentioned, it's just lifting the moratorium. What happens after this? I think we need to put something in place. Will the community decide themselves if the mine is going to be going ahead or something like that, but as the rest of you feel, it's just lifting the moratorium now and we just have to deal with that and let the rest of it take care of itself down the road, but it's something that somebody's going to have to deal with, and, like, AngajukKâk Wolfrey mentioned, the issue is you're for it or against it, there's no in between and that makes it difficult. I just wanted to get those things out to you from the way I feel. I'm not sure if it made any sense, but some things won't, some things do. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. I would like to now recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you. I guess this is the appropriate time now to give my opinion. Anyway, I'm just going to touch a little bit on what my submission was to the Special Committee. Like I said, I started off like everyone else. I, like a lot of people, thinking that uranium was going to kill us for sure. That was the information that I had when I started looking and the Brinex legacy because I was around North West River a lot, and a lot of people, some people from North West River, at least some of the ones I was associated with were working with Brinex so, you know, I've heard some of the stories from there. So from that, anyway, I really set out to find out about uranium because I thought that if I could get the unbiased and the true information, I had enough isumak, enough sense, myself to make my own decisions and to come to my own conclusions, and at some point through all of this I was sitting on a panel, actually, it was called a Michelin Community Panel, and it was Aurora Energy had this panel up

and running, and I went to all of the information sessions that were around all of the communities, and I was always mindful that the information that I was getting was from a company that wanted to mine uranium on our lands. I kept that in my mind, and I raised the concerns around that I had and that my community had, like I was supposed to. And, yes, like I said, I'd done research on the internet and stuff, and I actually had the opportunity to go to McLean Lake and I visited Cluff Lake where McLean Lake was a fully operational uranium mine and Cluff Lake was a decommission mine, and you know, I saw a lot of people and one of the things that struck me, and especially when I attended some Canadian nuclear safety commission presentations, a lot of the people that were giving us this information was kind of old, and they were saying they worked in the uranium industry, and if they were 70, well, they still wasn't dead yet from the uranium. So I mean, I was taking this into consideration and I don't mean to insult anybody, but they were elderly people, and they had worked there for 30 years, and they were still in pretty good shape, probably better shaped than me, some of them, so, anyway I took that into consideration, and I attended the information sessions we had from Golder. But armed with all the information that I had, I still had a responsibility to my people as AngajukKâk for Rigolet. I needed to know what their feelings were and how they wanted me to speak on the moratorium issue. So I went around the community. It was in the summer and I went to every door in Rigolet, although there were some people not at home. I had 30 people tell me, yes, I should vote to lift the moratorium, 2 told me no. There were 19 that were undecided and 19 people that didn't make any comments at all and there were 31 houses where there was no one at home. And I really want to point out that during my visit to the homes, when people did not comment and they actually said to me, Charlotte, I don't have enough information on uranium to honestly comment to you whether or not the moratorium should be lifted or not, and that might be my own fault as a person for not looking for that information, but I really don't want to make any comment at all. So most of them were genuine in their not commenting and I would say that less than five people didn't comment because they didn't care. Most of them didn't. They felt they didn't have the information that they needed to make the comments. And the 19 people who were undecided, they were really undecided. They weighed the benefits and the possible harm to our land and they really couldn't come to a decision, and they were truly torn between the economic issues of development and keeping the beautiful and pristine Nunatsiavut like it is. They were torn and they wanted to be undecided. But just for my final summation and for my decision, armed with all the information that I had, I also have a political responsibility to my people, and given consideration to the time and the commitment I put into getting prepared for a vote, I really have to support lifting the moratorium to allow the process, like I said, to continue, and for the people of Nunatsiavut to have their voices heard, and I think that I owe my people no less than that. And I also have to look at where Rigolet is heading. Our population has been decreasing. There's no work there, and some families have had a taste of what it's like to earn good money when they worked at Voisey's Bay Nickel Construction, or even when they worked for the mining companies during the exploration phases. And I have to support the right for my people to be able to have a good income and to sustain themselves and their families, and I didn't come to this decision, like I said, lightly because I live off of the land, and I love the beauty, and I love the being able to go out and look at the untouched and open spaces and somewhere not close to Rigolet anyway with the uranium proposals that are around Postville and Makkovik, but I guess that people there will be able to look out and see some destruction, or go out on the land and see some destruction. But when I look around me and I see all of our youth leaving because there are no

jobs, and only coming back for the holidays, and when I see people struggle to try and find work and to try and get 14 weeks of work to draw their unemployment, or to see them on welfare, I think my obligation is to try and ensure we keep our communities alive and, like Patricia said, and that they become more than retirement communities, so that's where I was coming from. Although it's in this report, maybe everybody never read it. I just wanted to tell people that's why I came to the conclusion that I did and, like I said, when we vote, I'm voting to lift the moratorium. I'm not yet voting for a mine. That's something that we will face or cross when we come to it. Nakummek. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Charlotte. Any more comments or questions? Yes, go ahead, Jim.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I would suggest we go back into Assembly.

MADAM SPEAKER: Okay.

MR. LYALL: Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: We are back into the Assembly now, and if there are no further questions on the report, the Special Committee will introduce a Bill to Amend the Labrador Inuit Lands Act to remove the uranium moratorium restrictions. This would be a separate process when the Assembly session reconvenes. We're going to move down right now to number 12 on the Orders of the Day, Notices of Motions. I recognize Denise Lane, the Ordinary Member from Makkovik.

MS. LANE: Thank you, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, I wish to put the Nunatsiavut Assembly on notice that I intend to make a motion to adopt an Elected Officials Policy, as I intend to make a motion to adopt the revised Standing Orders. I will be asking the Assembly to convene as a Committee of the Whole. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Any more Notices of Motions? The Honorable Minister of Finance.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I wish to give notice to the Assembly that I will be proposing a resolution to appoint the auditor for Nunatsiavut, as well as, I'm not sure how to frame this, Madame Speaker, because I'm still a little bit confused on the process of the appointment to the Implementation Trust on the recommendations of names from the trustees of the Implementation Committee. I'm not sure if I need to give notice that there will be a motion or not, so maybe I need some clarification on that. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Any more notices of motions? We'll now go to number 13 on Notice of Motion for First Reading of Bills. I'd like to recognize the Honorable First Minister.

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I would like to give notice of motion for first reading of Bill 2011-06, a Bill to Amend the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, CIL01-03-2010-N1.1. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Any more notices of motions for Bills? The Honorable Minister of Lands.

MR. SHEPPARD: Madame Speaker, I'd like to make motion, I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Nain, excuse me. Just giving you notice of motion that I will be presenting to the House of Assembly. Thank you. For the first reading, that is.

MADAM SPEAKER: Now, we'll go to number 14, which is Motions, and I would like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Makkovik.

MS. LANE: Thank you, Madame Speaker. Nunatsiavut Resolution 2011-07, Resolutions of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to approve the Elected Officials Benefits Policy, whereas the Member Services Committee have drafted the Elected Officials Benefits Policy now there be it resolved that the Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby approves the Elected Official Benefits Policy attached to this document as Schedule 1. Any and all previous resolutions dealing with the Elected Officials Benefits Policy are hereby rescinded. Moved by Denise Lane, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, seconded by William Barbour, Ordinary for Nain. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms. Lane. The motion is in order. Is everyone in agreement with the motion?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MADAM SPEAKER: The motion is adopted.

MR. POTTLE: Point of Order, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Okay.

MR. POTTLE: I'm still a little bit confused, Madame Speaker. I believe I heard the Ordinary Member for Makkovik give notice that she will be asking the Assembly to convene as a Committee of the Whole to entertain the report on the Elected Officials Benefits Package. Now I'm hearing that she's putting forward a motion to accept that without the Committee of the Whole entertaining that report. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: She had the wrong motion at the moment, so we're going to forget that one at the moment and go on with the motion that she had formerly had ready.

MS. LANE: Sorry about that. Resolution 2011-09. Adoption of Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly whereas the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures reported to the Assembly on September the 13th, 2011, on its reveal of the Standing Orders, Rules and Procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and whereas the Assembly adopted the report of the Standing Committee with amendments, and whereas the Assembly may, by motion, establish, amend and repeal Standing Orders. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by Honorable Dan Pottle, Minister of Finance, Human Resources Information Technology, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby adopts its Standing Orders, the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly that were adopted by the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures on November the 15th, 2011, a copy of which were tabled on December 13th, 2011, and further that be it resolved that takes effect as the motion approved under Section 84 of the Nunatsiavut

Assembly Act where the Bill to Amend the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act comes into effect. Moved by Denise Lane, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, seconded by Honorable Dan Pottle, Minister of Finance and Human Resources. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms. Lane. The motion is in order. Any questions? Is there agreement with the motion?

MR. LYALL: Madame Speaker, I never heard your question.

MADAM SPEAKER: The motion is in order. Are there any questions to that? The Honorable Minister of Finance.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Not a question per se, but as Ms. Lane, the Ordinary Member for Makkovik had stated, this is a resolution to adopt the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly that was accepted in a report form by the Assembly back in September of 2011. I support the Ordinary Member for Makkovik's motion to adopt the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly as approved in report form by the Assembly in September of 2011. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. Are there any more comments or questions? If not, is there agreement with the motion?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MADAM SPEAKER: Agreed. Therefore the motion is adopted.

MS. LANE: Madame Speaker, in order for the members of the Assembly to consider the Elected Officials Policy, I would, on behalf of the Special Committee, request to consent the Assembly to the policies, consider in a Committee of the Whole. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Do the Assembly agree to go into a Committee of the Whole?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MADAM SPEAKER: Okay. We're still in a Committee of a Whole, so we're going to the Elected Officials Benefits Package, Schedule 1. They're in your package. Tony.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. I wanted to speak a little bit about constituency allowance because I fully understand what it says, what a constituency is. I know that and I know what it says in the Constitution. That doesn't make the process very fair. Under 6, on page 11, number 2, constituency allowances, what it can be used for. It is exactly what the AngajukKaat and the Community Chairs-, we need that kind of support. The Ordinary Members in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville, for constituency allowance, they don't need that support, they've got the whole support of the office there. It is us guys that are poor, what don't have those kind of things. We have to go begging to Nunatsiavut, to the Joint Management Committee to get budget, and we don't get the level of support that ordinary members get. They don't need to have a budget for a phone. There are phones in every office in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. The only difference is the Canadian constituency members that

perhaps require substantial constituency allowance, and I know that you can't call it that for us. But the Constitution also allows for this Assembly to make allowance for any member, whether they are ordinary members or AngajukKâk or head of Community Chairs. Simply because the Constitution says that we don't have a constituency, doesn't mean that we can't have an allowance to support us because we can't get the funds, because you know what we did? You know the mayors before the Land Claims Agreement were like volunteer workers. They went in. They didn't require being there all day. They didn't require a phone. They didn't require funds to rent rooms to have meetings within the community. They didn't require as much travel money. They didn't require computers. That wasn't provided for them for the website, whatever for. The Nain Inuit Community Government, we like to have a website. At this point in time we can't afford it. But these are the kind of things and I just wanted to bring that forward and I know that committee has wrestled long and hard with it when I really didn't want to be a spoiler again here today, but I got to say what's on my mind and I do talk to that, my friend from Nain who I know that if this has to be taken back he's probably not going to refuse to sit on that committee anymore but that's the only thing, that I wanted to bring that up that we, too, need support, and we don't have that kind of support that ordinary members have because of that office in Nain, Mr. Barbour, he sits up there and he gets the same support as the Minister gets. He can use the phone. He can use the stationery. He can use the photocopiers, all kinds of electronic goodies that we don't have at Inuit Community Governments. All that kind of support is there. Office supplies, administrative support. Ordinary members get administrative support and its administrative support; we don't have that kind of administrative support in our Inuit Community Governments because we can't afford to. I only wanted to tell you make the playing field a little bit level. And if it's not called constituency allowance, it can be called something else, and this Assembly has every right to ensure that the AngajukKaat as well are taken care of in receiving this kind of support that we need to do our jobs. Thank you, Chair.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Member of NunaKatiget.

MR. WINTERS: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'd like to just speak on the constituency allowance there. Back in, I think it was 2009, Mr. Russell and myself was approached by the President to move our offices from the present one where the main offices up on Hillcrest down to Corte Real. Mr. Russell wouldn't move, but I moved, and now I have to pay the administrative support, the telephone, the postage, office supplies. There's another office space that I have to pay for. All this comes upon me by me just saying okay to the President. Thank you very much.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Winters. Any more comments?

MR. ANDERSEN: I'd like to ask the legal counsel a question on this one. Under resolution, under number two, it says, "Any and all previous resolutions dealing with the Elected Officials Benefits Policy are hereby rescinded," because many of us today was under the impression that we would still have that constituency allowance until the end of March, and I heard others say that today, the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, I heard him mentioned that today. But what that resolution means to me is that once this resolution is passed, it's rescinded and that's not true, and we're not going to get the chance to spend that money before the end of March, we're going to lose it right away, so you think I'm going to vote for

this? I'll vote for it if it gets the stamp of approval to go into effect on April 1st, but then I won't support it until the end of March.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honorable Minister of Finance.

MR. POTTLE: Thank you for raising that issue, AngajukKâk for Nain. That was a concern that I had as well, and I've repeatedly, reiterated the fact that the Assembly approved Budget Bill 2010-2011, and I've heard no motion or anything come forward to this Assembly to amend that Budget Bill. So from my perspective as Minister of Finance, that still stands, and you've taken the question out of my mouth that I was going to ask the members of the Member Services Committee is what date does these Elected Officials Policies, if they're approved by the Assembly, come into effect?

MADAM SPEAKER: Loretta, please?

MS. MICHELIN: The way to deal with the issue raised by the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Andersen, is to say any and all previous resolutions dealing with the Elected Officials Benefits Policy, are hereby rescinded as of March 31st, 2012.

MADAM SPEAKER: AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS. WOLFREY: I got to ask the Member Services Committee, I don't know who's going to answer, but what was the reason that you took the constituency allowance away from us because the Constitution says there's seven constituencies and seven people or whatever, people to represent those constituencies and nobody else can have constituency allowances. If that was the reason, then do you disagree that we don't need money to operate? I mean, or was it to save money, or was it to do what the Constitution says because you're not saving much money, thirty-two hundred dollars or something like that was what Rigolet had.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, AngajukKâk. Mr. Barbour.

MR. BARBOUR: I'll, try to respond, AngajukKâk for Rigolet. This policy has been in the works for a number of years now, including even before my time on the Member Services Committee, and each time we bring it forward to Assembly it gets thrown back at the Member Services Committee, go and fix that, go and fix that. Well, one of the reasons on the constituency allowance became sticky was the donations issue. Our legal counsel and we had two legal opinions, saw what happened with the provincial spending scandal. They saw that the donation portion of the constituency allowance could become real sticky for each and every Assembly member, and they made that absolutely clear, and you guys have those legal opinions. They will not be tabled at the Assembly, but you have electronic copies of those. The donation portion was the sticking point. During that process and we had to involve the Minister of Finance and his DM to make sure that we were in line with all of the rest of our law. I stand to be corrected by the Minister of Finance, but in 2006, 2007 when we first put this constituency allowance in place; we were a brand new Government. We were not deliberately out there trying to make mistakes, but we could overlook stuff, which is the case. To my friend, AngajukKâk for Nain, we do talk to each other, back in our home communities. We knew that, I knew that as a Member Services

Committee that this will be a sticking point for the AngajukKaat and the Community Chair. But I think also, just like the donations portion, the Member Services had to be up front with the rest of the Assembly that here is what the Constitution said, that there are seven constituencies, that there are 10 ordinary members, two in the Canadian constituency, two in Upper Lake Melville, two in Nain and one from Hopedale to Rigolet. That's where we went, based on legal opinion. It wasn't to take away from AngajukKaat and Community Chairs. That was never the intent.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Barbour. AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS. WOLFREY: And I don't think, William that the AngajukKâk and the Community Corporation Chairs were looking for the money for donations. I think that, for me, speaking for me, for example, I went to the elders conference in Goose Bay that was held, and that's what I used some of my constituency money for. I don't, and actually, when I was giving out donations because, I mean, we was allowed to do it, I actually wondered, how come I can do this, actually, but it was in there so I done it, but I think the other thing is what the AngajukKâk from Nain said, that we got a budget that comes from the Joint Management Committee and it's for the managers and their superintendents of works, and the garbage collection, and whatever else there is. There was never any money put in there for mayors to go travelling and to do whatever we had to do, for the most part or training or whatever it was. So I think that it wasn't a question, not at all for me, anyway, about giving people donations. I have no problems with that being gone. It's just that here we are where we were made full-time in the office with the makings of this land claim and the acceptance of this land claim and the elections of the first government, and that put an additional expenditure for the communities, and I mean, I wouldn't have a laptop if it wasn't for being on the Assembly. Are you going to take that back because I'm not a constituency, or you know what I'm saying is there were additional expenditures put on the councils, I guess, and why wouldn't you have an allotment for them to have some kind of repayment of some of those expenses?

MADAM SPEAKER: Rexanne.

MS. CRAWFORD: I believe AngajukKâk Andersen and AngajukKâk Wolfrey mentioned about additional expenses being brought into the Assembly, or to the communities, so I just wonder, I know previously, before we were self-government, mayors were volunteer positions, and now they are salaried positions, which is paid for by the Nunatsiavut Assembly. So the salary costs are no additional cost to your communities because that is coming from your Assembly budget. As well, there has been no discussion and nothing about laptops not being provided, and they all have been provided by the Assembly so that you can use them for your Government. So in that case there's no additional expense being brought on. Under the constituency allowances, it mentions being able to use it for such things as office supplies, administrative support, telephone costs. The only constituency that uses their allowance for those costs is the Canadian constituency. So I just wanted to kind of highlight that, and just let you have that information to address some of your questions.

MADAM SPEAKER: Patricia.

MR. ANDERSEN: Sorry.

MADAM SPEAKER: Okay. AngajukKâk from Nain.

MR. ANDERSEN: I do very much believe that there must have been at least one AngajukKâk who used his. So it was not just Canada, but a Chair as well, it took us some time to get used to this and when we heard through the Member Services that the concerns that legal counsel is having with the donation team, and it was a great thing. I mean, it's the first thing I used it for because it was a little way of helping the sports, things in the communities and that, and didn't really look at it as trying to buy votes or anything and that was the only pot of money that was there, right? Now, if it was more restrictive, like, for telephones and websites and things like that and use theirs, I probably would have used it for that. But, for me, it was to use it for the sports teams, try and help those poor teams. You know how much it costs to travel from Nain to Goose Bay, and then try help them as much as we can and also for families who can't afford to bring people back for funerals, that kind of thing. We never ever looked at it as if we were trying to buy votes or anything. But as soon as we started to learn how to use it, now we're losing it. I get some lessons from the AngajukKâk from Makkovik who was a little bit ahead of the rest of us folks.

MADAM SPEAKER: Patricia.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: I was thinking, I know in the past us four elected officials in Upper Lake Melville have cost-shared having public meetings and we've cost-shared, say, going to Mud Lake because you've got to rent the skidoo and for the food for rental of a house and for newsletters. I've bought office supplies with my constituency allowance for newsletters, like, stamps, address labels, or whatever, but we usually do things jointly when we have meetings so we'll all cost-share the costs of holding a public meeting. Is there a way that we can change the title from constituency allowance to, say, elected official allowance, and then people can still be eligible for expenses that they might need because other people could put out newsletters too. Like each Inuit Community Government could put out a newsletter and they might want to set up a website like Tony said. So is there a way it could be changed to elected official allowance or something that, you would use it as an elected official? It's just a thought.

MADAM SPEAKER: Loretta.

MS. MICHELIN: I think I'll just do a little explanation. Think about the Provincial Assembly and the Canadian Parliament. There are only elected officials representing constituents in those Houses. There are no mayors of towns. There are no Chairs of corporations sitting in either the Assembly or the Parliaments. That's why AngajukKaat and Chairs are considered to be ex officio because they are not there representing constituents. As per the Constitution, AngajukKaat are there to represent their Community Government interests, and Chairs are there to represent the members of their corporations. One of the main mandates of the Chairs is to bring the concerns of their members to the Assembly and to the Nunatsiavut Government, but they are provided a budget to do that. They are provided a budget and one of their main mandates is to communicate with their members. The same goes for AngajukKaat. AngajukKaat are in the Assembly to bring the concerns of their communities to the Assembly. As part of an AngajukKaat duty and as part of the duty of their community council is to

communicate with the members of their community and they are provided a budget to do that. It is only the ordinary members who have constituents and that's why they're provided a constituency allowance in order to hold meetings to communicate with their constituents. Where AngajukKaat and Chairs are provided with a budget and that's part of their ordinary responsibilities as Chairs and AngajukKaat.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honorable Member of Finance.

MR. POTTLE: I guess some of the things that I was going to say, the legal counsel, Ms. Michelin, already reiterated. One of the things that I think we should be cognizant of, and I correct my Deputy Minister in her assumption that only the Canadian constituency has paid and used constituency allowances for things such as telephones, newsletters, website, mileage. I think each Ordinary Member, and up until this point, Chairs and AngajukKaat of Inuit Community Government also use that as well, but I guess just to, again, pick up on something that Mr. Barbour had reiterated a little while ago, and not to continually make excuses for an evolving and growing government, but as a former member of the Member Services Committee and one time Chair of that committee, this is really confusing. The Assembly Act, itself, is quite confusing. When you go through the mandate of the Member Services Committee that sets out in provision 78 to 83 of the Assembly Act, then you bump up to Part X, Part XI, where it discusses members' salaries, allowances, expenses, and benefits. I have never seen in the Assembly Act, itself, or the Constitution, any reference to a constituency allowance per se. That was something, I think, that we insidiously adopted in terminology as the first Member Services Committee. So we were using that moniker, or that terminology consistent with the Provincial House of Assembly and the House of Commons, the Government of Canada. That's how that came to be. I think one thing that and not to take away from the report of the Member Services Committee, but now having as a, I guess, an experienced member of the Assembly for the last going into now six and a half years, we're learning as we're moving along and there's still some things that we need to consider and possibly change. One of the things that may be necessary to change is some of the wording in the Assembly Act. To speak in terms of constituency, constituency allowance and who's entitled to that, when you go to Part XI of the Assembly Act, itself, it speaks to member salaries, allowances, expenses and benefits. That caused us some confusion. Allowances, I think, and expenses, are relative to work that you may do as a committee member, or other work designated to you through your role as Ordinary Member or AngajukKâk or Chair of the Community Corporation, maybe it's time and there is, as part of the report that was adopted by the Assembly on the Committee of Rules and Procedures, a recommendation to look at and review the Assembly Act for possible amendments. So maybe that's some way that we can put these uncertainties to rest and bring some more clarity to that. But, I mean, again, as Minister of Finance and I'll probably be wracked on the knuckles for saying this. For the last five and a half years I've been supportive of constituency allowances as well, but having more experience and gaining more knowledge and looking at some of the implications that we could be faced with, with respect to using public funds to support work that's not considered to be discharging of our duties, I think, I mean, we've got to be quite careful on that. So I don't know, and getting back to Minister Kemuksigak's point, and I don't know if the Member Services Committee has entertained this or not, and I think I heard somebody suggest that maybe the budget for the Inuit Community Government, or the Community Corporation

could be increased up to that amount that we're now taking away, I guess, for lack of a better word, as a constituency allowance, I may be enhancing your budget to support some of the work that you're doing, but bottom line is we have budgeted, and we appropriate, and we give money to each of the Inuit Community Governments and each of the Inuit Community Corporation that's intended to be budgeted for, and to take into consideration some of the things that you've been doing as part of the dollars that you have received through what we called, quote, unquote, "A constituency allowance." Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honorable Susan Nochasak.

MS. NOCHASAK: Thank you, Madame Speaker. Not to try and draw this out any more than it already has, but I've just got some questions in regards to the constituency allowance also. As you're all aware from the last Assembly, I made my feelings known that in regards to donations, I made it known that I feel strongly that there should be a pot of money put aside, other than what the constituency allowance is intended for. Up until now I haven't heard of any such new committee or looking into that, but my question, in regards to that, since, myself, I don't use the constituency allowance very much since the donation portion was taken out. I'd like to know what happens to the constituency allowance year after year if it's not being used, and if there's a number of us that's not using a lot of the constituency allowance, if maybe those unused funds can be put into this pot that I'm thinking about in another committee that can use it for donations for bereavement to get families here, there, or for, like, AngajukKâk, Mr. Andersen, had mentioned, still contributing somewhat to some sports teams that still like to travel.

MADAM SPEAKER: Rexanne.

MS. CRAWFORD: Each year we've tabled a report that outlines the budget constituency allowances and the amount that was actually spent. So the last one for the fiscal year March 31st, 2011, was tabled at the September sitting and, no, the constituency allowances aren't fully utilized for what's budgeted, but it's the same as any monies that we have that aren't used. They then go back into the general fund and then have to be appropriated in the next year in the manner that they want to be used. So at the end of this fiscal year, whatever the amounts are that's not used in the constituency allowance then goes back to their general funds and Nunatsiavut Fund, and once we pass our next Budget Act, at that point we can then start using the funds in our Nunatsiavut Fund. Similar to the term that you hear in the Provincial Government, slippage. So if you don't use it then goes back into the fund and has to be re-appropriated so.

MS. MICHELIN: Just to add to that, money can only be spent if it has been appropriated and targeted for a certain purpose. And it's appropriated in a Budget Bill. So if there was going to be a fund set up, say, you call it a donations fund, it would have to be in the Budget Bill that there would be X amount of money in this fund for whatever purposes, but we would have to have very clear criteria because this is the people's money. We are accountable and you cannot just give away the people's money. It has to be open and transparent. It would have to be budgeted. There would have to be very clear criteria associated with what it's going to be spent for.

MARY JANE: As William said, this is a policy that's been worked on for years and years and years. Danny remembers working on it in his days. And I think that we had wanted an Elected Officials Benefits Policy so that we would be clear on what entitlements are there for elected officials, what time off, what you can take for sick leave, what you can take for a paid leave, which would be different than the senior management. That's always an issue, and it seems that we've made very little progress, and the most controversial part of this whole document is number six, the constituency allowance. That is the most controversial. I'd like to see some resolve on some of the major issues and if I could suggest that you know, we approve everything with the exception of this, and with this, you can deal with it by way of a separate motion. I mean, you have in the past. This is what the resolution number two refers to, is you've made one resolution on one benefit, another resolution on another benefit. They were all over the place. They weren't in one comprehensive package. But where we'd been working on this for so long and where there are continuing questions every week about what elected officials are entitled to that's different from senior management, it would be good for us to have a comprehensive policy, but if this issue is so controversial that you can't get any resolve on it, can we suggest that the motion, and say that, you know, you want to approve everything with the exception of that provision that you're going to work on.

MR. PIERCY: Thank you. I've been in now for a year. Every time we dealt with this, everybody gets stuck on the constituency allowance, like, what we're talking about now. It's like what Mary Jane said. Everybody seems happy now with everything that's in the other positions in there. So why don't we strike number six, have it go back to the Member Services Committee, and deal with it as one separate item. Everybody seems perfectly happy now with the way the rest of it unfolded, right? So it's basically molded to where you want it and I've got to commend you've done a good job on it, but, like I said, when it comes to number six, everybody has something to say about it. So why don't we strike number six out of it, and then take it back and either be elected officials allowance or whatever, because, like I say, everything else is molded now that everybody's satisfied with the rest of the work in progress there. Thank you. Like I say again, the only trouble with this whole thing is number six.

MR. BARBOUR: Thank you, Madame Chair. If this issue is going to be sent back to the Member Services Committee, what have we've been given, I mean, we've explained to the Assembly that we followed the Constitution in terms of what has been put together here for a constituency allowance. If we are to follow that, the Member Services Committee is going to recommend to the Assembly that we're following the Constitution that AngajukKaat and Community Chairs cannot have constituency allowances. I mean, what are you giving us? I need to understand what kind of task we're being given here or, you know, six months from now I'll come back with the same thing and it's still not good enough. You know, tell us what we're allowed to do, or not allowed to do.

MR. PIERCY: Thank you again, so if we're going to keep it at this, like what Tony was saying, we want to be on the same level playing field as everybody else, so can we make an adjustment to our budget that we add on the four thousand to our budget? Thank you.

MS. CRAWFORD: Again, we have to go through the budget process, but we also have to go back and look at each individual Inuit Community Government, Inuit Community Corporations, individual

financial statements and see where you are. I mean, we did an exercise where we looked at all your financial statements that came in for last year. I think all Inuit Community Governments except for one was in a surplus position, or I think you might have been in a surplus; we have all in net financial assets, one in a net debt position. So, you know, there's an argument saying that there are increased costs for Inuit Community Governments by having full-time AngajukKaat, but yet when you see the numbers, the numbers are there, you know. And it's great. I'm not saying go out and spend your money because I think you're making decisions as an Inuit Community Government and from the corporations as well. Also in the past, if you look at what constituency allowances have been allocated and what was actually used, we had some members not use anything of their constituency allowance, and now again, I'm not saying go out and spend it all, but, you know, I just want to bring those points up too. I don't see in the numbers, other than a one community government that there are extreme difficulties in the costs.

MS. WOLFREY: Rigolet is not in a deficit and, yes, we've got surplus money, but the reason we've got surplus money is that we happen to have some renovations, or whatever to our buildings, or some big project where we got back the HST, or something or other like that, and we need a supervisor of works, but if we go out, we got a hundred thousand dollars, or whatever it is, and I'm not saying that's the figure, I'm just using that as an example. If we had a hundred thousand dollars over and above our budget this year and we went and hired a supervisor of works, we could probably have him for two years and then we'd have to lay him off. I mean, we could spend our money, but we need more people and things like that, but it's just that we happened to come into some money over the last couple of years and prior to having that money, we didn't even have any money budgeted, for example, for severance, if people were going to leave we didn't have any money in reserve, and some of that money that you're talking about now, if you're going to tell part of the picture, it needs to be all told, because some of the money that we got in surplus is really reserve money for people that are finished their work. We've got to hold some of that, and we never had it before, and we're lucky to have it now. So if you're going to tell part of the picture, tell it all. Rigolet got some money, but some of it is for severance in case people finished their work.

MS. CRAWFORD: There's a difference between surplus and a cash balance. So when you have a surplus in a year, it takes what revenues you've got in your year and looks at the expenditures you had for a year, and you have surplus dollars and then I know you have extra cash and then your accumulated surplus is a different number and that's where you would have your reserves to pay out severance. So when I talk about surplus, I'm just looking on a year-to-year basis of revenues coming in and an expense going out, so I know that their operating decision is made on a day-to-day basis. Like when we go through the budget process, that's where those decisions would have to be made about allocating additional funds for the Inuit Community Governments and the ICC's.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I don't think we're reaching consensus here. We've been on this subject now for the last hour and a half or so. I recommend that we go back to Assembly as a Whole and take a vote on it. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Okay. We're now back into Assembly and I'm going to recognize Denise Lane.

MS. LANE: Thank you, Madame Speaker. Nunatsiavut Assembly, Resolution 2011-07. Resolution of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to approve the Elected Officials Benefits Policy, whereas the Member Services Committee has drafted the Elected Officials Benefits Policy. Now therefore be it resolved that the Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby approves the Elected Official Benefits Policy attached to this document as Schedule 1, and any of all previous resolutions dealing with the Elected Officials Benefits Policy is hereby rescinded as of March, 2012. I move and seconded by William Barbour, Ordinary Member for Nain. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms. Lane. The motion is in order. Is everyone in agreement with the motion? Okay. Let's see hands for an agreement of the motion?

MR. POTTLE: Point of order, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Pardon me?

MR. POTTLE: Point of order?

MADAM SPEAKER: Okay.

MR. POTTLE: May I have a clarification on the Resolution subsection (2) as it was proposed by the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, any and all previous resolutions dealing with the Elected Officials Benefits Policy are hereby rescinded as of March, 2012. Do you intend to put a day to the month of March? Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: March 31st.

MR. LYALL: Yes. And it wasn't read as that way, so we're adding it as of March 31st?

MADAM SPEAKER: Yes. Okay. So now can we have a show of hands for who's accepting? The motion is adopted. Twelve to 5. Twelve were in favor, 5 were against, and so the motion is passed. Before we adjourn until tomorrow morning, if everyone could stay around to get a photograph done with Bert, then we'll be adjourning until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

MADAM SPEAKER: Ullaakutilonnasi I'd like to officially call the Assembly to order. Going down through our orders of the day for today, Item number two, Tabling of Documents and Petitions, are there any tabling of documents or petitions? Then we'll move on down to item number three, Minister Statements or Announcements. Are there any minister statements or announcements? I'd like to recognize the honorable Minister of Finance.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Just very quickly, yesterday I never had time to welcome everybody to the new Assembly building and to say thank you to all those who put so much hard work and dedication into making this building a reality. It is certainly an honor to stand here in this House of Assembly, in a state of the art building that we can truly call our own, and I hope we'll, in this building, move onto and continue the great work that we started six years ago when Nunatsiavut Government came into being. I would also like to welcome the newest ordinary member for Upper Lake Melville to

the Assembly, Gary Mitchell. I look forward to working with you, Gary, for the term of our office over the next two and a half years. And as the Ordinary Member for Canada, I would like to wish the beneficiaries in the constituency of Canada, and all beneficiaries to the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement, our staff, our civil service and our Assembly members a joyous and blessed Christmas, and I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas holiday. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honorable Minister. Are there any more Minister Statements? The Honorable Minister of Lands.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I guess before I jump into my notes, extended from yesterday, which I had a breakdown due to the size of the report, and I included it in my Minister Statement, I'd like to wish before I forget, everybody in this House and within Nunatsiavut Government and Upper Lake Melville and Northwest River, Mr. Tuttauq always remind me to include Northwest River, and the St. John's constituency, and wherever beneficiaries are a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. So having said that, I will get into my Minister Statement and I had some more information from this department which I've made note of yesterday, has a tremendous amount of files and, you know, to do it one at a time, it's, due to time constraints, it can become challenging. So, having said that, Madame Speaker, another one of the key files of this division was to co-ordinate our involvement in the Land Use Planning Process and our review of the draft Land Use Plan. The Regional Planning Authority hired a Commissioner, and the Commissioner conducted public hearings on the latest draft of the Land Use Plan. It is our understanding that the authority members are meeting this week to discuss the commissioner's report. Our GIS specialist has been in discussions with provincial officials to hopefully create some mapping for each community that identifies the boundaries of individual parcels in the communities. Updating mapping will be very helpful for the communities in managing the land within the Inuit community boundaries. We continue to process land applications as time permit. Non-renewable Resource Division. Madame Speaker, there were 10 exploration work plan approvals issued in 2011 to exploration companies on various properties in Labrador Inuit land. In comparison, in 2008 there were 28 work plan approvals, 2009, 10 work plan approvals, 2010, 12 work plan approvals. Freeport Resources Incorporated received a Nunatsiavut Government work plan approval in 2010 to complete a garnet bulk sample program at the Hutton Beaches in 2011. This program did not go ahead as they were unable to co-ordinate the logistics of the proposed program. Quest Rare Minerals Ltd. continues to explore for rare earth minerals on both sides of the Quebec and Labrador border near Strange Lake outside of the exempt mineral lands. They want to expand their deposit and have been conducting preliminary environmental baseline studies to advance the project. Quest met with the Minister and other NG officials in early fall and provided an update to their exploration program. They indicated their preferred transportation route to supply their Quebec project would be to construct their road to the Edward's Cove area and construct a port near the Voisey's Bay infrastructure. Madame Speaker, we are continuing discussions with the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board to deliver a Seismic Workshop for relevant stakeholders in the spring of 2012. The purpose of the Seismic Workshop is to explain all aspects of oil and gas exploration with an emphasis on seismic exploration, identify concerns and impacts to the Labrador Inuit Fishery from seismic exploration, discuss ways to improve communication and consultation amongst all stakeholders, discuss potential opportunities in

this industry and environmental research in relation to seismic exploration, impacts benefit agreement section. Madame Speaker, the Voisey's Bay IBA is progressing fairly well. There were a few issues regarding hiring and contracting earlier in the year and Vale staff, Innu Nation and the Nunatsiavut Government continue to work on educating shared services and strategic procurement of Vale to rectify these issues. There's a lot of improvement going forward. Jason Simpson, the new general manager, was hired by Vale during the summer months. He has kept good communication with the NG, and he's very keen in ensuring IBA commitments are being met. Our beneficiaries continue to advance their careers within Vale. We currently had three of our beneficiaries move to supervisor levels, and one of our beneficiaries was successful in obtaining the mill operator trainer position. We will continue monitoring all aspects of the IBA and maintain a good working relationship with Vale. The Parks IBA continues to be monitored. We had a meeting with Parks Canada staff in Nain on November the 8th, 2011, regarding the proposed changes to the Parks, Wildlife, Wild Animal Regulations. A number of points were discussed, and Nunatsiavut Government is providing our opinion on these proposed changes. Gary Pottle of Rigolet has been re-appointed to the Parks Co-Management Board, Nunatsiavut, representing Nunatsiavut Government for the next four years. The CMB recently met in Hopedale and were provided updates on visitor stats, research activities and the summer student program. Madame Speaker, I would like to commend departmental staff for their hard work over the last number of months managing all of these files and other files that I have not mentioned here today. We will continue to move these issues forward for the benefit of Labrador Inuit. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honorable Minister. Are there any more Minister Statements? The Honorable Minister of Culture, Recreation.

MR. LAMPE: Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Yesterday I did not have the opportunity in regards to this legislative Assembly building; I'd like to say a few words. We as Nunatsiavut Government and we as members of the Government should work together now that we have this legislative building. I am very grateful for this and we still have to go forward with other issues and for us as Assembly members and our future generations that will be our leaders. This building will belong to the Inuit and we have to respect using this building. We have to think about our fellow Inuit and kabulanguit that we are representing, we will not forget that we will have to keep going and we also have to think about our people from the past who were leaders and even today we will have challenges ahead of us and we see people that is in need of employment. Not only that but we have to think about our children, our grandchildren and I would like to extend to the people of this Assembly a very Merry Christmas and also to the communities of Nunatsiavut and other places. We have a lot to be thankful for and we've done a lot in the last year and that we have come up with many different ideas and when we go to the New Year we will sometimes go back to our original item that we discussed before it will always be there with us. We have to work hard together to extend our thank you to the members of the Assembly. Thank you Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honorable Minister. Are there are any more Minister Statements? I'd like to recognize the Honorable First Minister.

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I just want to make the Assembly aware that the three families here in Hopedale whose homes are on the contaminated dump site, their homes, they have been moved. Their homes have been constructed and completed and they have moved into those homes. This is a project that was worked on by the Provincial Government and Nunatsiavut Government. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honorable Minister. Any more Minister Statements? Then we'll move onto the next item on the agenda, Member Statements. Are there any Member Statements? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I, too, would like to extend Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our beneficiaries in Nunatsiavut and in the rest of Canada. But I want to go on record as saying it's about the Mealy Mountain National Park, and I know there's negotiations going on and I know that we're involved in some kind of a way, and I probably should be careful how I word these things, I guess, but I really want to go on record as saying that the Mealy Mountains is Rigolet Inuit homeland. It's where we hunted. It's where we still go up around that land to hunt seals, we can't hunt caribou there but, you know, it is our homeland. And the people of Rigolet have said in meetings that I've attended that if Rigolet doesn't play a big role in this national park, we don't want a national park there because it is our homeland and we expect to have a big role in that national park. So I just want to go on record as saying that. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Any more Member Statements? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gary Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'd just like to say that coming to the Assembly is certainly an eye-opener, and not familiar with the procedures, it gives you a whole different outlook on coming to the Assembly rather than just walking in; think you can ask any question. What the members were, what the beneficiaries were bringing up during the campaign that I ran, it's a much different set-up than I anticipated, and it's great to see such an organized format here and, I guess, just what you do with the Government. I'd just like to mention that I won't get all the answers here and far from the answers that I've been asked to bring to the Assembly. So in the next coming months, I'm just giving heads up to the Ministers that you can expect a lot of phone calls and barrage of questions from myself and because I want answers for the beneficiaries of Upper Lake Melville, of which I'm chosen to represent, and I'm sure you will provide me with the information that I'm looking for and all the support I can get, and we can work all things out together. And I'd just like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from myself, my family and all the beneficiaries in the Upper Lake Melville area that I represent. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. Any more Member Statements? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

MR. PIERCY: Thank you, Madame Speaker. To begin, I'd like to say thank you to our previous MHA, Patty Pottle, the Provincial Government and the Nunatsiavut Government, for getting the three homes located over in our new Berry Road subdivision. As it stands right now, the three houses on the old

dump site, they're still up, but, you know, towards the spring we should have them demolished and the land is supposed to be like it was, so whenever clean-up is expected, there should be no trouble with it. I'd like to say thank you again and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. With the PCB clean-up, I'd like to say thank you to Tom Sheldon, Mary Denniston, Katie Winters and our newest employee there, Carla Pamak. Hopefully we'll have more news later on in the year, but as it stands right now, the PCB clean-up is going pretty good. Wayne Turpin is working to understand tech with them, and he's coming in basically daily. So the report and our working relationship is pretty good, and no trouble, and I'd like to say thank you to those who's involved in the clean-up of the old base site. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, not too long ago I had the opportunity to attend the ITK 48th anniversary, from Eskimo to Inuit, and I would very much like to thank the President and his people for allowing me to travel with them, and to make my travel arrangement with them, and for them to take care of me. I am quite a shy person and travelling to a big city is quite something. But I must say, Madame Speaker, what a fine job the President and his Ministers did in Ottawa representing Nunatsiavut and other people that was there. Madame Speaker, the clerk was also at that conference and spoke on behalf of Nunatsiavut at the meeting. And it was something. It reminds us of a lot of where we come from as well. I was part of a panel that looked back on years, even though I'm still very young and I was part of that panel. But I do criticize the Government and try to challenge them, and they should expect that of me, and they should expect that and it was a few years ago, Madame Speaker, 40 years ago, we couldn't do things like that. We couldn't criticize Governments and that there would be backlash, and even I remember, Madame Speaker, when the fishermen of Makkovik were billed and they didn't want to sell their fish through the Government. They sold it to some other guy and the Government said that, okay, we're not going to put any food in the stores this winter, so a local person, Mr. Bill Andersen got his resources together and set up his own store. You know, these were the kind of things, but now Madame Speaker, if you look on Facebook, the Government's getting criticized, we're getting criticized left, right and center by young people and old people and that's how Governments work, and we should, Madame Speaker, accept that criticism and use it for what it is. We are a people that's growing and becoming something and that means the Government is growing and they're doing a good job, and part of my thanks for letting me travel with them. I want to say that this morning, Madame Speaker, that it was a real fine job that they did, the number of Ministers who did speak, and the President, and it was showcasing. It shows that we are part of a national group of people. We are Arctic people and in our homeland it was good to be with the other regions of Canada to see that solidarity is there, and very much I thought that, including the youth representatives from Nunatsiavut, from this community, as a matter of fact, Madame Speaker, that I thought it was something special, and people of Nunatsiavut should know that, if they haven't seen or heard some of the stories that came out of Ottawa. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk from Makkovik.

MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Madame Speaker. Just something I forgot to mention yesterday. Just recently the Makkovik Inuit Community Government had a by-election after Randy Edmunds got elected

as an MHA, and I'd like to welcome and congratulate our new member, Rachel Edmunds of Makkovik. I'm sure she'll be a great asset to our council. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Any more Member Statements? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville.

MS. GEAR: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I don't have anything to say except I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Safe travels home. Merry Christmas, everyone.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Any more Member Statements? Then we'll move to the next item on the agenda, which is Oral Question Period. Are there any questions? If not, then we'll move to the next item on the agenda which is, Written Questions. Any written questions? Then we'll move to number seven on our Orders of the Day, Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Are there any reports to present to the Assembly? Then we move down to item eight on our Orders of the Day, Notices of Motions. Are there any notices of motions? Then we'll move to number nine on the agenda, Notice of Motion for First Reading of Bills. Then we'll move to number 10 on the agenda, Motions. I would now like to recognize the Honorable Dan Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Yesterday I gave notice that I would be moving two motions today. Is there any specific order that you would like me to deal with the implementation trustees or...

MADAM SPEAKER: The auditors.

MR. POTTLE: Thank you, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honorable First Minister, the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak, that the Assembly appoint retroactive to April 1st of 2011, the auditing firm, Deloitte & Touche LLP, to be the auditor of Nunatsiavut for the next five years. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you. The motion is in order. Would you like to make opening comments to the motion?

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. In March of 2011, the Assembly did pass a resolution directing me, as the Treasurer of Nunatsiavut, to put out a request for proposals to be put forth in December of this year to have a call for an auditor for Nunatsiavut as per Section 8.1 of the Labrador Inuit Constitution. We did, Madame Speaker, send our request to, for proposals, to nine different accounting firms in the province. We received, Madame Speaker, four responses to our proposals. The committee that reviewed the request for proposals, for auditors of Nunatsiavut was comprised of myself, the Deputy Minister of Finance, Rexanne Crawford, the Deputy Controller, Lena Blake and Stephanie Normore, the Chief Financial Officer for the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust. All four proposals, Madame Speaker, were evaluated based on five different sets of criteria, one being the quality of the submissions from each of the auditing firms, the experience of the firm, the experience of key personnel within that firm, their local knowledge and Inuit content in response to the request for proposals, references, Madame Speaker, and their associated fees. The committee, as I said, reviewed

each of the requests for proposals and we evaluated the criteria based on the different points system, and we did rank the highest of the four firms who submitted their request for proposals to us, and we recommend that Deloitte & Touche be the auditors for Nunatsiavut. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Is everyone in agreement with the motion?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MADAM SPEAKER: The motion is adopted. I'd like to recognize the Honorable Dan Pottle again on your second motion.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. My second resolution is for the Assembly to entertain nominations and appointments to the Implementation Trust. The Implementation Trust Deed, Madame Speaker, sets out a process to be followed when replacing initial trustees with trustees. The initial trustees to the Implementation Trust, Madame Speaker, were William Andersen III, the former MHA for Torngat Mountains, Patty Pottle, Sharon Pevie, one of our financial managers, and Mike Flatters. The Trust Deed, Madame Speaker, sets out qualifications for replacement of these trustees. The qualifications are that two of the trustees must be individuals who are eligible beneficiaries to the Trust Deed, itself, and one individual who is not an eligible beneficiary. Madame Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Executive Council did request of the implementation, the current Implementation Trustees, Michael Flatters and Sharon Pevie, to submit additional names for consideration for the Assembly. Given that it was a short notice, and that one of the trustees was not available for consultation by the remaining trustees, that person did not feel comfortable arbitrarily submitting names without consulting the other trustee. Therefore, Madame Speaker, I recommend to the Assembly that we proceed with the three names that was forwarded to me to be presented here to the trust today and those nominees are Michael Flatters, Wyman Jacque and Isabella Pain. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Is there a seconder for the resolution?

MR. POTTLE: Sorry, Madame Speaker. Yes, my motion is seconded by the Honorable First Minister, the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you. The motion is in order. Would you like to make opening comments to the motion?

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I don't think I have very much more to say other than we're still, I think, trying to formulize a process for these appointments when they come forward to the Assembly in this manner, and we have reviewed how we did this in the past, Madame Speaker. In the past, I think when there were a series of names, we voted, as an Assembly, on each of the nominees, so I'm not sure how you would like to deal with this process, if you would like to follow the process that we had followed previously when we were dealing with appointments to the trustees. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Do anybody have any comments to make on this? I'd like to recognize the Chair of Sivunivut, Mr. Ed Tuttau.

MR. TUTTAU: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. In the past the Assembly received a number of names, and there were some healthy discussions as to who the Assembly would feel most comfortable in sitting on these trusts. This document before us just has names already there, and it limits our input as to who we can select to be on this Trust. So I would like to see this return to the Trust and the larger list forwarded to the Assembly for discussion. Nakummek.

MADAM SPEAKER: The AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I, too, would like to see a larger list of names so that we, we can, ourselves, judge instead of if we look at people now with only three names, it wouldn't be very appropriate to, I don't think, to be making comments or whatever. If we had a bigger list of names, we could each vote with whom we felt was better to represent us on that trust, so I, too, would like to request more names. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Any other comments? I'd like to recognize the Chair of NunaKatiget, Mr. Max Winters.

MR. WINTERS: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I do agree with Mr. Ed Tuttau, and the AngajukKâk. I'm sorry, Madame Speaker. And the AngajukKâk from Rigolet. I, too, agree with the names that showed interest and put it in. I have been approached several times by some of our beneficiaries that did submit their names to this Trust and they did not hear back from anybody. So I was unable to answer their question, where it goes, after they put in their application to serve on this, so I agree with the, all the names submitted. We'll be able to see the listing. Thank you, Honorable Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honorable President.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I just want to clarify something very briefly, and I think it's quite important. The recommendations are put forward by their sitting trustees. They have the sole right to make recommendations of who they want on there. Of course they could add more names if they wished to. But I also think it's important for trustees who know the Trust and understand the Trust to appoint people that they think would be able to work on the Trust, on the committee, people that they can work with. I don't think it's our business, really, to be saying you should be working with those. If they recommend people, I think we should really give some serious thought into considering those people that they have put forward for us. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Any more comments? The Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Barbour.

MR. BARBOUR: Nakummek Ukattik. Just going back to the comment that the President just made, I do agree with his comments. One of the things that I think about is that when you talk about the Implementation Trust and the dollars that are there, I think the proper care of those dollars is utmost. I think it's not about personality. Says it's not about that. It's the care of those dollars that we must be responsible for. If it is going to be sent back to the two trustees, I would suggest to the Minister

of Finance and to the President, if it is, in fact, sent back for more names, that the First Sitting of the Spring Assembly, that there are names that we could consider. But I just had to reiterate that point that it has been said to us by one of the names that I put forward, Mike Flatters, has two times to this Assembly, now has said, those principal funds that we have out there, we cannot be starting to dip into them and that we must have trustees that we trust to take care of those dollars for us. Now, aside from that, that's my point, but I would just like to ask the Minister of Finance, that I had asked previously, especially with regards to the Tasiujatsoak Trust, that I think we were owed an answer or a commitment to have an answer as to whether the President and the Minister of Finance will, at some point, remove themselves or the positions of Minister of Finance and the President of Nunatsiavut remove themselves and put in trustees that are not elected officials. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek. Any more comments? We have a motion on the floor here, so is everyone in agreement with the motion? Then we'll take a hand vote. Who is in favor of the motion?

MR. BARBOUR: Madame Speaker, just to be clear on the motion, itself, is it to appoint the three names that have been put forward.

MADAM SPEAKER: Yes. We'll take a hand vote again on the three names. The Honorable President.

MR. LYALL: Madame Speaker, could I suggest that if we're doing the motion to appoint those, maybe there are two there that, or one or two of those three could be appointed. Is that possible? Would you take one name at a time and vote on it?

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honorable Minister of Finance.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madam Speaker. As you have made your ruling and I think you're correct, this is a motion and the names were brought forward, should be considered by the Assembly today, I would recommend, Madame Speaker that we take the process a step further and vote individually on each of the three names as opposed to voting on those three names collectively. Nakummek, Madame Speaker

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you. Honorable President.

MR. LYALL: Yes, thank you, Madame Speaker. I just want to support the Minister of Finance. I think that's what we did in the past. We took each individual name and voted on each one. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Danny, will you make an amendment to the resolution to vote on names individually? We're going to break for 10 minutes.

(Recess)

MADAM SPEAKER: The Assembly is back in the session, and now I would like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Finance.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Before we proceed with the motion, again I think I need to just clarify a couple of things. I was told that I may have said a name in mistake, but I'd just like to

clarify again that the current trustees of the Implementation Trust, Sharon Pevie and Mike Flatters has submitted a list of three names for appointments to the Implementation Trust. Those three names that were submitted by the current trustees of the Implementation Trust are Michael Flatters, Wyman Jacque and Isabella Pain. Just for information purposes, Madame Speaker, again I want to clarify who the trustees are and the qualifications. The trustee, Madame Speaker, sets out the qualification for replacement of the trustees. There are three trustees on the Implementation Trust, Madame Speaker. Two of those individuals are eligible beneficiaries, and one individual who is not an eligible beneficiary. In considering those factors, Madame Speaker, we must also ensure that one of the eligible beneficiaries must reside in the Labrador Inuit settlement area. One of the trustees must be a non-government person and one must not be-, sorry, Madame Speaker. One of the trustees must be a government person, and one of the trustees must not be employed the Nunatsiavut Government. The three names, Madame Speaker, that were put forth by the current trustees who are eligible beneficiaries, would be Wyman Jacque and Isabella Pain and the non-eligible beneficiary in this list of names is Michael Flatters. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. I'd now like to recognize Ed Tuttau.

MR. TUTTAU: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I'd like to make the amendment to this resolution. I move, seconded by the AngajukKâk from Rigolet that this be sent back to the trustees to have a more comprehensive list compiled for the Assembly's consideration for the next sitting of the Assembly. Nakummek.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you. The resolution that was put forward with three names that we heard, and Mr. Ed Tuttau has put in wanting an amendment to that resolution to come back with more names to submit. So is the Assembly in favor of this amendment to that resolution?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MADAM SPEAKER: Okay. So can we have hands in favor of the amendment to have more names brought forward? Those against? The motion is passed to have the Honorable Minister come back with more names to submit to the Assembly. We're now on Order of the Day, number 11. First reading of Bill 2011-06. I'd like to now recognize the Honorable First Minister.

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Madame Speaker. This Bill would amend the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act by adding and clarifying definitions, adding interpretative provisions, moving the Standing Orders of the Assembly from the Act so as to allow amendment of the Standing Orders with a simple, majority resolution, without amendment of the Act authorizing the clerk to maintain and distribute a continuing consolidation of the Standing Orders and clarifying parts of the Act through the use of better terminology. Madame Speaker, I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Denise Lane, that Bill 2011-06, a Bill to Amend the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, CIL01-03-2010, NI-, N1.1, be introduced and read for the first time. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The motion is in order. Does anyone wish to speak to the principle of the Bill? The Honorable Minister of Finance.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I support the Bill as moved for first reading by the Honorable First Minister. This Bill, Madame Speaker, was a part of the package that I referred to yesterday in the report from the committee on Rules and Procedures that was discussed and entertained in the House of Assembly in September of this past year. So this is just a matter of following the process and the recommendations in the report that were approved by the House of Assembly or the Nunatsiavut Assembly in September of last year. Therefore, Madame Speaker, I support the Bill.

MADAM SPEAKER: Any other comments? AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I don't know if I'm out of order or what, but can I ask a question?

MADAM SPEAKER: Yes, you may go ahead.

MS. WOLFREY: I guess I never noticed this before, and I don't know who can answer it, but I thought that in all of my dealings with everything, I thought that ex officio meant that you couldn't vote, and it's not, is it?

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honorable Minister of Finance.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Just given that the question was entertained and, of course, everybody is new to this process so we're still continuing to learn. The AngajukKâk for Rigolet could have put that in her statements to support the Bill or not, but given that she has asked a question and the Chair has ruled that the question can be answered, the term, ex officio means that you are a member of this House of Assembly by virtue of your elected office. There is nothing in our current legislation that disqualifies you from being a full voting member of this Assembly. Therefore, Madame Speaker, every member of this Assembly, by virtue of their office, whether that's elected office or whether it's by virtue of an ex officio appointment, as a result of you being elected a member of this House of Assembly by virtue of the fact that you have been elected AngajukKâk for the Community of Rigolet, you have every right, the same as every member, to debate and vote on issues in the House of Assembly. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Would anyone else like to speak? Honorable First Minister, does this conclude the debate on this Bill?

MR. SHIWAK: Yes. Thank you, Madame Speaker. I wish to conclude debate.

MADAM SPEAKER: Accordingly, Bill 2011-06 has had first reading. Number 12, we'll go on to second reading of Bill 2011-06. The Honorable First Minister.

MR. SHIWAK: Madame Speaker, I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Denise Lane, 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 2011-06 today. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: The First Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 120...

MR. POTTLE: Point of order, Madame Speaker?

MADAM SPEAKER: Okay. State your point, please.

MR. POTTLE: Madame Speaker, I believe there is a bit of confusion here on the Orders of the Day. We've gone from first reading of Bills directly into second reading of Bills without entertaining first reading of another Bill; I believe to amend the Labrador Inuit Lands Act. So I believe you had to deal with that Order of the Day before you proceed to second reading of Bills. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: On our Orders of the Day, we've got 11, which is the first reading of this Bill, 12 is the second reading of the same Bill and then on Number 13 we go into the first reading of Bill 2011-07 and then second reading of Bill 2011-07, which is what we have done in the past on the reading of the Bills. The First Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 120 and proceed immediately to second reading of Bill 2011-06. Does the First Minister have unanimous consent?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MADAM SPEAKER: Proceed, First Minister.

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Denise Lane that Bill 2011-06, a Bill to Amend Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, CIL01-03-2010N1.1, be read for the second time. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Motion is in order. The procedure for second reading debate will be a page-by-page review of the detail of the Bill. Each member may speak for up to 15 minutes on each page. Everybody got their Bill, 2011-06, page two of five. Do any member have any questions or comments to make on this first page, page two of five? Any comments for page three of five? Page four of five? Page five of five? If there are no comments, that concludes the page-by-page review of the Bill. Honorable First Minister, does this conclude the debate?

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Madame Speaker. Yes, I wish to conclude debate.

MADAM SPEAKER: Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2011-06?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MADAM SPEAKER: Accordingly, with unanimous consent of the Assembly, Bill 2011-06, a Bill to Amend the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, CIL01-03-2010 N1.1 has had second reading. We're now going to take a break for 30 minutes.

(Recess)

MADAM SPEAKER: The Assembly is back in order and on Orders of the Day we are on item 13, first reading of Bill 2011-07, and that at this time I would like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr. Glen Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I guess, in introducing the Bill, I guess, in a few words, I'd like to say the reason why the Bill is being introduced, I shed some light on it yesterday but, you know, it's the result of our community consultation process that we followed, and it was a process that was given to us by this Assembly at the September sitting, Madame Speaker. So I will go into the motion, itself, Madame Speaker. I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour, that Bill 2011-07, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Labrador Inuit Lands Act, CIL16-10-2008L-1, Labrador Inuit, be introduced and read for the first time. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. The Motion is in order. Does anyone wish to speak to the principle of the Bill? The Honorable Minister of Finance.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madame Speaker. As we all know, this issue has been hanging over us for the last three years when the moratorium on the milling, mining process and working of uranium was put in place by the Assembly three years ago. The reasons why the Assembly chose to follow that route was, from my perspective, there were three main reasons why this moratorium was put in place. One of the main reasons, Madame Speaker, was to give the Nunatsiavut Assembly time to enact environmental protection legislation. We vetted that legislation through our House of Assembly some time ago, Madame Speaker, with that Environmental Protection Act to become effective once the regulations related to the Environmental Protection Act were completed by the Environment Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. We've been ensured, Madame Speaker, by the Director of Environment that the regulations will be ready and put in place for March the 9th of 2012. The other consideration, Madame Speaker that the Assembly had to take into consideration was the completion of the Land Use Plan. As we all are aware of in this Assembly, we've granted an extension to the completion of that Land Use Plan to be put forth to both levels of Government, the Nunatsiavut Government and the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the deadline for that is March 31st, 2012. We have, Madame Speaker, I believe, worked diligently over the last three years to ensure that these two or three conditions were met before we entertained reviewing the legislation and possible lifting of the moratorium on the mining process in working and milling of uranium on the Labrador Inuit lands. Madame Speaker, when we looked at and put in place these conditions on uranium milling, mining, production and working, at that point in time, Madame Speaker, I, as an Assembly member had some grave reservations and concerns, one, Madame Speaker, for the well-being and health of our lands. That's a gift from the Labrador Inuit, our ancestors to us all today, and we have an obligation, Madame Speaker, to ensure that our land and environment and the health and well-being of our people are protected. Madame Speaker, approximately four years ago, we had our first expert series on uranium mining when we brought in a delegation of people who were pro and anti-uranium. We heard varying arguments for and against uranium mining. We then, Madame Speaker, in August of last year, the Department of Land and Natural Resources again engaged Golder Associates to put in place a workshop for all Assembly members which each and every one of us attended, Madame Speaker, in August of this year. That presentation, or that workshop, Madame Speaker, gave us more information

and gave us more things to consider in helping us to make up our mind. Madame Speaker, as the Minister of Finance, I know too well, as we all do, that this Government is in need of financial resources to enhance what we can do for our people by having dollars to ensure that we have funds to enhance our current programs and services and to do more, Madame Speaker, for our people. We hear, Madame Speaker, all the time, and excuse me for being a little bit emotional when I make this next statement. We have, and I've listened to many people, whether they are from the constituency of Canada, or from any of the five constituencies in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville, that our communities are in dire need of employment opportunities and in need of economic development. Madame Speaker, in order for us to fully determine whether or not a mine is viable, and by lifting this moratorium doesn't automatically assure that there will be a mine, as people spoke yesterday when we sat as a Committee of the Whole Assembly. People had reiterated, and I'd like to reiterate again, just because this Assembly may lift the current moratorium on the mining, milling process and working of uranium, mining doesn't necessarily mean that there will be a mine. We heard, Madame Speaker, over the last three years from proponents in particular, Aurora Energy, that the moment that the Assembly decided to lift the moratorium that they would register their project for the environmental assessment processes to begin. I've recently read in Aurora's newsletter, Madame Speaker, that they are not ready to do that. They need more time to explore and to determine whether or not this mine, or uranium mining, is viable in Labrador Inuit lands. Madame Speaker, if we don't consider lifting this moratorium, we will still be waiting for years and years to determine whether or not that it is viable, that it's safe, that it can be done in a manner that ensures that our land and our resources are protected, and the well-being of our people are ensured, and that there would be possible employment and economic development opportunities for our people. Madame Speaker, I've heard many times from our people that they're tired of leaving their homes for extended period of times to go off to different parts of Canada and elsewhere in the world to make a decent living for their family. They want to be closer to home. They want to maintain their families. They want to provide for their families closer to home, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, again, I mean, I think I've said and exhausted what I need to say, what I've heard over the last three years and I, like the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, has done a lot of research, and I'm more comfortable now than I was four years ago when we first started speaking on this issue. Therefore, Madame Speaker, I believe that this Assembly should consider lifting the moratorium on the mining processing, milling of working of uranium on Labrador Inuit lands. Therefore, Madame Speaker, I support the Bill to Amend the Labrador Inuit Lands Act to lift the moratorium on the mining milling processing and working of uranium on Labrador Inuit lands. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honorable Minister. Would anyone else like to speak to this Bill? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madame Speaker. And I very much in support of the Bill introduced by the Minister. I was quite a big shot when that moratorium was introduced. I was Acting President of the Assembly, Madame Speaker. And, you know, we were pretty much in our infancy as an Assembly, and things were happening very fast, but I still very much believe in looking back four years. What we did four years ago, I still believe it really needed to be done. There are, you know, I suppose, among the

exploration community and perhaps even people sitting in this chamber, Madame Speaker, who will continue to say that, oh, you didn't have to do that and you drove exploration away, and those kind of things. I have to say that if that is true, just how powerful would that we drove exploration away, not only from Eastern Canada, but right across the country because it all went at the same time. I thought it was because of the economic downturn that the exploration went away but, no, they said that it was you and the Assembly that did that, and if we did, you know, how powerful? I think we sent a very clear message. We prepared ourselves. We have to say that we are more mature. I think we have the work that has been done by the different Ministers, Madame Speaker, of Lands and Natural Resources, you know, they should be commended for moving forward and working toward this end that we are in such a position now that we can safely say to our people in Nunatsiavut and our beneficiaries all over that, you know, there isn't too much that we can't take on now, Madame Speaker, as a Government, as an Assembly, and we can judge whether it's, you know, a uranium mine or a copper mine, or whatever it is. The tools are falling into place, we can take on that responsibility that we needed some time to prepare for. I very much believe that we've used the four years well. The Department of Lands and Resources and our Government and our leadership, Madame Speaker, have used that time well to prepare us for this. It certainly doesn't reflect on any of us that, you know, that we're pro uranium mining and that we're all jumping up and down here to support the event that a mine will open near Postville or Makkovik in the next few years. Certainly, that's not it. I think that when that time comes we'll have an opportunity, Madame Speaker, to once again look at the merits of each mine in each location, whether it's, you know, by Nain or Strange Lake or in that, you know, behind a Double Meer, how we're going to judge things, if you're going to have the rules in place that allow us to do that, and that's why I have to support this Bill that's being introduced by the Minister. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, AngajukKâk Tony. Does anyone else wish to speak to this Bill? The Honorable Minister of Health.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'd like to just add a little bit to what I spoke on yesterday about the uranium mining, listing of the uranium mining ban. I too did a lot of talking with people and researching and I really found the workshop that we did in August very beneficial. When they had the Special Committee consultations in Upper Lake Melville, not many of our Nunatsiavut beneficiaries came to the consultations. In Goose Bay there were only 16. In Northwest River, it was a bit better. Further to that, I emailed people that I have on my email list for their views, and then I got the 15 that I spoke about yesterday. So altogether, you know, there wasn't a large number compared to the number of beneficiaries that we had. I've also spoken to people. Many people were in favor again of lifting the moratorium, not necessarily the mining because they said there's going to be an environmental assessment and there'd be further discussions for people to make their views known and to find out more about the environmental and health effects that could come from a uranium mine. So people are in favor of lifting the moratorium. The majority of the people I spoke to, they say that the environmental assessment will give beneficiaries opportunity to express their views and they look forward to sometime down the line that the EIS will come through. So, like I spoke of yesterday, I'm in support of lifting the moratorium based on consultations with the beneficiaries that I represent, and also from what I read in the document, people need careers. They don't need make work projects, they

need careers, long careers where they can advance and then they can go on the land and hunt and fish because if people are only making low EI, or maybe they're on social assistance, they can't afford to go hunting and fishing because gas is so expensive. People can't always enjoy the benefits of our beautiful land. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honorable Minister. I'd like to recognize Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. William Barbour.

MR. BARBOUR: NakummekUkattik. Just very briefly, couple of comments. One was made by the Minister of Finance and, I'll be up front, I do support lifting of the moratorium and the Minister of Finance alluded to the two reasons; one is Environmental Protection Act and subsequent legislation to come with it and, two, the Land Use Plan that is not totally within our control, but we have some control, that will be completed as we understand it. Those were the two big reasons for the moratorium, number one. As having been part of the Special Committee of the Assembly, I heard a couple of times, maybe a number of times, maybe we didn't need the moratorium, but I think that we made it clear, but even though probably without the moratorium, we could have got those two pieces, those two important pieces, environmental legislation and the Land Use Plan in place, maybe we could have done it without the moratorium, but this was just a cleaner version of doing it right and doing it right the first time. Therefore, I support now to lift it and that way we have taken the time as the AngajukKâk for Nain has said, that Department and Natural Resources, in consultation with other departments, especially Department of Health, that we have done it right and that we are seen out there as being responsible, and that's all I wanted to say. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Barbour. Is there anyone that would like to speak to this Bill? The Honorable First Minister.

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I, too, support the Bill presented for first reading, by the Minister. I guess for me, in deciding on this issue was I had to ask myself some questions and the biggest question was if this moratorium was lifted, would we be prepared to be able to address a mine, and would we be prepared to be able to address issues that come with the mine? I think that the way we're moving, the way we're working to capacity, we're setting up with the environmental protection legislation, the Land Use Plan, if we keep building within the Government, and we will be there when a mine is registered. We won't be able to answer those questions until we get there, but right now we need to know that we're headed in that direction and as times come to lift the moratorium. I've also asked my question; do I think my community will be protected? Do I think the communities closest will be protected when a mine comes? And I think, again, the way we're moving with regards to our work within the Government, yes, that will happen. There will be a certain level of comfort when we get there that the land around Rigolet will be protected. The people in Rigolet will be protected. The people in Postville and Makkovik, or wherever a mine is discovered, people will be protected because of the work we are doing and that is why I stand here today and support the Bill that the Minister's presenting. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'd just like to commend the Nunatsiavut Government for initially putting the three-year moratorium in place. It gave people time to get things together, to ask the right questions, to get models of how the uranium mine containers would be contained, and different various types of knowledge that people needed to know. I think we've come to a point where all the same questions are just going in a circle. There's no new questions that can't be answered. So it's time to move on, and get something on the go, get moving. Three important things, I think, are education, development and control. I think these three things will make us feel all the more satisfied that, yes, this can work with development, education and control, like, they're now developing for our people, which is badly needed. A lot of communities are starting to slip because we can't keep up with the level of, standard of living that other people are starting to enjoy and, you know, we need to bring it to that level. There are talks about poverty. Poverty's a bad word, but it's there and we can't get away from it, unless we have economic development. Much as I love the land and play over that land, sometimes we have to make sacrifice to make a better living for our people. This is what we're all here for. And I'd just wish to thank you for the opportunity to speak here today to that effect. That's been ongoing on my mind for a long time and I'm so glad I was elected to the Assembly to, able to take part in this vote here today. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. Is there anyone else? The AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Madame Speaker. Bear with me. First of all, I would just like to say thinking back as a young lad in my own community, I think of the past leaders and elders who taught us about uranium mining in the beginning. I was always hesitant, but I have to say today I have a better understanding of the aspects and impacts of uranium mining. The last message I got from my hometown is to let the process begin. Let the environmental assessment process begin. Find results. But let us not forget the past and let us not forget the future. We need to prepare our people for the better jobs, the best jobs in this industry, should it occur. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, AngajukKâk. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I think I said my piece at the wrong time yesterday, but I'm just getting up now to say that I support the Bill and that it was for the reasons that I outlined yesterday. I tried to do some homework. I tried to get informed and I tried to ask the people what they wanted. So I'm supporting the Bill. Nakummek.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, AngajukKâk. I'd now like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Education.

MS. NOCHASAK: Thank you, Madame Speaker. So I might just briefly reiterate a point I made yesterday during the discussion of the moratorium report. The Special Committee Report coming from the process of public consultation is clear that the majority of the beneficiaries want the moratorium lifted. The committee was put in place to hear the voices of our people, and I feel that they have

spoken. The lifting of the moratorium will send a clear message that Nunatsiavut will be truly open for business, and many of our people had been living in poverty for too long. Sorry. It is now time to move forward and encourage development that is safe and sustainable so that our people might begin working and taking their care of themselves rather than trusting the Government and the welfare system. I must also say that as Hopedale's elected official that I've heard many cries when I was going door to door for employment. There are many cries of dissatisfaction, not towards our Government in regards to not getting any benefits whatsoever, or maybe Hopedale or Nain or further away from Makkovik and Postville may not get any of those kinds of jobs, or might get a handful of jobs. So I'm standing here today saying that we must fight for the maximum benefits, if this goes ahead. We must fight for enough jobs, more jobs than they have in Voisey's Bay for our people. We must put our own people in this mining industry, if this is going to happen. I will be, as you can hear, from my comments, supporting lifting the moratorium. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honorable Minister. Are there any more comments on this Bill? The Honorable Minister of Culture, Johannes Lampe.

MR. LAMPE: Nakummek Madam Speaker. On this issue and for this we have to recognize and understand that Nunatsiavut has their own Government, it has the power now and they could stop any mining issues and also people wanted to fight. Also Inuit people have the opportunity and they have listen to Inuit people about what they have to say. They have listen to what they have to say about their own land and if they are going to use their land they have to be very careful and people here are in poverty and they have to find the Nunatsiavut Government had to do this. We could say no if we wanted to. We have the power to do that. That's why we don't forget that we have our own power to represent our membership in Nunatsiavut and the one we represent and the ones that want to see and some of them are better than others, they are different people, they are better off than some people and we have to say: we have to help each other and living in our own communities. That is why we have to lift this; we have to think about our future and our young people. They are having a hard time. Somehow this moratorium has to be lifted so we can have enough housing in our communities and there are a lot of people without work. I support to lift the moratorium. Nakummek Ukattik.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honorable Minister. I would now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville.

MS. GEAR: Thank you, Madame Speaker. This is quite emotional. I'm just wondering what the impacts is going to be. When exploration was on the go a few years ago, my community was doubled in size. I'm just wondering with money comes jobs; comes prosperity, good and bad. Are we prepared? I'm just wondering is my community prepared for the impacts. Obviously, in the wintertime when the trails are open we see more, I'll call them drugs, coming into our community. I know this can't be stopped because it's going to find a way in, but I have to vote to lift the moratorium. Based on the survey that I and the Minister of Lands did, I don't know what else to say, but I know there's going to be an impact. Thank you very much.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Are there any more comments to be made at this time? The Honorable President.

MR. LYALL: Well, thank you, Madame Speaker. First of all, I would like to commend the former; I guess it was a transitional Assembly that made a decision at that time or to put a moratorium in place. I think it was a real thing and a proper thing to do. At that time we were a very, very new Government. We're still very young. Huge decisions to make on whether uranium mining or any mining is good for our communities, if it's healthy for our land or our people or wildlife or water. I think if the moratorium's lifted and the mine does go ahead, there's no guarantee that things are going to work out the way that we envisioned and want it to work out. There will always be problems. There will never be enough jobs. There will be always the same complaints. There are not enough of our beneficiaries working there. I remember my first day on the job, the first issue that came at me is, Jim, you remember, you've got a moratorium in place to deal with, and it really put me back and suddenly it's a huge, huge issue. Many of the Ministers know sitting around this table and former Ministers such as First Minister Andersen, when he was there, we were getting calls from mining companies on a daily basis, being criticized, what are you doing? You're not putting your people to work. We've got a mine here. We want to go ahead. I mean it's been huge, huge issues, stressful days that we've gone through coming to this point. But I want to be very careful to say, look, there's no guarantee that this is going to be the be all and end all. Voisey's Bay was supposed to do that for us. It hasn't done it. I mean, we've got a lot of benefits. We've got a good many people working there. I think it could have been more. I think the important thing for us as a Government to remember is if the mine does go ahead, we have to make sure that we have the real deal here, those mining companies, that we get the most effective, most benefits we can out of them before we agree to it. I've got great difficulty in supporting lifting the moratorium. I've had the question asked of me over the last three or four months, especially, are you supporting this or not? Are you going to give your Ministers the right to vote the way they want? As a matter of fact I was asked that question just a couple of days ago by I want to run Minister. I said, yes, you'll have a free vote. There's no position being taken by this government to either support it or not support it. I think it's a huge issue, an important issue. It's a personal decision that each and every one of us has to make. It's difficult. It's hard. I feel a little bit, how do I put it into words? How do I tell the communities in Makkovik and Postville, especially, that I don't support them? I mean, as the President I have to support the whole, all the communities, all the regions. All I'm saying is a little bit difficult for us. If the mine was in the Nain area, I'd basically say, you know, what right really does Minister of Postville telling me that I shouldn't have a mine in Nain if I want it? It's all those sorts of issues playing on our minds the whole time. And I'd also like to think if the mine goes ahead that there will be employment opportunities. Hopefully some of our younger people will start getting work at the mines and being educated to work in there. We have a huge problem in our communities on the north coast with suicides and health problems and poor housing and people in poverty. I think we have to make a huge effort to start training some of our younger people to work in those mines, whether it's a uranium mine or mines if they're down the road somewhere. But if we don't do that, the mine will be there and our people still won't be working. We don't train them, and I think that's one of the issues that we'll have to deal with when we sit down with the Haledon to discuss an IIBA, if the mine goes ahead, and by lifting the moratorium, people have said around this table, well, it doesn't really mean that mining's

going to go ahead. No, it doesn't mean that mining's going to go ahead, but it certainly gives them the right to start that process to make sure it goes ahead. So I think there's sort of a mixed message there. However, I reluctantly support lifting the moratorium. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honorable President. Do any other members wish to speak? If no other members wish to speak, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources wish to make closing comments or conclude the debate.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I understand in concluding remarks I do have five minutes of time to make some concluding remarks. I could stand here probably for five hours and talk about the moratorium issue and the word uranium, but, however, it's I have to say, it's been pretty difficult as Minister of this department, as a head of a department, following this process, not so much difficult for myself. I have children. I have family. At times they were dragged into the picture. Two Sundays ago we were sat up, Madame Speaker, having Sunday dinner. My youngest daughter looked across the table at me a certain way I turned my head. She said, dad, you're getting grey. People around this table, if we're prepared to turn grey, if we're prepared to get our faces all through the mud, we are concerned about our people. That's the whole purpose of me running for an election. You know, I look back in time a bit. I don't consider myself to be old. The amount of time and the heart that I have for the land and the wildlife in my particular community, around my particular community, as the AngajukKâk for Rigolet stated yesterday, she loved to go out on the land and just look at the sunrises, the sunsets, the lakes and the rivers. So do I. I'm no different. However, we are a Government now. We have to be a responsible Government. We have to take care, take charge of our own affairs as a Government, and over the last day and a half I'm sure each one of you around this table, when I spoke, heard the heavy load that was on my shoulder and its related to the moratorium. When I have seniors speaking as the Ordinary Member for my constituency, call me day after day about the lack of food to put on their table, you know, as for me as an individual, that touches my heart. I offer what I have to offer as a person. I'll reiterate something that I touched on in the month of September during our sitting in Hopedale. I had a grandfather, which many of you did around this table, and still have in some cases, that have lived solely off of the land. Questions my children ask me, why your grandfather lived to be age in his 90's. What can my answer be to them other than it was the lifestyle that they lived. They did nothing but pure work to support their families. In standing here today it's a big huge decision that we must make. I'd like for the sake of the record today as standing here, we are in no way consenting today to a uranium mine. We have a process to go through to follow which will be more comprehensive than we've ever seen within Nunatsiavut related to consultations on the process of the EA. This will give us the unanswered questions, the answers to questions that are outstanding. And for someone, either in Rigolet, Makkovik, Postville, Nain, Hopedale, to stand to their feet and give me, as Chair of the Committee, an inside picture of what they think of the land and compare it to today's social problems due to hardship in the communities. I'm not ashamed to say this today. I was in the store in Rigolet shopping when we arrived. There were three of us went to the store for groceries and these really, really touched my heart, and I don't know who the lady is. She was in the line-up behind me, with a can of Vienna sausages and a can of Coca-Cola. When time come for her to pay for her belongings, she put on the counter a handful of change which was the majority of pennies. That really touched my heart.

Look around that community and our communities within Nunatsiavut. We are a Government. We are a responsible Government. We have a responsibility to take care of our people. We have a responsibility to take care of our land, our environment, and as we go forward with the Environmental Protection Act, when this become effective, I can assure you the day will come when we will have to stand and make the more tougher decision as to are we in support of a mine or no? Right now it's the moratorium. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Minister. That concludes debate on the first reading. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2011-07 on first reading?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MADAM SPEAKER: Accordingly, Bill 2011-07 has had first reading. We'll now move down to our next item on the agenda, Order of the Day 14, Second reading of Bill 2011-07, and I would like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Lands.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour, 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 2011-07 today. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Does the Minister have unanimous consent?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MADAM SPEAKER: Proceed, Minister.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Madame Speaker. I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Nain, Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour, that Bill 2011-07, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Labrador Inuit Lands Act CIL16-10-2008L-1 be read for the second time. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: The motion is in order. The procedure for second reading debate will be a review of the page of the detail of the Bill. Each member may speak for up to 15 minutes. Page two, Bill 2011-07. Any comments? That concludes the review of the Bill in second reading. Minister Sheppard, does this conclude the debate?

MR. SHEPPARD: Yes, Madame Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you. That concludes the debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2011-07?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MADAM SPEAKER: Accordingly, with unanimous consent of the Assembly, Bill 2011-07, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Act, CIL16-1020-, 2008L-1 has had a second reading. Order

number 15, Assents to Bills. Mr. President, the Assembly has given second reading to Bill 2011-06 and Bill 2011-07 and wish to present them for assent.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker and members, as President of Nunatsiavut, I wish to assent to Bill 2011-06, a Bill to Amend the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, CIL01-03-2010 N1.1 and Bill 2011-07, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Labrador Inuit Lands Act CIL16-10-2008L-1 and hereby sign them into law. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

ASSEMBLY: (Knocks in Agreement)

MADAM SPEAKER: Nakummek, all. We are now adjourned until the next Assembly. Anyone with travel arrangements, please check with Nancy Rose for your travel arrangements, and I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. So we are now adjourned until next session.