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In Attendance:

Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ordinary Member for Postville, Honorable Tyler Edmunds

President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Johannes Lampe

First Minister, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Honorable Kate Mitchell

Minister of Lands and Nunatsiavut Treasurer Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Honorable Darryl Shiwak

Minister of Culture Recreation and Tourism Honourable Jim Lyall

Minister of Education and Economic Development, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Honorable Patricia Kemuksigak

Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Richard Pamak

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Roy Blake

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque

AngajukKak for Nain, Julius Dicker

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Jack Shiwak

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

Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin

Deputy Minister of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, Secretary to the Executive Council, Isabella Pain

Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Toby Andersen

Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Carl McLean

Deputy Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Belinda Webb

Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, Tim McNeill

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

Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett

Absent:

Minister of Health and Social Development, Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Honorable Gregory Flowers

AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear

Chair Person for the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Gary Mitchell

Chair for Sivunivut, Mr. Derek Montague.

The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings were recorded in Inuktitut and English.

June 6-7, 2017

MR. EDMUNDS: *Ullâkut Ilonnasi.* I'd like to call to order the spring session of the 15th Session of the Third Nunatsiavut Assembly, and we will begin with *item* one on your *Orders of the Day*, "Prayer," and I'd like to ask the Honourable President Johannes Lampe to say our opening prayer.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: (Recites Prayer).

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek,* President Lampe. We'll now move to item two on your *Orders of the Day*, the "Oaths of Office," and I would like to call on, once more, the President of Nunatsiavut to administer the Oaths of Office to the newly-elected Ordinary Members.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: (Administers Oaths of Office) (Speaks in *Inuttitut*).

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek,* Honourable President. We'll now move onto item four on our *Orders*, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." We are continuing on with our Visiting Pages Program, and we have joining us at this Assembly Sitting, two youth from Makkovik. We have with us Miss Danika Mitchell and Mr. Christopher Ford. So we thank them for joining us at the Assembly at this session. Our interpreters and translators are Gus Semigak and William Barbour. *Nakummek.* Our OKâlaKatiget support are Christine Lampe and Sarah Abel and the IT staff assisting us for this sitting is Robert Ford. If there is, again, any questions around travel or

logistics, please see Tabea Onalik. Please be advised that the President, the Honourable Johannes Lampe, has excused the Honourable Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Greg Flowers. Additionally excused from this sitting are Ms. Patricia Ford, the Deputy Speaker and Member for the Canadian Constituency, the AngajukKâk for the Postville Inuit Community Government, Ms. Diane Gear, the Chair of NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell, and the Chair for Sivunivut, Mr. Derek Montague. I'd like to welcome those in the gallery today. Is there any Member wishing to recognize any members in the public gallery today? We'll proceed onto item five, "Ministers Statements." Do we have any Ministers statements this morning? I recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'll give a brief update from the Finance Division. The Finance Division has been extremely busy over the last two months, with our focus primarily on preparation of the year end reports for various aid funding agencies and working papers for the audit of the Nunatsiavut Government's Financial Statements. Audit came from Deloitte, had been on site at the Department of Health and Social Development Regional Office, and recently at the Nain Administration Building. All the field work has been completed by the auditors, and we are currently on track to meet all reporting deadlines. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank our finance staff who once again have gone over and above to ensure that the audit working papers were ready for the arrival

of the auditors. *Nakummek* to them, Mr. Speaker. During the fiscal year ended March 31st, 2017, the Nunatsiavut Government, over the past year has been successful in obtaining funding over and above what was noted in the *Budget Act 2016*. Additional program revenues have been received from other sources such as Health Canada, Service Canada, *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, Canada Heritage, Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation, just to name a few. On another note, Mr. Speaker, Canada Revenue Agency completed the audits of personal income taxes for the 2013-2014 years. The actual personal income taxes for the 2013-2014 calendar years were 4.5 and 5.4 million respectively. In each of those years the Nunatsiavut Government received only 3 million. So have received the additional 4 million at the end of March, 2017. These have been internally restricted so that they can be budgeted in future years. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Lands and Natural Resources. Fisheries. The annual designations to beneficiaries are now established for the 2017 Commercial Fishing Season and 20 beneficiaries in total will be designated to harvest the NG communal shrimp, snow crab, and green and halibut quotas. The designates were selected in accordance with our Commercial Fishery Policy. Direct employment in the commercial fishery will be provided to 68 beneficiaries through NG designates and crew members they will be employing in their fishing activities. This did not the number of beneficiaries who will be fishing Arctic char commercially in the Nain area this summer under NG Communal Commercial Arctic

char licence. We are looking forward to the start of the commercial fisheries and we hope that our fishers have another successful season.

Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government has entered into a *Shrimp Landing Agreement* with the Labrador Fishermen's Union Shrimp Company again in 2017. The *Shrimp Landing Agreement* will require Nunatsiavut Government beneficiary designates to land their shrimp catches in Charlottetown for the purposes of processing if the plant is open and the price that's being offered is competitive with other shrimp processors in the Province. Mr. Speaker, the *Agreement* will provide new revenue of approximately a half million dollars to the Commercial Fishery Fund this year if all NG shrimp is landed in Charlottetown. Discussions regarding a nine-year arrangement with the domestic fishery in tidal waters of Lake Melville as per Section 13.13 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* have concluded and an *Agreement*, has been reached between the Nunatsiavut Government and Canada. This *Agreement* will provide certainty around the access to the tidal waters of Lake Melville for beneficiaries who are resident in Labrador outside of the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. The current *Agreement* will be in effect until 2025 and may be extended by the Minister. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources is partnering with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to conduct an Atlantic Salmon Telemetry Project in the Lake Melville this season. Atlantic salmon will be captured and released in the Rigolet area, and acoustic transmitters will be attached to the salmon with the intent to get a better understanding of the rivers

they originate from and their spawning locations. Acoustic receivers will be placed at the entrance of various rivers in Upper Lake Melville and when tagged salmon swim past these receivers, a record of the incident is sent to the DFO Science. Also during the fall the Department of Fisheries and Oceans will identify where these salmon are spawning by tracking the location of the acoustic transmitters in the various rivers. A helicopter equipped with a VHF transmitter will locate the spawning salmon and record the locations. We are pleased to be partnering in this exciting project. The project is being funded by grant contribution to NG from the Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation. Wildlife, Mr. Speaker. The moose hunting season closed on March 31st and 20 of the 39 available licenses were filled. Twelve polar bear licenses are available to the Nunatsiavut Government for the 2017 hunting season. The open season is in effect from February 2nd to June 30th, or until the licenses are filled, whichever comes first. To date, 11 of the bears has been harvested. *Impact Benefits Agreements*, Mr. Speaker. Our IBA Co-ordinator continues to work with Vale and its contractors to get as many of our beneficiaries working at the mine site, both for permanent and temporary positions. A committee meeting was held on May 25th, 2017 with discussions on work terms for both Co-op and Pre-employment students, LATP, employment stats, winter shipping, off-site business opportunities and the Job Readiness Training Program, or JRTP. Vale also provided an update on the mine expansion and the 2017 Capital Works Program. They confirmed that the temporary camp to house workers for

construction, the underground has been completed, and the contractor is starting to demobilize. In addition, the faces for the two underground portals had been prepared and completed. Procurement for the main underground construction work will be put out early in the fall of 2017. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for late September in Voisey's Bay. The Parks Co-management Board had a face-to-face meeting in Hopedale March 27th to March 29th with discussion on the five-year management plan, the Torngat Mountain Herd Survey, consultations, a Parks Brochure, Research Station and Base Camp Operations, the Student Program and Research Programs. Mr. Speaker, the next face-to-face meeting is scheduled to be held at the Research Station and Base Camp during the first week of August. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Honourable First Minister, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to submit to the Assembly, a brief update on the activities of my Department since the last Assembly sitting in March, 2017. Implementation. The Implementation met on May 24th in Ottawa. The Board's 2017-2018 *Funding Agreements* have been signed by the Ministers, and the 2017-2018 funding is now being transferred to the Secretariat. Included on the agenda was an updated response from Canada to the Nunatsiavut Government request to amend the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* to allow beneficiaries resident in Upper Lake Melville to harvest migratory birds within the Schedule 12E area. Canada confirmed that the letter from President Lampe to Minister Bennett and

Premier Ball asking that both Ministers accept the recommendation from the Implementation Committee to amend Part 12.13.13 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* to allow beneficiaries of the *Agreement* to continue to harvest migratory birds in the area identified in Schedule 12E, and that Canada and the Newfoundland and Labrador Government appoint and mandate negotiators to negotiate a memorandum of understanding and submit it to the parties for approval was received and discussed. The Nunatsiavut Executive Council has appointed Isabella Pain and Toby Anderson as our Nunatsiavut Government negotiators. Canada is working with Canada Wildlife Service on the issue, and a letter has been drafted and will be sent to the Innu Nation and Nunatukavut asking for their written consent to allow continued harvesting by beneficiaries to the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* in the area identified in Schedule 12E. When Canada gets a response, negotiations will commence. Work has continued on the content of a renewed Implementation Plan for the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, and a draft will soon be ready for submission to the Implementation Plan Renewal negotiators and, Mr. Speaker, an update on membership. The enrollment of beneficiaries' process is ongoing, and all vacancies on the Membership Committee for Rigolet, Upper Lake Melville have been filled. Charlotte Wolfrey and Roger Shiwak have been appointed to fill those two vacancies. Loretta Michelin and Veryan Haysom joined Mark Gillett in Goose Bay and have held an information session with the new Rigolet, Lake Melville committee members to discuss their duties, the enrollment

process and criteria. We now have to fill three vacancies on the Nain and North of Nain Committees as soon as possible so they can continue with their work and, Mr. Speaker, regarding public property, Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation transferred to the Nunatsiavut Government the property including land at 114 Middlepath Road in Nain. The Nunatsiavut Government submitted to Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation a funding application under the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation's Senior Affordable Housing Program. This proposal was rejected by Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation, so the Nunatsiavut Government is currently reviewing available options for this site. An RFP has been issued for the design of the proposed Department of Health and Social Development building in Hopedale. The actual cost of the building will be determined by the design consultant in consultation with the HSD. These discussions are still ongoing, and the Procurement Services Committee is communicating with DHSD and the consultant who submitted a proposal in response to RFP. We hope to have the building design and site work completed this year and, Mr. Speaker, regarding Illusuak. Progress continues on the interior construction and the electrical and mechanical installation. Site meetings and conference calls have been held with the consultants and contractors regarding recommended changes made by the interior design consultants to exhibit and the changes to the kitchen, café and gift shop areas. The Nunatsiavut Government held a meeting on May 31st to June the 1st to discuss final design requirements, review the work completion

schedule and discuss options for the operation of the craft shop/kitchen and NG office space in the building. The work is commencing as agreed by the Nunatsiavut Government consultants and contractors, and all is on schedule for the completion of the building this fall and, Mr. Speaker, update again on the prototype. Budgell's Equipment had the first floor completed last fall and covered with a heater inside for the winter. They commenced work on the building on the 1st of June and expect to have the exterior/interior walls and the roof completed by the end of June. The Nunatsiavut Government has negotiated with Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation a \$92,000 *Contribution Agreement* to contract an experienced CMHC-approved contractor to make visits and to install necessary equipment to monitor the performance of the building during and after construction and occupancy. Bert Phillips was recommended by CMHC to do this monitoring work and Bert has been awarded the contract. The final report from this monitoring program will document annual monthly energy consumption. The report will answer the questions, what are the energy savings given the additional investments in the building? What is the cost-effectiveness of this building design? And report on occupant's comfort. The building is expected to be completed by January, 2018. Geotechnical Drilling. Aivek Stantec was behind schedule, but on May the 15th they did deliver the final reports to the Nunatsiavut Government for the Geotechnical Drilling Programs completed in Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet. We have delivered a copy of the report to the Inuit Community Governments and after review if

necessary, and upon request from the Inuit Community Governments, we can ask Sterling Parsons from Stantec to visit the communities and explain the report to each Inuit Community Government and, Mr. Speaker, I guess as most people are aware, the majority of our time within our Department, seems to be spent on housing. I continue to be involved in Aboriginal housing issues at the regional and national level and to promote adequate housing funding for Nunatsiavut. Housing Repairs and Federal Housing Funding. Work on the 2016-2017 Housing Repair Program in Nain and Hopedale was completed by March 31st, 2017, however, except some deficiencies to one home in Hopedale that still needs to be completed this summer. Repairs to two Newfoundland and Labrador housing units in Hopedale and one in Nain were completed by our contractors and are now occupied by Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation clients. A total of 23 homes in Nain and Hopedale underwent extensive repairs and are now in good condition. Applications were available for the 2017-2018 Home Repair Program. The application process commenced on February 21st and was scheduled to close on March 21st, however, due to the significant number of incomplete applications where applicants were waiting for family income information from Canada Revenue Agency, we extended the application deadline to April the 20th. After the application closure process, all applications were reviewed and 52 homes in Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet were selected for an assessment of repairs required. We are now in the process of contracting a qualified contractor to do an inspection

assessment of the homes to determine the required repairs and prepare a material list for each home that will be repaired. We hope to award contracts for this repair work in all Inuit communities in late June so that the contractors can order and ship the materials and work can commence by the end of July. The Nunatsiavut Government will construct two multi-unit complexes, one in Nain and one in Hopedale in this season. These complexes will assist with Supportive Living and will help provide a home for parents whose children would otherwise be taken into protective care without the provision of adequate housing. We have identified land in Nain and Hopedale for these complexes and a contract for a building design, project management, and construction tendering has been awarded to Aivek Stantec Ltd. Tender call for construction of these multiplexes have been issued and closes today and, Mr. Speaker, in regard to our Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy, the Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy is still a draft, but the process is ongoing. Veryan Haysom was away on holiday from early April until May 26th, so the Technical Committee of the Housing Working Group could not meet. I'm still proposing that the Strategy be completed with the Housing Delivery Model included and the document approved by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council so that I can present that document to the Assembly this fall and, Mr. Speaker, carrying on with the marine transportation. The Province has confirmed that the Northern Ranger will provide the passenger service to Nunatsiavut this year, and Nunatsiavut Marine Incorporated has been awarded a contract to operate the vessel. The

Province has extended the contract to Woodward's for the Astron to operate the freight service for the 2017 season. The Province does not plan to issue an RFP for a new vessel at this time. Instead they will develop a five-year Infrastructure Plan for Nunatsiavut communities. An engineer and diving team will begin visiting the communities as soon as the ice is gone. This team will review the wharfs, determine what needs to be done in respect to wharf repair or replacement, dredging of the bottom and offloading ramps for containers. The team will also determine what type and size of freight holding facilities are required and storage space for containers and other freight or equipment. The team will meet with the Inuit Community Governments and Nunatsiavut Government representatives in each community to discuss the community views on what may be required. The Province will meet with the Nunatsiavut Government to discuss the Draft Plan before it is finalized. After the five-year plan is developed, the Province will know what type vessel is required and the cost to complete the infrastructure needs and, finally, Mr. Speaker, an update on the Nain Airstrip. We are still lobbying Canada and the Province for funding to construct a proposed new airstrip in Nain. Canada still maintains that this is a priority. However, they require a proposal from Newfoundland and Labrador Government for a *Cost Sharing Agreement*. Newfoundland and Labrador Government states that although they consider the new proposed Nain airstrip a priority by the Province, the Province has no funds to contribute towards this proposed project. We are continuing

discussions with Canada to determine if funds could be available through the Building Canada Fund and we continue to lobby the Province regarding the state of washrooms at our airstrips within Nunatsiavut. We asked the Province to include funds in their 2017-2018 budget to address these issues, but still have no confirmation whether anything will be done this summer. We will continue to lobby the Province on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Minister of Department of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Today I will report on Economic Development Report from March until June. On the federal funding contracts, we formally reviewed the 2015-2017 Service Canada Virtual Portal Program in Nain, recommendations for the expansion of the Nain Program and inclusion of other Nunatsiavut communities, and service delivery were submitted on March 30th and are currently under review with Service Canada. Our 2016-2018 application to ACOA was approved as of April 18th, 2017 for a contribution amount of \$459,069. The project focused on the creation and growth of sustainable business in the Land Claims Area. We have begun providing the business support and programming and will launch a complete Schedule Programs and Services offerings in July, 2017. As of May 31st we have completed our Status of Women Canada Project. This project generated Inuit-wide and Nunatsiavut research to create a region-specific business tool kit. This bilingual tool

kit will assist potential and current businesses in start-up and expansion. The tool kit will be available in hard copy and online, and was graciously aided by the support from Pauktuutit. We are compiling the tool kit for a formal launch in the summer of 2017. Staffing and Training. Work Term Program Development. Stephanie Morris has completed her five-week work term in our office in Rigolet with great success and has since obtained full-time employment with the Rigolet Inuit Community Government. We would like to congratulate Stephanie. New Staff. We would like to welcome Mary Binky Andersen of Nain who has joined the Division as a Business Development Officer as of April 18th. Situated in Nain, Mary is heading up our Social Media Communications Program spearheading our Business Focus participation to the Expo Labrador, and implementing our Video Promotion Pilot Program. Mary is currently enrolled in her Business Administration degree and will be continuing her studies in the fall, and we wish her all the best. Brenda Jararuse completed her contract as Status of Women Co-ordinator on May 31st. Brenda was the driving force in the creation of previously mentioned business tool kit. Brenda, your contribution to this industry are greatly valued and thank you and you will be missed. Leadership Training. As mentioned previously, our Director of Economic Development, Kristie Sheppard, has been selected as a participant in the 2017 Governor-General Leadership Conference. Kristie is one of 250 up and coming Canadian leaders to be identified in this national program focused on how best to accelerate, innovation, productivity, inclusion, and

entrepreneurial ship. Kristie begun her leadership program on June 1st and we wish her all the best in this program. Mr. Speaker, Deputy Minister McNeil is in Ottawa for Department of National Defence and Raytheon meetings regarding the North Warning Site Contract with Department of National Defence. The meetings will be on employment and business procurement, reviewing year three of the contract and discussing a training plan for year four. 13.5 percent of employees with Raytheon are Nunatsiavut beneficiaries, which is higher than any other Inuit Region. However, business procurement with Nunatsiavut businesses are still very slow. Raytheon held a business procurement session in Nain in March, so we are anticipating that this will improve. And, lastly, President Lampe and I, in late March, attended an International Inuit Economic Development Forum sponsored by ICC International in Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting's purpose was to find ways for Inuit in four different countries to work together for the betterment of Inuit. We developed a Declaration and delegates from all countries to sit on a committee to move along the joint economic development opportunities, and some things that were things were discussed was Broadband, shipping, etcetera. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Do we have any further Ministers statements this morning? I recognize the Minister of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to update on the work of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism since the last Assembly

meeting. I will provide a brief update in the areas of tourism, culture and archaeology and heritage. In the area of tourism, we have been continuing our work in the following areas: 1) Development of the Implementation Plan for the Tourism Nunatsiavut Strategy. 2) Development of an Experienced Providers Network. 2) Support to communities for cruise ships. 4) Development of Visitor Guide. 5) Hebron Ambassador and Restoration Program. 6) Marketing, and 7) Partnerships. Development of the Implementation Plan for the Tourism Nunatsiavut Strategy. We have contracted Dr. Nancy Arsenault of Tourism Cape Canada to develop the Implementation Plan for our Tourism Nunatsiavut Strategy. Ms. Arsenault will be conducting interviews with key stakeholders within our communities; the Division of Economic Development of the Nunatsiavut Government, Destination Labrador, the provincial government, and the Aboriginal Tourism Association of Canada to ensure that our Strategy aligns with what is currently happening in tourism. Development of an Experienced Providers Network. Work is continuing on the development of an Experienced Providers Network. The Rigolet Inuit Community Government filled their Tourism Manager position on May 24th. So we have started the relationship with the new employee to move forward on this project. Support to communities for cruise ships. The Experienced Development Co-ordinator continues to reach out to communities to help with cruise ship itinerary planning. Development of Visitor Guide. We are in the final stages of developing our Visitors Guide and it should

be released at the end of June. Hebron Ambassador and Restoration Program. This program will be aligning with the operations of the Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station this year. The five Hebron positions will be advertised this year for beneficiaries to apply. Marketing. In terms of marketing, we have two regional highlights on NewfoundlandandLabrador.com. One, that is about the five-day Northern Ranger trip, and the other is about the Torngat Mountains Base Camp. We also have a two-page advertorial in the 2017 Travel Guide. For the first time we have a piece in the Aboriginal Tourism Association of Canada; travel guide that highlights base camp. Partnerships. We are working more closely with Nunatsiavut Marine to help build the visitor experience for tourists travelling on board the Northern Ranger. Our staff will be presenting to both the ticket office staff as well as the staff on board the Northern Ranger about what you can see and do in each of the communities. We are a liaison between community groups and Nunatsiavut Marine with the tour operator, Franklin and Frobisher, to ensure that tourists will experience authentic experiences and that what this development is, what the communities want to know. Our staff continue to reach out to operators in the communities to become TAP compliant, Tourism Assurance Plan. This is needed to have your business promoted on newfoundlandandlabrador.com. In the area of culture we have been continuing our work in the following areas: 1) Illusuak. 2) Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station. 3) Language Programming. 4) SakKijajuk. 5) Arts and 6) Traditions and Transitions.

Illusuak. We are nearing the completion of the long-anticipated Illusuak Cultural Centre. The stories that will be told in Illusuak will make Labrador Inuit proud by understanding where we came from and how we survived as a people. Labrador Inuit will have a better appreciation of who we are as individuals, and as a culture continuing to evolve in a modern world. We are still working on finalizing all of the exhibits. And while the building itself is expected to be completed this year, we won't be having a show opening until the exhibits are all furnished. We don't have a definite timeline on that year. But we expect it won't be until the next year. Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station. The Department is working with Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and Parks Canada on the 2017 season which will run from July 22nd to August 26th, 2017. Language Programming. We co-ordinated with the Department of Health and Social Development a Youth and Elder Gathering in Iggiak. We co-ordinated with the HSD, the attendance of five youth and two adults to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Brings together a number of states and Indigenous peoples to provide advice and recommendations to the United Nations on Indigenous issues related to economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health and human rights. Attendance to a workshop on *Inuttitut* language and Linguistics at the University of Toronto May 30th and 31st. The Department is working on various language projects. The following are a highlight: A) Master Apprentice Program. We will hire one master in each community to be matched with an apprentice to work together

on improving the apprentice's fluency in *Inuttitut*. B) Terminology Workshop. We will be co-ordinating a terminology workshop for our interpreter/translator staff. C) Labrador *Inuttitut* Training Program. Staff will be coming to Nain in June to go over the upcoming courses and to discuss roll out into communities.

MR. BLAKE: Point of order, Mr. Speaker. The Ministers have exceeded their time limit on their statements.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. Yes, we have exceeded the 35-minute time limit for Ministers statements, but I'll ask the unanimous consent of the Assembly to continue on with the ministers statements until they are finished. Do I have the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed with ministers statements this morning? Are there any nays?

Nakummek. Honourable Minister of Culture, you may continue on with your minister statement.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, oKattik*. SakKijajuk. We have received notification from the International Grenfell Association on our proposal for the continuation of SakKijajuk up to December 31st, 2018. We will now start the process of working with Heather Igloliorte with their logistics of moving the gallery to Nova Scotia for its next opening, and making plans for artists to attend that opening. Arts. Attended meeting with Labrador Creative Arts Festival as the new Nunatsiavut representative. One of the main focuses right now with the festival is helping to secure funding for this year. This festival is the longest running festival for school-aged children in all of Canada, and importance for its continuation is essential. The first of the

community consultations are now complete with the exception of Hopedale. Planning for the Hopedale consultation is to coincide with a stone carving workshop. The Pattern Library and the Artist database is now started. The information collected from the consultations will help us build the Art Strategy. Our Department was a sponsor for sealing day on Parliament. I meet face-to-face with many other seal product /industry supporters. Attendance to the curator for change transforming in all communities through arts festival symposium held at St. John's, and now the symposium allowed small groups of festival representatives to sit and discuss challenges and triumph with each other allowing for problem solving advice from those who have experience dealing with the same problems. Mr. Speaker, I now conclude to this point, but will continue at the next order of the day. *Nakummek*.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Honourable First Minister, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm providing some updates and information on behalf the Minister of Health and Social Development, who is currently off on extended leave following surgery. While this is not my Department or area of expertise, should you have any questions or concerns, I will definitely follow-up with the appropriate staff members to provide responses. February 21st to the 23rd, an Inuit Studies Conference was held in Hopedale with 30 women from Nunatsiavut, Upper Lake Melville and the Canadian Constituency attending. There

were a variety of topics addressed including self-esteem, healing, economic development, justice, leadership, culture

. In a variety of formats, presentations, panels, etcetera, in the evaluations women use words such as empowering, inspiring and informative to describe their experience. A full report of the conference will be available by September. On April the 18th, 2017, the communities of Hopedale and Natuashish walked together as one in the hope of helping the people deal with grief and loss from suicide, and also to do preventative work with those who have contemplated suicide. As we all know, it is not only one person or one family that is affected by suicide, but the community as a whole. There were 14 walkers and 9 helpers. The walk took three days and two nights with a total of between 22 to 32 hours of walking. On May the 2nd, 2017, President Lampe, Minister Flowers and Deputy Ministers Isabella Pain and Michelle Kinney met with the Premier and officials of child, seniors and social development to discuss issues related to child protection. Mr. Speaker, there was very good discussion and dialogue. Basically Nunatsiavut Government have seven asks that were presented to the Premier. 1) Permanent funding for the Family Connections Program. Three family connections workers and co-ordinator, approximately \$300,000 per year starting in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. 2) Two social work positions to recruit, assess, train and support foster families in Nunatsiavut. 3) Resolve the issue of consent by recognizing Section 74(5) which states, "The Minister

may enter into an *Agreement* with the Nunatsiavut Government with respect to the access to or disclosure of information under this *Act*." 4) Work to further develop the proposed *Partnership Agreement* which promotes a collaborative approach to the delivery of Child Protection Services. 5) Cultural training for all CSSV, community, regional and provincial staff related to cultural sensitivity, inter-generational trauma and colonization. But, more importantly, how the dominant culture's worldview impacts interaction with Indigenous people. 6) Review of policies, procedures, risk assessment tools, etcetera, to ensure biases of the dominant culture do not prejudice decisions about Indigenous families or children. 7) Training for the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Senior Officials regarding the *Land Claims Agreement* and the government-to-government relationships. Community health planning sessions have been held recently with Department of Health and Social Development regional and community staff working on two-year plans for our Department. Common priorities have been identified around mental wellness, substance abuse, food security and family and children. The Nain Youth Centre opened its doors on May 18th to provide a drop-in space for youth in Nain to go to. There are four staff hired, three of whom are youth themselves, to staff the overnight period from 8:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. providing a mix of activities and programming and a general hang-out space with a focus on youth, 16 to 30. We are in the process of moving daytime staff and evening programming into the Youth Centre with the goal of having a wide variety of activities for youth provided there. We have

recently hired a new regional FASD Co-ordinator, Darlene Winters, of Hopedale, and we're very pleased to welcome her on board. Plans are still moving forward for a new DHSD building in Hopedale. We are looking forward to seeing the new design and eventually a new building for the community of Hopedale and, finally, Mr. Speaker, the Department of Health and Social Development is working with the Nova Scotia Community College to deliver a Child and Youth Care Program. The first 10-day session was held in Hopedale in March. Since that time, classes have been held by phone and through distance. The next on site module will take place at MSCC in Truro, Nova Scotia in June, and we are very excited to provide these training opportunities for students in our communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I believe we have concluded with our ministers statements. Before we proceed onto our "Member Statements," item six, I'd like to call a recess and we'll reconvene at eleven o'clock. *Nakummek*.

(Recess)

MR. EDMUNDS:

Welcome back to the Assembly. Prior to adjournment, we left on item five, "Ministers Statements." We'll now proceed onto item six on your *Orders of the Day*, "Member Statements." Do we have any member statements this morning? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

MR. JACQUE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I'd like to recognize the two pages for Makkovik, Danika Mitchell and Christopher Ford, welcome, and I'm

sure it's going to be a good experience for you. Good to see your interest. Makkovik Inuit Community Government extends condolences to all the families within Nunatsiavut, Upper Lake Melville and the Canadian Constituency who have lost loved ones since our last sitting. We extend thank you to Corporal Mark Huskins for his two-year service and contribution to our community as he's leaving in July. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours and welcome Corporal Irvin Nochasak. Congratulations to all the graduates within Nunatsiavut, and especially our five graduates who will be graduating on June 24th in Makkovik, namely, April Rideout, Paulette Rice, Nikita Penny, Leonard McNeil and Jason Wolfrey. We wish them all the best as they follow their dreams and move forward. We also wish the teachers, students and staff a safe and happy summer. Would like to recognize a couple of our individuals in our community. Community Constable Barry Andersen, who received recognition from the RCMP for his efforts and assistance in the Search and Rescue Services. Congratulations to John Andersen, our Recreation Director in receiving the CY Hoskins Memorial Award in recognition of his significant contribution to the growth and development of recreation. Congratulations to John. Would also like to recognize John Andersen, Travis Dyson, Olson Ford and the Volunteer Committee of our arena for their hard work and efforts, as well as our office staff; Cindy Dwyer, Doreen Winters and Marilyn Falkner for all their volunteer work and contributions in ensuring that operations, or the operational aspects

of the facility ran smoothly. They did a tremendous job. We'd like to thank them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I recognize Mr. Roy Blake, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

MR. BLAKE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this morning, I would like to begin by sending sincere condolences to the following families and extended family members of beneficiaries that have sadly passed away since our last sitting; Dulcie Mesher, Henry Thomas-Davis. Also, Mr. Speaker, this morning I would like to send condolences to AngajukKâk Diane Gear and family, and extended family members as well. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to congratulate Mr. Edward Blake-Rudkowski on winning the Canadian Constituency bi-election, also Mr. Jim Lyaal, for the constituency of Nain. Congratulations, gentlemen. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to congratulate Mr. Derek Montague who won the bi-election in the community of North West River for the position of Chairperson for Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation. Also it's Derek's birthday today. I know he's not here with us, but Happy Birthday, Derek. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Ms. Ashely Allan of Lake Melville School in North West River as she was the lone beneficiary who graduated this high school year. Congratulations to all beneficiaries who graduated from the Mealy Mountain Collegiate. All the best in your future endeavours. Mr. Speaker, this morning, sir, I would like to recognize a remarkable young Inuk lady from Happy Valley. She is the daughter of Clayton and Mariam Saunders. Sir, on May the 27th, 2017 Miss Delilah Saunders received the

Human Rights Award by Amnesty International. Mr. Speaker, she has committed her life to support the cause after her sister who was murdered. At the time of her death, Loretta was writing a thesis on the history of violence against Indigenous women and girls, on the ongoing crisis that went unaddressed by the Canadian Government until a national inquiry was opened in 2015. Huge congratulations, Delilah. Mr. Speaker, Minister Kemuksigak and I are pleased to announce that we are in the process of releasing our spring edition of our newsletter. Beneficiaries should receive this in the mail within a couple of days. Mr. Speaker, I am also continuing to visit beneficiaries who are in long-term care in the hospital, along with regular visits within Happy Valley, Goose Bay, Mud Lake and North West River. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Blake. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Nakummek, oKattik. Mr. Speaker, this morning I know I only have five minutes. I want to totally acknowledge and take this time for some of the students and staff at Amos Comenius Memorial School. In March of 2017 Isaiah Pamak and Nathaniel Winters were chosen to attend the 2017 Annual Heritage Fair in Goose Bay. Isaiah's project was on the Spanish flu of 1918, and Nathaniel's project was Inuit legends. Both of the students won awards. Isaiah won an award for best representation in culture pre-Confederation and most interesting and Nathaniel won best representation in Labrador culture. Lisa McDonald is the teacher who volunteered her time to work with the students. Hats off to Isaiah,

Nathaniel and Ms. McDonald. Three senior high students, namely, Veronica Flowers, Brenda Flowers and Claire Igloliorte were chosen as part of a larger choir who will be travelling to sing at the Canada 150 celebrations in Ottawa this summer. They participated in the Pan-Labrador choir in Goose Bay, and they travel to St. John's for the launch of the Canada 150 choir. Ms. Rosie Piercy is the teacher who volunteers her time to work with these three beautiful students. Ms. Nicole Blanchard also helped with fundraising events for the choir. The high school drama festival took place this spring. Ms. Karen Roussel and her very talented Nanuk players, Nicholas Flowers, Alexis Coombs, Veronica Flowers, Darryl Flowers, Isaiah Pamak and Claire Igloliorte took to the stage in performing the hilarious play entitled, "Graduation." Veronica, Nicholas and Alexis Coombs won best acting awards. Darryl Flowers won, "The Show Must Go On" award. Darryl broke his ankle in a skidoo accident earlier this winter which resulted in surgery to repair the break, and even though he was on crutches, he faithfully attended all the rehearsals, always in good spirits. This youth certainly has been determined, and drive to finish what he starts. Isaiah won, "The Ham Award." This is a comical award and, trust me, this youth had me laughing during the whole performance. I'd like to acknowledge a grade five student, Hayley Flowers. Hayley participated in a Foster Parents Essay Contest campaign and won second place in all of Newfoundland and Labrador. Hayley wrote about how she would welcome a new foster child from out of town into her classroom. It was a very touching essay

for a nine-year-old child to write. Way to go, Hayley. Mr. Speaker, I also want to acknowledge the 2017 graduating class of ACMS. This year's graduates were Brenda Flowers, Jacob Edmunds, Veronica Flowers, Noah Pamak, Claire Igloliorte, Joshua Kaunak, Kellie Tuglavina, Monica Jararuse and Seth Tuglavina. Mr. Speaker, I'm so proud of these nine bright students. They're already showing signs of great leadership, and even though some of these students have been through much in their young lives, they are continuing on each in their own direction. I applaud each one of them. I would also like to acknowledge their parents and caregivers who stuck with them and encouraged them each step of the way. You have set a foundation for these inspiring young youth and last, but not least, Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and acknowledge two of ACMS teachers who have continued on with their studies and received their masters. Nicole McLean, received a Masters in Education Leadership. Ms. McLean also received a School Sports Newfoundland and Labrador Recognition Award for Northern Region. Nicole has worked hard over the years with the volleyball team, and her hard work in coaching has paid off with girls winning the provincial championships. Well done, Nicole. Finally, Nicole Blanchard received her Masters in Education, Curriculum, Teaching, Learning, focus on illiteracy. Congratulations, ladies. We are so grateful for all your hard work and dedication to our students. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ms. Flowers. I recognize Mrs. Patricia Kemuksigak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I would like to send my thoughts and prayers to the people of Mud Lake and Mud Lake Road who were flooded and evacuated in May. I would like to thank many organizations, Nunatsiavut communities and other communities, and people who came together to raise funds and provide services to the people of Mud Lake and Mud Lake Road. I would like to send thoughts and prayers to Beatrice Hunter who is in prison at Her Majesty's Penitentiary in St. John's for standing up for protecting Muskrat Falls, the Churchill River and the land in relation to the Muskrat Falls Hydroelectric Project, and I wish that she could be released soon. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ms. Kemuksigak. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I just want to take this time to pass on sincere condolences to families and extended families of the late Liz Semigak, Hayward Ford, and Kelly Saksagiak. Liz passed away on April 30th in Happy Valley, Goose Bay leaving to mourn common-law spouse, Stanley, brothers Jonas, three sons; Toby, Patrick and Jonas. Liz was 68 years old on her passing. Condolences to the Semigak and the Ford families. Kellifus, or Kelly, as we call him, Saksagiak, passed away in his home on May 12th. A soft-spoken man that always had the time to say hello, and up for a short chat at any time. Kelly was known to have one of the best smoked char, and always had some on hand, and if he didn't, he'll make sure that his nets were hauled to make more. Kelly was 74 years old. Sincere condolences to Margaret, his wife, the Saksagiak and

the Dicker families. Hayward Ford passed away on May 31st in St. John's. He is sadly missed by his wife, Nora, the Jarret and the Ford family.

Hayward was a man, I, like many others, had the utmost respect for and admired, and can say that my visits to St. John's will never been the same as I made every effort to drop in to say hello when out there. Hayward was 82 years old. Deepest and heart-felt condolences to the Ford and Jarret families. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I inform you of the birth of the first set of triplets born in Nain. Renee Semigak and Dennis Merkuratsuk gave birth to three little girls in St. John's on May 9th. Renee was moved to St. John's on March 3rd due to medical complications, and had to be near a hospital during her pregnancy. Renee gave birth by Caesarian section 34 weeks into her pregnancy. Justine, Emily and Naeme had to remain in St. John's until yesterday to develop and grow and to be over five pounds to safely travel home. Renee, Dennis, the triplets and grandmother are now in Happy Valley, Goose Bay and will be travelling home very soon. Many are excited to see them all, and I'm sure they will be met by many when they arrive. I believe this is the first for Nain, triplets in Nain, but there has been others within Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker, with this I want to send a huge thank you to Michelle Kinney of Department of Health and Social Development, and to the NIHB Program for providing the Semigak family with the extra support services during Rene's pregnancy and extra escort services to care for the triplets. The family is very appreciative for all that was done for them. Mr. Speaker, I do not have much to report today. Certainly

report more tomorrow, to report to the Assembly today other than to say that things over the past couple months have been pretty quiet compared to the previous months. However, I still deal with phone calls and constituents dropping into my office seeking assistance on a daily basis. Over the past month or so you can say I took a step back and looked at the past three years while holding this office. Certainly it did not come with its challenges and struggles and frustration for me in advocating for my constituency. I brought forward concerns that I heard from the constituency to the Assembly on housing, seniors home or a facility, fostering more children and many others. Mr. Speaker, I'm not proud of some of my actions, methods or tactics in bringing these concerns forward to the Assembly, but have to say, even though it was difficult from time to time, I can say our voices are being heard. We are making great progress in housing. I've said it on a number of occasions, such as supportive living, repair programs, model homes, continued efforts in seeing a seniors facility, with yet more to come. We are advocating harder on fostering of children, things that are of serious concern in my constituency, and the constituency is seeing that the NG hears it. I have come to realize that things to change and/or improve takes time. Sometimes a bit slow, in my opinion, but our concerns are being heard and actioned on. For me, in my opinion, I see two things that must happen or to improve in moving or advancing some of the major issues or concerns for my constituency or Nunatsiavut or, for that matter, and those things being building extra capacity within government and

improving communications. Mr. Speaker, we all know Nunatsiavut is very young, and only beginning to tackle the major concerns that challenge us and our government, in my opinion, needs to expand to meet those needs. I see the weight of many files, roles, responsibilities fall on the shoulders of too few causing, in my opinion, many issues to be left unaddressed or delayed. Increasing capacity within government can only move things along more effectively. Mr. Speaker, communications has been raised at nearly every sitting of this Assembly for the past two years. Enhancing our communication will take some of our doubts in where the NG is heading, or what is being done. The sharing of information creates confidence in us, and that's what's being done is for the best interest of our constituencies. The sharing of information can and will make us all work together more effectively. I look to you, Mr. President, to hold your commitment to address our concerns on communication in an informal or formal session in the near future. With that, Mr. Speaker, I conclude my statement this morning with a quote from James Humes. "The art of communication is the language of leadership." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak.

MR. J. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, on behalf of the RICG and the community of Rigolet, I'd like to pass along our condolences to those who have lost loved ones since we last met. On a brighter side I want to congratulate the graduating students of Northern Lights Academy and, as

a matter of fact, I'd like to congratulate all graduating students right across Labrador. With students, I took the opportunity within the last month to go to Northern Lights Academy and sit down with the high school students of Northern Lights Academy to try to get a student's point of view on the future. It's kind of difficult. I found that students are torn between the communities we had and the communities we need, if development has to take place. Most students do have a career in mind but, sadly, a lot of these careers that they have in mind we're unable to bring them back because we do not have what it takes to bring students back. They also, in saying that, the students tell me we'd like to come back, but we don't want to change the complexity of the community. We think the communities are just fine now, but we don't want to change that. And, you know, that puts us in a very difficult position because if we are going to build our communities, bring back our students, something has to happen. We have to create initiatives that will build a community, and it's a very difficult position to be in, you know. But I'm quite sure down the road change will happen. It has to happen. We have to move forward, and if it means our cultural lifestyle, if you want to put it that way, goes a bit to the back burner, then we have to endorse that. But I think the students recognize that. I asked students where do they see Rigolet in 20 years' time, and they say the rate we're going now, we can see these communities getting smaller, and I couldn't do no more than agree with them. And, you know, there's one girl in the room said the best the thing to go out and train for, if you want to come home, is

train in assisting seniors and I think that's kind of sad because they have this vision of community's getting smaller, we're not bringing our younger people back. Who's going to live in this community? It's going to be seniors, and seniors need somebody to look after them, and I think that's sad. But, you know, as we move forward I think we have to take some consideration into the fact we have to consider where we're going. Do we want to keep our communities? Because if we lose all of our young people, they are the shakers and movers of the future. Without them, do we still have small communities like we had? I think that's something we have to really think about as we move forward. Whether we want to stay a status quo and continue a way of life that I don't want to say this, but I have to say it, and that is you go out you get 420 hours, you draw your unemployment, you're satisfied until those EI hours or time runs out, and then you go back out for another 400. I don't think students want that anymore, and that's what a lot of them say. You know, we want a career. You don't have nothing to offer us. So why come home again? Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Do we have any further member statements this morning? I recognize Mr. Ed Rudkowski, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I want to echo Mr. Pamak's comments on Hayward Ford. Patricia Ford asked that I pass on condolences on her behalf. She was unable to make it here and, also to add to that, condolences to the family and friends of Nicky Obed who

recently passed away in St. John's, unfortunately. I guess I should start by expressing my sincere and deep gratitude to the constituents of Canada for giving me your vote, for giving me their faith and for passing along this responsibility. It's indeed an honour and a privilege to be standing here in front of you today, and I want to ensure and to assure people in this Assembly, and to all my constituents, that this is a responsibility I take extremely seriously, and I will do everything in my power to fulfill my duties with utmost vigour and commitment. I think a long time ago I was a graduate of the PSSSP Program. As I understand it, the same people who helped me many moons ago, back in the LIA days, are still in place in that office. I'm specifically referring to Lucy Brennan. I want to take this opportunity to thank her and to thank Minister Kemuksigak for all that they do. That program does make a difference in people's lives. It gives people an opportunity to give back to their communities. At the time that I graduated, again quite some time ago, I made a mental commitment to myself that at some point in my existence I would have the opportunity to give back to the government and to the people that invested and took faith in me. So this is my opportunity to do exactly that. But, Minister Kemuksigak, if you could be so kind as to pass on my regards and sincere thank you to Lucy Brennan, and my sincere thank you to this government who helped me realize an educational path which might have been unavailable to me otherwise. So thank you to everybody, and thank you for welcoming me into this Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Rudkowski. Do we have any further member statements this morning? If we have no further member statements then we'll proceed to item seven on your *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Oral Questions." Do we have any returns to oral questions today? Onto item eight, "Oral Questions." I recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

MR. BLAKE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is going to be directed First Minister Mitchell. Ms. Mitchell, this past winter a non-beneficiary was Medevac'd from Postville to Goose Bay, then medevaced onto St. John's. The wife of the person Medevac'd was a beneficiary while I know that our NIHB Program focuses on the patient. So the beneficiary had to find air travel and accommodations in St. John's which caused much hardship to her and her spouse. My question is, is there anything that you or your department can do to change this criteria so that our beneficiaries are covered through NIHB whether they are the patient or escort. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. And as the First Minister alluded to, I guess she's handling the files for the Minister of Health. And, in response, I recognize the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Ordinary Member from Upper Lake Melville, for your question. I will definitely get in touch with the Deputy Minister for Department of Health and Social Development and get a response for you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I guess then we'll have to take that question under notice and provide an answer back to the Ordinary Member at the earliest opportunity. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Nakummek, oKattik. My question is to the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister, with regards to the Nain Airstrip. I and my colleague, AngajukKâk for Hopedale, were quite interested in what you were saying there. We both attended the combined council meetings in Goose Bay this past February, and one of the hot topics, I guess, there, or the main topics that we wanted to discuss was the, I guess the status of where things were with the Nain Airstrip. At that meeting the MP for – I'm just going to give a bit of history then ask the question, Mr. Speaker. MP for Labrador, Yvonne Jones, and the four MHA's for Labrador were there, along with the Premier Dwight Ball. And that question was asked to them, and the answers that we got from all the individuals was that they weren't sure, I guess, who was responsible for the funding or the monies that would create the airstrip moving forward. At that time I got up and I told them, you know, that it was time for them to stop playing games, I guess, the exact words I used with the people in my community because we've been at this for the past 30 years and nothing was moving forward. So I got a commitment from MP Jones and Dwight Ball, through his MHA's, that they would work together. They made a commitment right then and there that they would work together. My question to you, Honourable Mitchell, is was that commitment that was made conveyed

to you when you were talking with the federal or provincial people when you were talking about the airstrip? And, if not, please remind them because our Northern President for Labrador, AngajukKâk Flowers, has made that commitment to do that, and we've also got the assurance from our President Trent O'Brien that this issue is not going to go away. So if you need some backup, I guess, we're here, but I would like to know if that commitment that was made at the combined counsels was ever conveyed to the Nunatsiavut Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. In response, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk from Nain, for your question. That came from the federal government, that it was a priority for the federal government, but how that programmed work was that in order for the federal government to put their funds in place, there had to be a proposal from the provincial government requesting that that be made a priority, and the provincial government would have to have funding to put in place. So that's where that came from and, as well, I do, as well, sit on the Ministers Advisory Committee for Transportation, but now next week during the Expo I'll be travelling to Expo and I'll be doing a presentation on innovative and collaborative housing in Nunatsiavut, but while I'm there we also have plans to meet with the Minister of Transportation, and I will definitely bring that issue forward to see if they have an update for me on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. Do we have any further oral questions this morning? Is there any member who has yet to utilize an oral question who would like to do so? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to form my question to Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. Mr. Shiwak, you know, we're fully aware that in 2016 that the Nunatsiavut Government received \$15 million for housing initiatives for Nunatsiavut. And, as part of any *Contribution Agreement*, I guess, or funding arrangement between the federal government and the Nunatsiavut Government, I would say that there would be some sort of a reporting process on how the Nunatsiavut Government will or has spent that money. Can you tell me the process of the reporting of that from Nunatsiavut to the federal government?

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Member for Nain. In response, I'll redirect that question to the First Minister as she is responsible for the housing portfolio and, in response, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and, thank you, Ordinary Member from Nain, for your question. Actually this was a part of what I had for my update for tomorrow on housing, but I certainly have no problem giving you that information now. Okay, of the 15 million what we did was we submitted a proposal to the federal government and got their approval on how we would spend the funds for each fiscal year, and out of that what we had

allocated for this year for the \$4 million, this is what we did this year. The contract was awarded to an Inuit community. They repaired five houses in Nain and seven in Hopedale. There was funds transferred to TRHA, and that was over and above the 2.6 million that we would give them on an annual basis and as you recall, last year what we did was we went to Torngat Housing and we told them that we would pick up all the applications that they had for repairs that they didn't have the funds to cover, So last year we transferred to Torngat Housing the funds, and they repaired eight houses in Nain, three in Hopedale and three in Makkovik and, as well, out of that we completed the Geotechnical Assessments in Rigolet, Makkovik and Postville, and we also transferred funds to Rigolet to build a new house there and we purchased land in Nain for the multiplex. That came out of that funding and, as well, we've purchased, well, 25 high efficiency wood stoves, and we have 3 on hand. So we have 28 of those wood stoves. So that's what we did with the \$4 million that was approved by the federal government out of that housing dollars. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Ordinary Member have a supplementary? I recognize Ordinary Member Pamak for a supplementary.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Certainly, you know, we have been getting regular updates on where that money has been spent as part of the funding arrangement for the federal program. My question was, you know, I'm sure, you know, as part of that funding we would spend a

report of what we spent it on, how much we spent it on, a financial report. I guess my supplementary question is knowing that this \$15 million is outside of our own budgets, can a report, a final report can be available made to the Assembly showing where the money was spent and how much was spent just to kind of bring it all in together, where our housing situation is within Nunatsiavut. So, basically, I'm asking can a report be provided of where money is spent and how much is actually spent on a regular basis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. Again, in response, I recognize the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Ordinary Member for Nain, for your supplementary question. Yes we can certainly do that and, like I said, this is part of a report that I was going to give an update on tomorrow and, as well, I have, you know, the amount we spent out of the Nunatsiavut Government Housing Fund and what that went for, as well as the Retrofit Program, the joint *Agreement* with the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing and Nunatsiavut Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a final supplementary?

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much, First Minister Kate. Certainly is some great information. It's just good to know that, you know, that we've been made available of where the money is spent, or

how much was spent, and certainly encouraged that we have some sort of written documentation, or report, provided to us when possible. So I look to you for that commitment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. As that wasn't phrased in the form of a question then we'll proceed onto the next individual on the line of questioning, and I recognize Mr. Roy Blake, the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

MR. BLAKE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to Minister Shiwak. Minister Shiwak, do you know how much of an increase of methyl mercury from the flooding this past winter at Muskrat has increased in our Churchill River. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Blake. In response, the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake. It's a very important question and, as we've forwarded to you on many occasions and, as you're aware, and the Assembly should be aware, those measurements are reported on a provincial government website that is accessible by anybody in the public. We're aware of those numbers. Not quite sure when the last numbers were put out. We're aware of those numbers. We're doing an analysis on those numbers. While it seems like those numbers are low at this moment, we do have certain requirements that we want met with regards to the measuring of methyl mercury in the Churchill River. If you

want me to actually provide you with those numbers, I can certainly, again, provide right to the website where you need to get those numbers. I can give you that information again. But you have my commitment. This something that we have taken very seriously. We have a certain standard that we want the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to measure methyl mercury in the river to ensure that we understand what's happening as they come out into the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. We're doing that. I don't have that analysis done with me today, but we are doing that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Do you have a supplementary to follow up? I recognize Mr. Blake for a supplementary question.

MR. BLAKE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Minister Shiwak, I know you don't have the numbers with you right now, but when you get these numbers, my question is, do this give any indication of how much methyl mercury will increase when full flooding starts? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Blake. Again, in response, I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and a good supplementary question because it goes to where we're trying to get to as a government to understand how methyl mercury, or the contamination of methyl mercury, will impact downstream into the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. I won't prejudge what the analysis will say. It will give some indication from the past winter on the level of methyl mercury and how much it rose because of

the flooding. I do have to state, though, prior to last winter, and our understanding of the flooding this winter, we knew that a lot of that flooded area would be already area that was previously flooded so our estimates would be low anyway. So using that as an estimate of what's going to happen after full flooding, it is probably not the best indicator. That's why last fall before the flooding started, we went through Harvard. Harvard did some research into the reservoir itself, into the soil samples, to really get a sense of the level of methyl mercury in the soil samples, flooding that afterwards so that we know what areas will be impacted by flooding which would give a much better indicator of what's going to happen after full flooding. That's probably the better indicator, but this will give us some indication of what happens in the reservoir after flooding this winter. It's a multiple of things. I think it's very important to say that the sooner we get the Independent Expert Advisory Committee on the go, then looking at both this Harvard research, the results from this winter and recommendations moving forward, it's going to really help us show what needs to happen in that reservoir to mitigate methyl mercury down the stream. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Do you have a final supplementary? I recognize Mr. Blake for a final supplementary question.

MR. BLAKE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Shiwak, has there been any recent testing done to get an accurate reading of methyl mercury levels since the May flooding. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Blake and, in response, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and, again, good question. That's something I would have to get back to you on. I don't have that at my fingertips at the moment, that information, but I certainly will get that answer for you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. You've given your final supplementary question, Member. And once more the Minister stated that a lot of these responses will be given under notice and, again, that could be circulated to the rest of the Assembly Members as well. Is there any Member who has yet to utilize an oral question who would like to do so? I recognize Mr. Ed Rudkowski, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is directed to the Honourable Darryl Shiwak. Honourable Shiwak, you mentioned that there was 20 beneficiaries who have been allocated quota, on the recent fisheries allocations. One of my constituents was one of the people who was not successful in his application, and I'm wondering if you could provide some clarity on the criteria around which those 20 beneficiaries were allocated quota.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Rudkowski and, in response, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question. I cannot speak to personal allocations. We do not do that. I will give you an indication how we go about making those allocations. We do have a deadline of March

31st every year for an applicant to apply for quota for this coming year. They have all their information on that application of how they're going to do the fishery, and we base our decision what's in that application. From there we look at, number one, does he have Northern Core status, which you need to have that to be in our commercial fishery. You need to be a Nunatsiavut beneficiary, which is in our policy, and then there's a number of different stipulations within the policy itself. I cannot rhyme them all off right here. It's quite a detailed policy. I certainly can provide and the other criteria that we have to you or to anybody else here to understand how we allocate those. But it's based on those two things, the criteria and the policy and how you fit into the policy, and the deadline itself and what you have in your application. Again it's hard for me to speak to this when I can't speak to an individual, but they do have to meet a certain criteria, and they have to meet the policy. So we make sure we follow that policy very, very closely because if we don't and we go outside the policy then we'll get questions coming back, well, why didn't I get an allocation, or why didn't this happen? We refer back straight back to this is why, and this is why you did or did not get an allocation. It's very important to us. But if you want me to provide that, I can certainly provide that tomorrow on a return and our policy and whatever other criteria that we have. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a supplementary question?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Yes, just for the point of clarity. The person in question, the individual in question, is obviously a beneficiary, is resident within Labrador but within the Canadian Constituency. Yeah, so there again there was some ambiguity as to why their application was refused, and hopefully we'll have a chance to discuss this further so that I can provide some clarity to this individual such that perhaps the application for next year may be more successful.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Member, but as that wasn't a supplementary question, I'll give you the opportunity, though, to phrase that and rephrase it in the form of a direct question to the Minister if you'd like to do that.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Minister, can you direct me? Where can I find, in the form of a question, where can I find an exact copy of the criteria used for those allocations?

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Rudkowski. In response, the Honourable Minister.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll provide that information to you. I'll get that to you later today probably. If an individual like you referenced, applies for quota and has an issue or a concern with the response or with the response that they got, I encourage you to encourage that individual to contact the department, either myself or the Deputy Ministry or the Director and say this is the concern that they have, looking for clarification, because I have to reiterate, I cannot discuss personal applications outside of that person's application themselves. So I encourage you to encourage them to contact the department, bring

those concerns forward. When we do have concerns such as that, we either try to provide the clarification immediately, or if there's a need for a review, we will do that as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a final supplementary? *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. Once more, is there any Member who has yet to use an oral question and would like to do so? If not, in keeping with turns speaking, I'll recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers, for an oral question.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you. My question is, I guess, for the Minister of Health and Social Development which will be directed at Minister Mitchell today. Food security. The results from the food security survey were very high, especially in Hopedale and Nain. To me, this is very disconcerting, and my question is what, if anything, will NG do about the lack of food security in Nunatsiavut? Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers and, in response, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you very much, AngajukKâk from Hopedale, for your question and yes, the results of the food security report was very concerning for all of us, and I will definitely have a response to you once I get in touch with Michelle Kinney. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Is there, again, any Member who has yet to use an oral question who would like to do so? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER: *Nakummek, oKattik.* My question is to Minister Shiwak. In his report this morning I failed to hear any update on what the Lands and Resources Department is doing this year to secure food, I guess, or security with regards to moose and char for the Community Freezers. That's my question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. In response, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the question, AngajukKâk Dicker. Right now, as you're aware, we've budgeted again for our moose harvest in Gros Morne in this previous budget to go and do that again next fall so we can provide that moose into the Community Freezers. As well, we will be doing a review of our moose allocation of the 39 moose licenses. In previous years we've allocated some of those to the Community Freezers as well. Given the low harvest level that we had this year, that will have to be reviewed, but I'm certain that we'll provide that to the Community Freezers as well. On the char issue, I think there's a program done through Education and Economic Development with Torngat Fish Producers Co-op where they're producing or they're buying 10,000 pounds of char for the Community Freezers. So that's two things. And any other programs that become available, I'll certainly try to

provide to the Member as we get that information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question?

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for that information, Minister. But with regard to the char itself, the purchase was 13,000 pounds last year, and the Community Freezers ran out early this year with regards to char. It's understandable that the moose was run out early because of the tainted products that came in last year. Char fisheries is upon us and the Torngat Fish Producers did their community visits, and when I asked that question that the particularly information session, they had indicated to us at the meeting that the Nunatsiavut Government officials had not yet approached them to negotiate if they wanted any more char or not. I was wondering if that's going to take place soon because the fishery is starting soon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker and as the Honourable Minister alluded to, this does cross over into the Department of Education and Economic Development, so I'll ask that the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak field that question.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker, for the question. What we were trying to do is to kind of lessen the strain or the demand on the Nain area for char because it's causing a little bit of a strain. Last year we partnered with the Hopedale Inuit Community Government to catch more char in

Hopedale for Hopedale specifically. It didn't work out as well as we had hoped, but we're still looking at pursuing that again this year and maybe catching more char, but we could be talking, and we could set up a meeting with Torngat Fisheries to secure more char, but we're hoping to get more char in the Hopedale area as well to help with the food fishery. But when we provide an operating grant to Torngat Fisheries, part of it is also to give food for the Community Freezer so we can talk to them about increasing the limits for the Community Freezer but not to affect the catch in Nain where it could cause a strain. We're trying to encourage more in the Voisey's Bay and OKak areas. *Nakummek*.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a final supplementary question? *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the absence of Honourable Greg Flowers, Minister of Health and Social Development, I direct my question to Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister. Regarding the seniors home, of course. Kate, I believe in the second to last session of this Assembly you gave indication that the Nunatsiavut Government received a piece of property, moreover being 114 Middlepath Road in Nain, for the purposes of a seniors facility, and that plans were on the way for the design, and that an application was going to be sent in to the provincial government for affordable living for a seniors home. Can you tell me, like my first question, can you tell me Minister Flowers committed to conducting a feasibility study to assess the need for a seniors facility in Nain or

Nunatsiavut? Can you tell me where the Nunatsiavut Government is regards to conducting that feasibility study? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Pamak. In response, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, Ordinary Member from Nain, for your question. I will definitely check out on that and see if I can get an update for you, and I'll certainly get back to you with that information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Again that question will be taken under notice and supplied to the Member when it is made available. Are there any further oral questions this morning? Again supplementaries are based off of an answer given in the house, but we have no issue with a supplementary being given to the Minister and provided along with the responses given under notice. Are there any further oral questions this morning? If there are no further oral questions then we will break for lunch, reconvene at 1:30.

(Recess)

MR. EDMUNDS:

Welcome back to the Assembly. Prior to lunch break, we concluded item eight, "Oral Questions." We'll now proceed on your *Orders of the Day* onto item nine, "Written Questions." Do we have any written questions today? We'll proceed with item ten, "Returns to Written Questions." There are no returns to written questions today. Item 11, "Petitions." Are there any petitions? I do not believe that there are any petitions.

Onto item 12, "Responses to Petitions." There are no responses to petitions today. Item 13, "Reports of Standing or Special Committees." There are no scheduled reports today. We'll move onto item 14, "Tabling of Documents," and I'd like to recognize the First Minister of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to table the Nunatsiavut Government Annual Report for 2015-2016. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The document will be numbered as tabled document 01-3(15) and I'd like to recognize the Minister of Finance and the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the 2015 Annual Report of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* Also as per Section 13.11 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust Indenture* and the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust Indenture*, I would like to table the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st, 2016. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The documents will be numbered as tabled document 02-3(15), tabled document 03-3(15) and tabled document 04-3(15). I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak.

MR. J. SHIWAK:

Honourable Speaker, I would like to table the report of the Special Committee on the 2016 Presidential Election. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Shiwak. The document will be numbered as tabled document 05-3(15). I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk from Hopedale, Mrs. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to table the report of the ad hoc Disciplinary Committee of the *Code of Conduct* and the accompanying letters, May, 2017. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. The document will be numbered as tabled document 06-3(15). I'd like to once more recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the petition from the Nain Inuit Community Government to develop and operate a sand quarry on Labrador Inuit Lands Parcel LIL-05(c) and the consent of the Nunatsiavut Minister of Lands and Natural Resources to a petition of the Nain Inuit Community Government to grant a quarry lease to the Nain Inuit Community Government. I will be asking the Assembly to discuss these documents in detail under motions at the appropriate time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The document, in its entirety, will be numbered as tabled document 07-3(15). Are there any further documents to be tabled this afternoon? If not, we will move on to 15, "Notices of Motion," and I'd like to recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday June 7th, 2017, I will move seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, on the following resolution: Petition to allow a quarry lease to the Nain Inuit Community Government to develop and operate a sand quarry on Labrador Inuit Land Parcel LIL-05(c), and that the Assembly agree to allow a bill to be brought forward for the above-referenced land lease and, Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent by requesting the Assembly to waive Standing Order 37(1) to deal with this motion today under item 16, "Motions." Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any further notices of motion? If not, we'll proceed with item 16 on your *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion for the First Reading of Bills," and I'd like to recognize the President and the Minister of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, June 7th, 2017 I will move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, the first reading of Bill 2017-05, a bill for an Act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act* CIL31-12-2012-9. And, Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent by requesting the Assembly to waive Standing Order 37(1) to deal with this motion for the first reading of bills today. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable President. I'd like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, June 7th, 2017, I will move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that first reading of Bill 2017-06, a bill to grant a quarry lease to the Nain Inuit Community Government. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. I do not believe that there are any further notices of motion for the first reading of bills today. We'll move onto item 17, "Motions." Members, under item 15, "Notices of Motion," Honourable Minister Shiwak stated that he'll be seeking to waive Standing Order 37(1) to consider Motion 01-3(15) regarding the petition of the Nain Inuit Community Government for a quarry lease. Are there any nays? There are none, and I recognize the Honourable Minister to proceed with his motion.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move seconded by the First Minister the Honourable Kate Mitchell, the following motion: Whereas the Nain Inuit Community Government has applied to the Nunatsiavut Government for the purpose of developing and operating a sand quarry on Labrador Inuit Lands, and whereas as the Minister responsible and in accordance of Part 5 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*, I provide my written consent to petition the Assembly, and now therefore be it resolved that the Assembly agree to allow a bill to be brought forward for the above-referenced land lease.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. Honourable Minister, would you like to speak to the motion?

MR. D. SHIWAK: Not at this time, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Would anyone else like to speak to the motion? If no other member wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to make final comments and close debate?

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to close debate at this time.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. That will conclude debate. All those in favour of the motion, please say aye?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: All those opposed to the motion? The motion is carried. I do not believe that we have any more motions to consider today, so I'll move onto item 18, "First Reading of Bills." And I'd like to recognize the President and the Minister of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to give first readings to Bill 2017-05, a bill for an *Act* to amend the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act* CIL31-12-2012-9 today.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable President. Members, the President and Minister of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat is seeking unanimous consent to give first reading to Bill 2017-05 now. Are there any nays? There are none and, President Lampe, you may proceed with the first reading.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker and Members. I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that Bill 2017-05, a bill for an *Act* to amend the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act* CIL31-12-2012-9 be now introduced and read for the first time. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable President. President, would you like to introduce the bill?

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Yes, I would like to introduce the bill, Mr. Speaker. *Nakummek*.

MR. EDMUNDS: I will remind the President that this is just quickly an opportunity to speak to the bill, to introduce it, if there is any commentary, but if there was no introduction.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Bill 2017-05, a bill for an Inuit law to amend the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act*. Explanatory note. Mr. Speaker, after 10 years' experience implementing the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act* it has been determined that some adjustments and improvements are desirable. If this bill is approved it will 1) Refine a number of the definitions. 2) Introduce a brief statement of the purpose of the Registry in Section 5 and provide a Section 6 for the Registrar to be responsible to the President. 3) Insert a new subsection 13(2) to provide that consolidations will come into effect as of the date when the most recent amendment incorporated and to the consolidation came into effect. 4) Provide in Section 14 that *Acts* or provisions can be repealed at a specified time. 5) Amend subsection 20(e) and Section 21 to eliminate the implication that the Registrar is responsible for keeping the registers by-laws in each community and add a new subsection 21(2) to make clear that it is the responsibility of the Inuit Community Governments. 6) Amend subsection 21(c) to relieve the Registrar of responsibility for keeping a list of Executive Council appointments. This would necessitate a consequential amendment to Section 15 of the *Nunatsiavut*

Government Appointments Act by deleting subsection (c). 7) Amend Section 23 to transfer the responsibility for preparing consolidations from the Registrar to the Director of Legal Services and amend Section 24 to streamline the process for approval of consolidations. 8) Amend Section 33 to clarify the official status of electronic measures of enactments. 9) Change Section 34 to allow a longer period between printing copies of consolidations. 10) Amend Section 37 to give the Registrar the power to make contracts related to the Registry. This bill will also make a number of editorial and technical changes to the *Act* including changes to ensure consistent use of terms and language and minor changes to the way in which enactments are cited. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable President. The motion is in order. Would anyone like to speak to the principle of the bill?

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I wish to conclude debate.

MR. EDMUNDS:

If no other Member wishes to speak and the President wishes to conclude debate we'll then conclude the debate on the first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2017-05 on first reading? All those in favour please say aye?

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS:

All those opposed? The motion is carried and, accordingly, Bill 2017-05, a bill for an *Act* to amend the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act* CIL31-12-2012-9 has had its first reading. I'd like to once more thank the President

and will recognize him again for asking the consent of the Assembly to potentially proceed with the second reading later today.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. In accordance with Standing Order 54(3), I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to have the Assembly proceed to second reading of Bill 2017-05, a bill for an Act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act* CIL31-12-2012-9.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable President. Members, the President I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to proceed with second reading of Bill 2017-05, a bill for an Act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act* CIL31-12-2012-9. Are there any nays? There are none, and President Lampe, you have unanimous consent so the bill can proceed to second reading at the appropriate time. We'll now go onto item 19, "The Second Reading of Bills," and again I'll recognize the President and the Minister of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, the Honourable Johannes Lampe, for the second reading of bills.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that Bill 2017-05, a bill for an Act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act* CIL 31-12-2012-9 be read for the second time. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable President. The motion is in order. Again, Members, the procedure for our second reading debate will be our page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of Bill 2017-05. As the Members are

aware, you will have an opportunity for comments and questions on any particular page or clause of the bill, and each Member has up to 10 minutes to speak at a time, and you will be given the opportunity to speak in rounds after every official has had the opportunity to speak. So I'll just quickly confirm if everybody had the bill prepared, Bill 2017-05, for review. So I will call the page number, again ask for questions and comments and call for agreement. We will first consider page 2. We'll consider clause 1 which reads, "Section 2 of the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act* is amended by:" Any questions? Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 1? Please say aye?

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS:

We'll now consider clause 2, which reads, "Section 3 of the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act* is amended as follows:" Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 2? Please say aye.

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS:

We'll now consider clause 3. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 3?

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS:

We'll now consider clause 4 which reads, "Section 6 of the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act* is amended by renumbering the section as subsection 1 and adding the following two subsections." Is the Assembly in agreement?

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll now consider clause 5 which reads, "Section 8 of the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act* as amended as follows:" Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 5?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll now consider clause 6. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 6?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll now turn to page 3, clause 7. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 7?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll now consider clause 8. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 8?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll now consider clause 9. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 9?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll consider clause 10. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 10?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll now consider clause 11. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 11?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: Consider clause 12. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 12?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: Consider clause 13. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 13?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: Consider clause 14. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 14?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll now consider clause 15 which continues onto page 4 with subsections 2(a) and (b). Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 15?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll consider clause 16. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 16?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll consider clause 17. I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could get a little bit of clarification. I noted in one other section that there was a replacing of Registrar with the Director of Legal Services. Certainly I recognize this having to do with the Registrar and our beneficiary listing, so can you give an explanation why you're replacing, I guess, duties or roles and responsibilities in this case of the Registrar and handing it over the Legal Services?

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. I'll recognize the mover of the bill. In order to guide us through the rest of this second reading, I will be using Standing Order 16(1) to seek the unanimous consent of the Assembly, that we consider the rest of the bill in the Committee of the Whole and request that the Director of Legal Services. So, again, do I have the unanimous consent of the Assembly to enter into Committee of the Whole and to call in appropriate witnesses in order to finish considering

the second reading of this bill? We'll consider having both the Clerk of Nunatsiavut Assembly and the Director of Legal Services as witnesses into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of the rest of this bill. Are there any nays? We are now in the Committee of the Whole, and I'll turn the discussion over to the witnesses to respond to the question from Mr. Pamak.

MS. MICHELIN:

Okay. This law is basically administered by the Clerk who is also the Registrar of Laws. So she has a double hat; Registrar of Laws and Clerk. Most of these amendments are very technical in nature. The work was primarily done between Mary and Veryan. So I'll defer to Mary on a lot of these answers as far as why something was changed the way it was.

MS. SILLETT:

Hi. This law pertains to the Registrar with respect to Inuit laws. It's just a matter of maintaining the Registry, registering the laws, distribution, doing amendments which, you know, we just follow, but everything is always approved by Veryan. Like we just do the replacing of the word. Like, for example, with this, we'll just follow the law, replace the words, and then Veryan will have final approval, and then it will be sent back to, in the case of this law it'll be sent back to the Director who will take it to the NEC. The Director has a bigger role, the Director of Legal Services, and Veryan has been acting in that capacity with respect to the Registry.

MS. MICHELIN:

After 11 years of being in a government, obviously, we've been able to review the laws, and these are technical, simple, technical amendments to clarify, in some cases, to make things easier to administer in others, and in certain instances to legislate what has been the practice. So, like I

say, they're very technical changes to this law, which is a very technical law. It's how to deal with Inuit laws. It's important legislation.

MR. EDMUNDS:

I'd like to recognize – thank you, Ms. Michelin and Ms. Sillett. I recognize the Ordinary Member, Mr. Richard Pamak.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Without having the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act* in front of me, and certainly I figured the Registrar meant Registrar/Beneficiaries. Not so much in the case of I've been a Registrar for, as in working with the Clerk. I'm just a little concerned that with this change that some roles and responsibilities, that are responsibility of the Registrar or the Clerk, are now being replaced by the Director of Legal Services, which is there mostly to provide legal advice to the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. How a Director of Legal Services can be part of *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act* says? In what capacity will now the Director of Legal Services with this amendment, or what new capabilities will the Director have when it comes to certain things with regards to the actual *Registration Act* itself?

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek.

MS. SILLETT:

I think clearly like when they wanted a Registrar, when they wanted a Clerk, they had hoped that they could get a lawyer because much of the work, especially with the Registrar's Office is legal work and we do that technical stuff as much as we can. For example, these amendments, if passed, we'll just replace a word here and there, but Veryan looks like at the big picture. He's the expert. He deals with the actually this is a very

the official consolidation of laws is a very, very big, big job, and it has to be accurate. It's very detailed, and I think Veryan has that expertise. I don't, and it makes sense for the law which relates specifically only to Inuit laws and when you talk about Inuit laws, you talk about Inuit laws, subordinate legislation, community by-laws. Consolidated Inuit laws is a whole big process to follow. I mean, in fact, the procedure or the manual that we have to follow in registering laws must be close to 90 pages. It's very, very detailed, and Veryan is the one who has had the expertise. Who has been able to, you know, guide us through it, make sure that we're not making major mistakes, and after working in this law for so many years is, okay, it's time. Let's make the technical changes that would make this a smart piece of legislation.

MS. MICHELIN:

As well, as lawyers, we don't make laws. The Assembly here approves every law. The only thing that the lawyers do; Veryan usually does the legal drafting. The consolidations are, basically, this Assembly gets to approve any amendment to a law. The consolidation is just blending the amended law into the original. So it's not changing anything. It's just making sure that it's – then you have one law, the latest consolidation, as opposed to the original and then however many amendments to that law that this Assembly has passed. The consolidation is just blending them all together to make one consolidated law, the latest piece. So our role is technical. It's not in changing anything. It's not in adding anything. It's a technical making sure that it's done properly.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Ms. Michelin and Ms. Sillett. Any further questions/comments from other Members? I again recognize Mr. Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess it's more of a question in moving forward. I know as part of a Member Service Committee we've been occasionally seeking to get a Law Clerk for the Assembly to help us, guide us and to ensure that we follow, you know, and to learn more about how Assembly kind of works. Would this have any implications on us now being able to access, or for us to continue our efforts to maybe eventually get a Law Clerk? Does this now leave that opportunity now out the window, and any advice that this Assembly requires must be now coming from the Director of Legal Services?

MS. MICHELIN: I would say no. If you actually did at some point hire a Law Clerk, then what you could do then is amend that, this existing piece of legislation to accommodate the role of the Law Clerk. So right now there is no Law Clerk, and so the legal counsel that this government has already does the legal work. I mean, it's as simple as that.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Ms. Michelin. Again, Mr. Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you. I guess, you know, for me if we as Member Service Committee do, you know, continue our efforts in finding a Law Clerk, and if we, at some point, feel that we need a Law Clerk, the next step from what I gather is now that this have this amended before you can implement a Law Clerk?

MS. MICHELIN:

I would question whether it's the responsibility of the Member Services Committee to determine whether this Assembly needs a Law Clerk. It's usually – it would be the responsibility of this Assembly, this Speaker and the Clerk whether or not they need a Law Clerk, but if they decided that they did need a Law Clerk and they have the finances to hire one then, obviously, whatever legislation we have in place would need to be amended to accommodate that new position.

MS. SILLETT:

I would like to add, I think that this legislation deals specifically with Inuit laws, and they're basically saying who's best equipped at this time to deal with laws? And the person who has developed a specialization in this is Veryan, and so, like, he's the proper person to be reviewing, having the final say on all the laws as opposed to the Registrar. So I think that makes sense in that way and that's what this is about. The issue that you're talking about is for a separate discussion and probably an ongoing discussion at another table, that, you know, if you really make that a resolution of the Member Services Committee, the way it would go is it would eventually go the Assembly by way of a report so that the entire Assembly could discuss the resolution that you make.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ms. Sillett. Any further questions/comments, clause 17? Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 17?

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Consider clause 18. I recognize the AngajukKâk, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you. Subsection 18(b) says deleting the word Registrar wherever it appears and replacing it with, in each instance with, Director of Legal Services. You go on down to 18(2) and you use the word Registrar. The Registrar may enter an enactment in a collection of consolidations without approval, so-so. Is that word Registrar supposed to replace with Director of Legal Services according to the amendments that's taking place now?

MS. MICHELIN:

It's only in this section itself that you would replace that. So in Section 24 it reads, the original reads, "When the Registrar has made a consolidation, the Registrar must submit the consolidation too." So what the amendment means is that that would now read, when the Director of Legal Services has made a consolidation the Director of Legal Services must submit the consolidation to the President of Nunatsiavut, the AngajukKâk. So it's only in...

MR. DICKER:

I'm sorry, but I don't know where you're at right now. I'm looking at we're looking at Section 18. Then it goes down to (2) after (e) and you're reading a totally different paragraph to me. It says the Registrar. I assume that should be reading the Director of Legal Services. That's my point.

MS. MICHELIN:

It would make more sense if you had the original *Act* in front of you because what the amendment is saying is that in Section 24 of the original *Act*, you delete the word Registrar wherever it appears and replace it each instance with Director of Legal Services. So if you go to the original *Act*, Section 24 says, "When the Registrar has made a

consolidation the Registrar must submit the consolidation to." So what this means is that in that case it would now read when the amendment is, you know, melded with the original, 24 of the original piece of legislation would now read, when the Director of Legal Services has made a consolidation, the Director of Legal Services must. So that's how you have to read the amendment with the original, okay?

MR. DICKER:

I just seen the word Registrar and I just wanted to point that out to see if there was – somebody was missing something here, but that's good. Thanks.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Dicker.

MS. SILLETT:

I do want to add that there is only it's only relayed to one sentence in there. They are only suggesting that in that sentence, and I should have given you the original laws, it says the Registrar is going to make consolidation and then submit it to the proper authorities. But really, in actuality, it's Veryan, like, who approves a consolidation. We do the the consolidation. See you have an original law, and then you have what you call amendments or changes, and then you add that onto the original, and then you make the changes, and then it's called the consolidation. Consolidation is just another way of saying it's the latest one. So the consolidation is if you have, like, four or five consolidations it can become a big job, and the person that should probably be doing it is Veryan because he's the one who does these consolidations.

MS. MICHELIN: And the way it will work in the fact, basically, is I'll have the responsibility, but I'll get Veryan to do the actual work. But, you know, it'll come through me. That's the way it will work, basically and then it has to go to the NEC because the NEC has to approve all consolidations, and then it's registered as a consolidation, right?

MS. SILLETT: If the Assembly approves them.

MS. MICHELIN: Yeah. So it all comes back to the Assembly. The Assembly gets to make the laws. Legal and everybody else does the technical work, but everything comes back to the Assembly for approval; amendments, original, consolidations, okay?

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Dicker. *Nakummek*, Ms. Michelin and Ms. Sillett. Any further questions, clause 18?

MR. LYALL: Sorry, Mr. Speaker, what did you just ask?

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Lyall. I was asking if the Assembly had any additional questions on clause 18. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 18?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll now consider clause 19. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 19?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll consider clause 20. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 20?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll now consider clause 21. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 21?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll now consider page 5, clause 22. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 22?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll now consider clause 23. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 23?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: Clause 24. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 24?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll consider clause 25. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 25?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll consider clause 26. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 26?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: Consider clause 27. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 27?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: Consider clause 28. I recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Just for clarity, deleting the words President and Counsel and replacing them with Registrar, is that supposed to be Director of Legal Counsel?
Clarify, please.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Dicker.

MS. MICHELIN: Right now 37 reads, "The President and Counsel [which means the NEC] may make arrangements and enter into *Agreements* relating to the printing and distribution of enactments and consolidated enactments." So basically all this amendment allows the Registrar herself to do that work so that it doesn't have to go to the NEC to do it. The Registrar will have the authority now to make the arrangements and enter into *Agreements* relating to the printing and distribution of enactments and consolidated enactments, okay? So she doesn't have to go to the NEC to get approval to do that or to get the NEC to do that. She can actually do that herself. Okay?

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Ms. Michelin. Any further questions around clause 28? Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 28?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll now consider clause 29. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 29?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll consider clause 30. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 30?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll consider clause 31. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 31?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll turn to page 6, clause 32. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 32?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll consider clause 33. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 33?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll consider clause 34. I recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Could you tell me what CCBL stands for?

MS. SILLETT: Consolidated Community By-Law.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Ms. Sillett. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 34?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll consider clause 35. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 35?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: Consider clause 36. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 36?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: And that concludes our clause-by-clause and page-by-page reading of the second bill, and I'd like to thank our witnesses for entering into the Committee of the Whole with us, Ms. Michelin and Ms. Sillett. *Nakummek*. I will ask at this time if the President wishes to conclude the debate?

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I wish to conclude debate.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable President. That will conclude debate on second reading. All those in favour of second reading of Bill 2017-05, please say aye.

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: All those opposed? The motion is carried and, accordingly, Bill 2017-05, a bill for an Act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act* CIL31-12-2012-9 has had its second reading. I'd like to thank the President and the Minister of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat. We'll move onto item 20, "Assent to Bills." Honourable President, the Assembly has given second reading to Bill 2017-05. Is it a point of order, Mr. Lyall?

MR. LYALL: Yes, point of order. Are we still in the Assembly of the Whole, or are we back to normal as?

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Lyall. I don't believe that I did confirm that we are now back into the Assembly. So I thank you for bringing that to my attention. Yes, we are back into the Assembly. We'll proceed onto item 20, "Assent to Bills". Honourable President, the Assembly has given second reading to Bill 2017-05, a bill for an Act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act* CIL31-12-2012-9 and wish to present it for assent.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker and Members. As President of Nunatsiavut, I wish to give assent to Bill 2017-05, a bill for an Act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act* CIL31-12-2012-9 and hereby sign it into law.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable President. We'll move onto item 21 on our *Orders of the Day*, "Adjournment". Our Assembly is now adjourned until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. Again I'd like to thank all the Members, Ministers, President for the time and the effort today and, again, *Nakummek*.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Ullâkut Ilonnasi*. I'd like to call to order our second day of sitting, and we'll start on item one on your *Orders of the Day*, "Prayer," and I'd like to ask the Honourable President Johannes Lampe to say our opening prayer.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: (Recites Prayer).

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable President. We'll move to item two "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery," is there any Member wishing to recognize visitors in the gallery today?

We'll move onto item three, "Ministers Statements." Do we have any Ministers statements this morning? I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, and Minister of Finance.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, an update from the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. The Nunatsiavut Government partnered with Bell Aliant to upgrade the Digital Microwave Radio System on the Labrador North Coast. There has been significant progress on this upgrade. Currently the work is all completed and customers have migrated from Rigolet, Nain, Hopedale,

Natuashish and the Voisey's Bay mining site. Work is still ongoing in Postville and Makkovik. The plan is to begin with custom migrations by the end of June in Postville, at the end of July in Makkovik. After all the current customers are migrated, Bell Aliant will then start selling new accounts. Ongoing negotiations. The Nunatsiavut Government has been actively negotiating the renewal of the *Own Source Revenue Capacity Agreement* which expired on March 31st, 2017. The first proposal was rejected by the Government of Canada and we are still waiting for a response on this proposal from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Nunatsiavut Government, the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador have negotiated an agreed to amend their *Tax Treatment Agreement* on two items. 1) Allow an *Inuit Settlement Trust* to invest in limited partnerships subject to the same conditions as set forth in paragraphs 253.12(a)(c) of the *Income Tax Act*. 2) Remove the geographic restrict under Part 4 for the GST refunds which will expand the circumstances in which a claimant, under the TTA, would qualify for the GST refund. It would also simply the eligibility requirements for the refund. *Nakummek*. Lands and Resources, Mr. Speaker. To continue from yesterday's statement, Non-Renewable Resources Division. We would do some work on marine planning. As you might be aware, the Government of Canada has an ambitious plan to protect 10 percent of its coastal waters by 2020. In order to achieve this goal, several federal departments have looked to Labrador to create a marine protected area that would impact fishing, transportation and

development off our coast. Rather than each of these plans happening independently, the Nunatsiavut Government is taking a proactive approach to ocean planning by exploring the process of marine planning. The objective of this process is to provide our government with a stronger role in the decisions that are made in the waters adjacent to our marine zone while also exploring the opportunity of creating a protected area within the zone itself. Environment Division, Mr. Speaker. We continue to ensure the implementation of the commitments made by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador on October 26th, 2016 to the Indigenous leaders regarding the Muskrat Falls Hydro-Electric Project. These include continuing to review and monitor the Downstream Monitoring Program and establishment of an Independent Expert Advisory Committee. We are currently in the process of selecting the Chairperson for the IEAC and, once selected, the scientific experts and Indigenous knowledge holders will take place. The intention is to have all these in place by mid-June. The IEAC will then immediately make decisions on potential mitigation measures to reduce the impact of methyl mercury on the ecosystem and Indigenous peoples. Additionally, results from the Harvard University soil core experiments conducted during this past fall will be provided to the IEAC to make more informed decisions around methyl mercury mitigation measures. The Environment Division, in collaboration with Department of Health and Social Development, is working with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and Health Canada to develop a pilot Climate Change Project for

the current fiscal year that addresses environmental issues, health, and food security. This pilot project will be co-ordinated jointly by the Food Security Co-ordinator and the Director of Environment through support from the INAC for a Regional Climate Change Co-ordinator. If the pilot is successful, there is an opportunity for three years of continuous funding for climate change-related work to be funded from INAC and Health Canada.

Lands Division, Mr. Speaker. Interviews for the second posting of the GIS Specialist position will be conducted the first week of June, and we are hopeful that the position will be filled in the very near future. In the meantime a short-term contract was signed with Bird's Eye Inc. and Inuit Business to provide GIS services to the Division. To date, in 2017 we have received 13 Land Use applications for Labrador Inuit Lands.

Nunatsiavut Construction have confirmed a reclamation of the former Postmill Lumber Sawmill site and they'll begin in July with the removal of heavy equipment from the site. Along with the Non-Renewable Resources Division, we met with the Nain Inuit Community Government on various occasions to discuss their new sand quarry and the process to be followed under the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*. The Nain Inuit Community Government requested that the Minister petition the Nunatsiavut Assembly for a special *Act* approving a three-year lease to the Nain Inuit Community Government for a new sand quarry adjacent to the existing one in Nain. The petition is before this Assembly today. Mr. Speaker, I'm also very pleased to say that an inspection program to visit various lease holder properties and areas of interest in Labrador Inuit

Lands, will be initiated this summer in conjunction with the Non-Renewable Resources Division. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Do we have any further Ministers statements? I recognize the Honourable First Minister, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I just wanted to give a short update on what we spent some of our housing dollars on this past year. Okay. Out of our Nunatsiavut Government Housing Fund, there were three items that we used funding for this past year. One was for the Housing Delivery Model, and that was the report that was done by the International Institute for Sustainable Development. We purchased the design concept for a seniors apartment complex, and that was done for us by Atsanik Consulting, and that's the seniors complex we're looking at for Nain. We did additional geotechnical work in Hopedale, and that was in regard to the proposed Department of Health and Social Development office building. The Retrofit Program, and that was a joint program that we had with Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation and, as I mentioned yesterday, contracts were awarded to two Inuit companies, and three units were repaired in Nain and three units in Hopedale and in response to a question that I had yesterday about a \$15 million housing fund that we received from the Government of Canada, contracts were awarded to an Inuit company. We repaired five homes in Nain and seven in Hopedale. We transferred the funding to Torngat Regional Housing Association and we repaired eight homes in Nain, three in Hopedale and three in Makkovik. And out of that fund, as well, we also completed the

geotechnical assessments in Rigolet, Makkovik and Postville and we transferred funds to Torngat Regional Housing Association to build a new home in Rigolet. We also purchased land in Nain for a multiplex, and we purchased 25 additional high efficiency wood stoves, and we use that as part of our energy efficiency program because one of the problems that were identified were a lot of our beneficiaries had problems trying to heat their homes. So this year now we have 28 high efficiency wood stoves that will be going into new bills and into repairs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Today I'd like to talk on the education programs. The first update is Post-Secondary Student Support. Mr. Speaker, the deadline for applications for new funding was March 1st. This year we received 124 new applications. We had 32 full-time and 15 part-time for Canada, which is total 47, which is equivalent to 35 full-time funded seats. Upper Lake Melville had 28 full-time and 6 part-time, out of 34, which is equivalent to 26 full-time seats, and Nunatsiavut had 38 full-time and 5 part-time which is 43, which is equivalent to 39 full-time seats. Following the winter semester, we had 71 full-time students continuing and 24 part-time, which equates to 77 full-time seats. Selections for the fall 2017 semester will take place in June. Since the beginning of March, PSSP has been busy with reviewing applications,

collecting information, counselling sessions, closing off year end financials, budget preparation for the new year and researching program fees, institutions and consulting with students and applicants. Inuit Pathways, Mr. Speaker. By the end of this training year Inuit Pathways will have 22 clients complete long-term training programs. This is in addition to various short-term individual training. In partnership with the Marine Institute, Inuit Pathways was able to have 12 people complete the Marine Emergency Duties, MED A1, and 24 complete marine basic first aid last month. This training allows clients to meet the certification requirements to work at sea, whether on a fishing vessel or a larger vessel. Mr. Speaker, the springtime is busy as usual when working with applicants looking for funding in the upcoming training year, and administratively for Inuit Pathways, it was a very busy time with added requirements and data uploads as required by ESDC's June deadline. This spring has presented some challenges to Inuit Pathways' staff as two of our four staff members are off on extended personal leave. This has meant an increased workload for remaining staff to maintain programs and services. Inuit Pathways would like to acknowledge the extra workload for the staff, in addition acknowledge and thank Rexanne Crawford, Nina Blake and Barbara Goudie for their support during this period. Their guidance and willingness to take on extra workload has ensured maintenance of Financial Services. Mr. Speaker, Communities at Risk. Inuit Pathways received one-time funding for Hopedale and Nain in late February from Employment and Service Development Canada. In

Hopedale, we held a six-week Job Readiness Program which included self-esteem building, interview skills, resume writing, personal development. It was called, "Creating Your Future." There were 16 participants and it was co-ordinated by Jeannie Flowers. It was a very successful program and a lot of really positive feedback. In Nain we contributed to the Nain Shed Project. We are still waiting for LITP's proposal for Voisey's Bay underground training to be approved. All three Aboriginal groups signed a letter to Employment and Service Development Canada's Minister on Friday outlining the urgency for the funding to be approved and the program to start. Mr. Speaker, Inuit Education Forum. A gathering to harness knowledge of Inuit education leaders. The final report is almost complete and will be circulated when it is made available. Inuk Book, a Traditions and Transitions project. Call for illustrators has closed, and a set election will be made in early June. Sharon Baikie Memorial Scholarship. June Flowers of Rigolet was named this year's recipient and received a \$1,000 scholarship. June is currently in the Inuit Bachelor of Education Program in Goose Bay. Students on Ice 2017 Arctic Expedition. Veronica Flowers of Hopedale and Erica Jacque of Postville has been chosen for this year's Department of Education and Economic Development Scholarship Seats. They will join the Students on Ice Group in Ottawa and the expedition will take place from August 6th to the 23rd. A report from the trip will be available this fall and, lastly, Nunatsiavut Math Project. Traditional knowledge with a mathematical twist. This project has been approved and will bring a two-and-a-half-day workshop

to Nain, Hopedale and Makkovik between late July and mid-August. The workshops will consist of indoor and outdoor activities that connect traditional knowledge and conventional mathematic concepts. Students aged 10 to 14 will learn mathematics while learning details of movement and strategy and Inuit games. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Honourable President, Mr. Johannes Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, oKattik. Mr. Speaker, I wish to continue from yesterday's member statements for the Culture, Recreation and tourism. Under Traditions and Transitions, the following new projects have been approved and are in the process of implementation. Agvituk/Hopedale Pre-History Hopedale Inuit Community Government, Parks Canada, Rollmann Rankin. A cross-disciplinary study documenting the history of Inuit habitation in the Hopedale area. The first large scale attempt to uncover Hopedale's pre-history in 75 years, and what comes out of the ground this summer will complement the detailed and ongoing article of the Moravian Period in Hofenthal that Dr. Hans Rollmann has been coaxing out of the mission records. Field work to begin in the summer of 2017. Children's Song. Music, language and memory. Tom Gordon, Nunatsiavut musicians and educators. A study of children's songs in *Inuttitut* through the collection of song memories from elders and musicians which will result in the publication of a song book and CD of songs suitable for language training at pre-school and primary levels. Field work has begun. Mr. Speaker, photos from Nain and Hopedale,

Proctor/Cochrane community members from Nain and Hopedale. Collecting oral histories surrounding a collection of photographs taken by Candace Cochrane in the 1970's and 1980's to be published in an annotated book. Community sessions held in February and forthcoming in May. People and the Land. Sustainability of culturally important plants and places. Hermanutz/Cuerrier, Inuit Community Governments. Through a series of workshops, the development of sustainability plans to ensure the availability of culturally important plants and places. Consultations have begun in four coastal communities. IkKaumajammik-Borlase/ MacDonald Inuit Community Governments. A review of more than 40 years of plays expressing Inuit identity written in Nunatsiavut communities for the Labrador Creative Arts Festival. Selected plays will be remounted by adults who previously put a spirit in the Labrador Creative Arts Festival in each Nunatsiavut community over the next three years. Productions this summer in Nain and Makkovik. As of the Labrador Inuit Visual e-database (Alive)-Igloliorte. A comprehensive index and digital documentation of Labrador Inuit art and artifacts filled in museum collections in Europe and North America. Research has been completed in several key museums in Germany and will continue in the summer of 2017. In the area of archaeology and heritage we have been continuing our work in the following areas. 1) Organization and facilitation of Nunatsiavut's Eighth Annual Heritage Forum. The 2017 Nunatsiavut Heritage Forum was held in Rigolet from May 29th to June 2nd with the theme, "Preserving Heritage/Promoting Tourism." Local

people from Rigolet, delegates from the other Inuit communities and Upper Lake Melville, Nunatsiavut Government civil servants, elected officials, external researchers and resource people came together to discuss heritage-related issues in Nunatsiavut and to formulate plan and goals for making use of Nunatsiavut heritage resources to promote tourism and economic development in sustainable ways. 2) Illusuak's permanent exhibit work. Archaeology and heritage. Staff members have been working steadily on several components of Illusuak's permanent exhibit. The focus of much of this work has been on their roots and identity, as well as the living through change portions of the exhibit, as well as the big map. 3) Review of archaeological permit applications. Archaeology permit applications are now being submitted to the NG for research and assessments in different parts of the region. These are being reviewed and responded to in a timely manner in accordance with the relevant provisions in Chapter 15 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement*. 4) Review of Land Use applications. The review of Land Use applications helps the NG ensure that it is effectively managing historic resources in the Region. An archaeological assessment was recently called for a result of a review of an application for the expansion of a sand quarry in the Inuit community of Nain. Because the quarry is in Nain, and because the work is not expected to take long, the Nunatsiavut Archaeology Office can complete the work, which can begin as soon as the snow has melted from the area. 5) Negotiations on the development of an MOU on the presentation, management and safekeeping of

archaeological material and Inuit cultural material related to the Torngat Mountains National Park. On May 12th, Jamie Brake and Michelle Davis had an opportunity to meet with officials representing Parks Canada Agency, Makivik Corporation and the Avataq Cultural Institute to discuss the development of an MOU on the presentation, management and safekeeping of archaeological material and Inuit cultural material related to the Torngat Mountains National Park. The parties remain far apart on two aspects of this MOU. The lack of consideration for the management of institute archaeological resources in a draft MOU, and the second, the inclusion of problematic provisions related to the disposal of archaeological material. Some progress was made during the discussions which will be reported to the Negotiation Committee, though some significant changes would need to be made to the current draft before it could be considered beneficial for Labrador Inuit. 6) Nanilavut. The Nanilavut project has been ongoing for several years and involves collaboration between each of the Inuit regions of Canada and the federal government in working towards finding information on Inuit who travelled south for a medical treatment, particularly for TB between the 1940's and 1960's and who never returned to their homelands. Research on this issue has been completed in each region, and a database containing relevant information has been created. An information agreement to allow for appropriate and effective use of this information to help family members find out what happened to their lost loved ones is now nearly complete. It is hoped that the *Information Sharing*

Agreement can be completed and signed in June. 7) Marine Advanced Technology Education Program. This program involves a partnership between Nunatsiavut Government Archaeology and Heritage, Jens Haven Memorial School and the Department of Health and Social Development Community Shed Program. It involves the construction of a Remote Operated Vehicle, ROV, underwater robot, with students in the community of Nain and is providing opportunities to learn about archaeology, heritage, science, technology and engineering and the Remote Operated Vehicle will help the Nunatsiavut Government to begin to address issues related to underwater archaeological resources within the Region. 8) Preliminary community discussions related to heritage policy development. In March of 2017 Jamie Brake and Mark Turner began preliminary heritage discussions in the Inuit communities to develop clear understandings of the relationships that people in the communities have with heritage resources, and to begin to develop understandings of how people would like to make use of these resources in the future. Engagement like this is an important preliminary step, a working towards the development of heritage policy and legislation in Nunatsiavut. 9) Community engagement on the Hebron Family Archaeology Project. In April of 2017 Michelle Davies conducted community engagement sessions with community members who are involved in the Hebron Family Archaeology Project. This activity will help guide fieldwork at Hebron in 2017 which will involve the participation of members of families that were relocated from that community in 1959.

10) Preparations for the 2017 field season. The 2017 field season will involve Nunatsiavut Archaeology Office activity at sites through Nunatsiavut, and staff members are now busy preparing for this. The first fieldwork will likely be the sand quarry assessment in Nain mentioned above and work in the community of Hopedale at the Traditional Inuit Welling Settlement of Avertok will take place in June as well. Work at whereas other locations along the coast will occur between July and late October. 11) Continued work towards the development of a repository for Nunatsiavut. Work towards the development of a plan for a repository in Nunatsiavut is ongoing and preliminary design work for the interior of the old boarding school in Nain has recently been completed. This historic building could be renovated, and a portion of the building could be set up as appropriate space to house archaeological materials, Inuit cultural materials and archival records. The building qualifies as a heritage structure and provincial government funding associated. That status can help us leverage additional funds for this project. A business plan for the repository is currently being developed, and we expect to be in a position to go to the NEC with a plan for the repository that they can consider in the fall of 2017. 12) Labrador Inuit contributions to WWI. Nunatsiavut Government Archaeology and Heritage has recently commissioned a report on the contributions of Labrador Inuit to WWI. The report written by Gerald Penny Associates has now been completed and was presented during the 2017 Nunatsiavut Heritage Forum. It contains information on

nearly 40 Labrador Inuit soldiers who served in the war, as well as recommendations for additional work in this area. Genealogist Patty Way was able to make additional contributions to this research during the 2017 Heritage Forum. 13) Reporting on 2016 field work. Reports on NG field work that was conducted during the 2016 field season has been completed and will be tabled at the next Assembly. 14) Place, names, work. Nunatsiavut Government Archaeology and Heritage has recently commissioned a report on Inuit place names that were being used the mid 19th Century in the Okak and Hebron areas. The report written by Dr. Hans Rollmann adds to place name-related work that has previously been done by Nunatsiavut Government Archaeology Heritage and provides information that can eventually be used to help the Nunatsiavut Government begin to implement Chapter 16 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement*. *Nakummek, oKattik*.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable President. We'll move onto item four on our *Orders of the Day*, "Member Statements." Do we have any member statements this morning? Herb. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

MR. JACQUE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Makkovik Inuit Community Government, I'd just like to update the Assembly on some of our ongoing and upcoming activities for 2017 construction season. Capital Works. Pump house upgrades is nearly completed. Still ongoing. Subdivision construction ongoing. Lift station ongoing, upgrades and some of the upcoming projects and purchase, we plan to purchase fencing at the

waste disposal site. We have approved for a new tandem dump truck. We will be purchasing 5,000 tonnes of MG2, purchase of a generator for advanced water treatment centre and a supply bucket for our cylinder for 315 spillway project. Upgrades from wooden to concrete wall has been approved through the federal and provincial funding. We are also in the process of applying for funding to hire CDO from Makkovik which we feel is much needed. We're in the process of transferring the radio station to our new arena, and we will be constructing additional parking spaces for our youth centre from the original station location. Waiting to hear from the Community Garden Project. Waiting for North Coast Solid Waste Management study. We're interested to find out what the report brings to the ICG's and we are in the process of promoting and improving tourism in our town in regards upgrading mapping and brochures. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

MR. BLAKE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Ullâkut Ilonnasi. Mr. Speaker, this morning, on behalf of all Labrador land protectors, myself, and the communities within Upper Lake Melville, we want to send a thank you to our President, Johannes Lampe, for the letters to the Newfoundland Government in asking that all charges be dropped against our land protectors. Also just past this Friday, June 2nd, Mr. Lampe sent out a news release voicing his displeasure in the ways Ms. Beatrice Hunter situation has been handled and, again, asking that all charges be

dropped. Thank you, Mr. Lampe. Mr. Speaker, on April 19th, 2017 at the Labrador Friendship Centre our NEC held an Open House for beneficiaries up in Upper Lake Melville. There were 58 people in attendance. While this meeting had various concerns, issues and opinions, I feel that the number one issue is membership as so many families have siblings that have lost their membership, yet while brothers and sisters of the same family still have theirs. This has created much confusion and animosity among families. Mr. Speaker, in the early hours of May 17th, 2017 the community of Mud Lake was struck with pure devastation. The small community had to be evacuated. Individuals were airlifted to the community of Happy Valley, Goose Bay with not much more than the clothes on their backs. It was not known to them until later on that the actual damage that had been done due to the flooding of the Churchill River. Their lodge that they had known had changed overnight. They were displaced, not knowing what to expect when the river receded. This event also effected the residents of the Mud Lake Access Road. Thankfully most residents have returned to their homes. I would like to give a shout-out to all that was involved in the rescue of the people affected by this devastation. Individuals, families, businesses and organizations that took the time to help in any way possible. Your help did not go unnoticed. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank the volunteers who helped me directly; Beatrice Hunter, Nelson Hope, Glenn Burden, Dwayne Dyson, Craig Chaulk and Chairperson Gary Mitchell. Two pallets of water were donated to those effected by the flood and had to

be delivered door-to-door. Without hesitation they agreed to help.

Thank you. Mr. Speaker, this morning I have a list of companies that have donated to Mud Lake. I would like to read them out this morning, sir.

MK Foods, \$500. Penashue and Davis Industries, \$500, Happy Valley,

Goose Bay Firefighters, \$500, Pro Hardware L'Anse au-Loup, \$100, Royal

Canadian Legion, Branch 51, in Happy Valley Goose Bay, \$1,000, Aurora

Fashion, \$1,000, Community of Rigolet, \$1,310, Florran Hotel Forteau,

\$1,600, Hickey Construction, \$2,000, Labrador Correctional Centre,

\$3,000, Community of North West River, \$3,500.25, Community yard sale

that was held at Church in Goose Bay, \$305, the fundraiser that was held

at the Legion, \$22,371.80. There was a young beneficiary there, Lucas

Compton, who had his hot dog sale there and he raised \$773,

Nunatukavut, \$5,000. Mr. Speaker, countless individuals' donations have

been donated, wished to remain anonymous, and there's still more to

come, sir. To date, \$44,787.05. I personally want to thank all those

people this morning. It was quite a scene there, and for people to come

together like this to help a community in need is greatly appreciated.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Blake. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr.

Richard Pamak.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was never a big fan of surveys in the past. I,

and even some of us around the table here, kind of cringe sometimes

when asked to participate in yet another survey. Today I can see and

understand the need for surveys. Surveys, as much as we don't like

them, can be very beneficial in advancing the well-being to us as individuals, as a community, or as a region. The Nunatsiavut Government over the past several years have proven that surveys provide, not only a baseline study, but can confirm or show a true picture of a specific need. Examples of these are the Housing Need Assessment released in 2014 and, recently, the Food Security Survey this year. The results of these surveys have proven to other governments what we have been saying for years, and now other governments have begun to invest more into our communities or Nunatsiavut as a whole. Mr. Speaker, I want to show you what a survey can provide or show you a picture of my constituency and I'll be using some information that I gathered from Census Canada profile for 2011 and 2016, and also from Moravian Church records. I want to start with our population. This is what got me interested in doing this research. Moravian's records show that since 2011 the annual birth rate is 1.7 percent with a death rate of .6 percent. In 2011 our population was 1,188. In 2016 our population was 1,125, a decrease in our population of 5.3 percent. I have noticed this recently and the Census has confirmed indeed the population of Nain is decreasing. This prompted me to do a bit more research and I looked into the labour force. What I found at first troubled me, but understood why my community struggles and faced so many challenges. Mr. Speaker, in 2011 Census shows that there was 890 that made up the workforce in Nain, workforce determined by Census Canada is 15 years of age or older. Of this workforce only 510, 57 percent, just over half, actually participated in the workforce and

received an income. Forty-two percent people were employed leaving 56 percent of being either unemployed or not in the workforce. What really opened my eyes for me was the income received during employment. Fifteen percent made less than \$5,000. Twenty percent made less than \$15,000. In total 35 percent earned an income less than \$15,000. High numbers. Twenty-three percent earned 15 to 30, 28 earned 30 to 80, and 4 percent earned 80 plus. The median after taxes for all income earners was just a little over \$18,000. There was 330 homes registered in 2011. This was four or five years ago. I'm sure that it is more and, on average, it cost \$6,200 to \$6,500 a year to pay for rent, home heating, electricity and maintenance costs. Certainly this does not leave much for food, transportation and just to live in our community. Information such as this makes me understand why we are in a housing crisis where we have heating insecurities, and definitely show the struggle to put food on our tables. Mr. Speaker, to me, this shows a grim picture, and I don't know how some families can survive with the high cost of living and the high unemployment rate. But, Mr. Speaker, our community is staying strong. Mr. Speaker, we live in a community nearest the largest nickel mine in the world. We recently signed the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* with IBA's commitments of a brighter future. I can only imagine what our communities would be like without them. But this also shows that we need to do more and to maximize what is available to us. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to show what a survey can do for us. Like I said, as much as we don't like to participate, sometimes it has proven to

be very beneficial in advancing our communities. With this, I ask that we take the time, all of us, if we can, to participate in any surveys and certainly encourage others and make every effort to conduct more to express that need. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. Are there any further member statements this morning? I recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Ed Rudkowski.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's exciting times in the Canadian Constituency. In the next couple of weeks we will be opening up an office in Toronto which I believe is the first office outside the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador for Nunatsiavut Government. I'm hoping to put together an opening ceremony, and I'm hoping that we will be able to enjoy the presence of President Lampe. However, I understand that President Lampe will be on his personal time at that particular point so perhaps it's his wife I should be lobbying for his attendance. Many people in the Canadian Constituency find themselves there not by choice. Many of my constituents are there because of Scoop. Many are there because of economic considerations. Some are there because they are fleeing violence or tragic, domestic situations. The one common thread that I've found when talking to many people is their hunger to reconnect with where they're from, their hunger to reconnect to their home and the hunger to reconnect with their heritage. I've talked to several constituents who have been away for decades, 20, 30, 40 years at times, again, they're away, not because of choice, but because their life

circumstances have forced them to be that way. In the upcoming year my intention is to spend as little of my constituency allowance as possible out of administrative aspects, and as much of my constituency allowance as possible on reaching out to those people. They have a hunger to find others in similar circumstances. They have a hunger to find people who knew Aunt Ruthie or Uncle Joe, or the person who lived down the street from them when they were kids. My intention is to do all that I can to reconnect those people to others of similar circumstance, and to reconnect people in my constituency with their heritage. My intention is to spend a lot of my time travelling as much as my constituency allowance allows me to do and within the confines of the rules of constituency allowances. Again it's an exciting time and I look forward to fulfilling my duties. I look forward to hearing the many stories of people in the Canadian Constituency and, as we all know, Nunatsiavut beneficiaries are fascinating, they're interesting and fascinating people to talk to. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek Mr. Blake Rudkowski. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Nakummek, oKattik. First of all, like all the other community leaders, the Nain Inuit Community Government sends its condolences to all the families who lost loved ones since the last sitting. Mr. Speaker, the Nain Inuit Community Government is pleased to announce that the water connection contract to Trouser Lake has been awarded to NGC. We expect the project to go ahead when the materials arrive on the first

boat. I've been saying this for the last two years and now it's become a reality, actually. In the development of our new subdivision we'll be going to tenders very soon, and that will be developed this coming construction season. We're also excited to know that three cruise ships will be visiting our community this summer with the first one arriving in July. Already a committee of different network groups have been actively meeting in preparation for this and the respective visitor season for 2017.

Mr. Speaker, the Nain Inuit Community Government is participating with a working group headed by Christine McTavish to do a pilot project for a soup kitchen this summer. A budget is in place for this, and Nain Daycare building will be used as a centre. Thanks for the co-operation of Department of Education and Economic Development. This is a pilot project with plans for a permanent centre in the coming year or so, and this is as a result, I guess, as Richard mentioned, surveys showing that you know food insecurity is very high in Nain and Hopedale, and this is something that we had already been working on but, as a result now, these survey results are showing that the need is there. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to acknowledge Deputy Minister Michelle Kinney for finding funds from her department to run our seniors van again this year. The van service started late last week, and Nain Inuit seniors are taking advantage of this much needed service so thank you, Deputy Minister.

Michelle, you can pass that on, Honourable Ministers. With regards to our CDO, we obtained funding thanks to Kayla DeBoer and her ability to do proposal writing, I guess, and we obtained some funding to hire a

CDO. Unfortunately, the people that we had interviewed found other employment quickly, and we haven't been successful in getting any local residents to re-apply. I shouldn't say that. We have been, I guess, we put out another application, or call for applications, and we are also going outside the community of Nain because we see this position as a very important position to develop an economic plan for our community and also to find money for projects that we need, such as building our Old Hall and finding funds to get that place up and running for the community centre. Mr. Speaker, in closing, on a happy note I would like to extend congratulations to 13 Jens Haven Memorial students who will be starting a new chapter in life after this school season. So, with that, I'd like to say congratulations to Lisa Andersen, Victoria Bennett, Shawna Dicker, Meagan Dicker, Brooke Flowers, Erin Tibbo, Amber Saksagiak, Emma Semigak, Jobe Lidd, Hunter Fox, Matthew Ford, Simeon Merkuratsuk, and Ethan Shiwak. With that, I close my statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Nakummek, oKattik. This morning, Mr. Speaker, I too extend on behalf of Hopedale Inuit Community Government sincere condolences to the families all through Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville who have lost family members. I'd particularly like to extend my sincere condolences to the family of Doris Flowers. Doris was a champion in leading the way to promote our *Inuttitut* language. Before her retirement she worked as a teacher, and she later became the Vice Principal at ACMS. She also

worked as *Inuttitut* infant care worker at the Language Nest, and while she was there she wrote a series of children's books in *Inuttitut* using her own illustrations. She left the Language Nest to take a position as elder co-ordinator with the Mobile Trauma and Addictions Team at the HSD where she stayed until she became sick and couldn't work. Her beautiful voice will be missed as she loved to sing in *Inuttitut*. My hope, Mr. Speaker, is that we can carry on her advocacy to promote and to preserve our *Inuttitut* language. I would also like to extend my deepest condolences to the family of Bryce Gear. Bryce was a long-term employee of Postville Inuit Community Government. He was the son of AngajukKâk Diane Gear and his wife, Melanie, also worked with Postville Inuit Community Government. This is a huge loss for a small community. When we lose a loved one in our communities, everyone feels the loss. This loss must feel overwhelming for that small community, and I pray for strength for this town. I also want to acknowledge, Mr. Speaker, Beatrice Hunter, a beneficiary and a land protector who is in this moment held at the maximum security at Her Majesty's Penitentiary in St. John's. Beatrice is speaking out for something that she believed in, and a subject that is very controversial, and I just want to acknowledge her today. I also want to acknowledge the people of Mud Lake who were displaced by the flood. I can't even imagine being woken up early in the morning and have to flee. They're certainly in our thoughts and our prayers, and there was a little fundraiser at the school and they raised over \$400 through their bake sales to go towards that. This summer will be busy with

Hopedale Inuit Community Government. Of course we have still ongoing problems with our water, but we do have some work to upgrade the water systems and to look at – a new water study has been completed and hopefully we will go up from there. We'll also be doing some new land development studies and upgrading our sewer project, which was started last year, and the roads, we'll be upgrading the roads once we get everything else sorted with the water and the sewer. We too have three cruise ships coming in the summer all in the same week. So July will be an extremely busy month for Hopedale, and this ends my report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak.

MR. J. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's short today. We just completed the Heritage Forum in Rigolet there where, you know, it was an exciting time. There was a lot to learn. There was a lot of new things I found out as was my first one, but I think what impressed me probably more than anything else is that Ms. Ellen Adams brought different classes at the Heritage Forum to do little *Inuttitut* things with the forum that was there, and I think the important part that I learned and I found just before we did this is Ellen is working tirelessly on the *Inuttitut* language Rigolet dialect and I think the thing to remember is she's doing this without any support, without any funding. It's just something that she's doing because she wants to preserve a language. So I'd just like to commend

Ellen on her efforts and wish her all the success as she goes forward.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

ASSEMBLY:

[Applause].

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Shiwak. Are there any further member statements this morning? Again, I'll ask are there any further member statements this morning? If we have no further member statements then we will move forward onto item five on our *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Oral Questions." I recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Edward Blake Rudkowski, asked about the process and the policy for allocating commercial fishery quota. I've provided Mr. Blake Rudkowski with our policy, but just to give a general statement on a return to his question, the Nunatsiavut Government made the 2017 commercial fishery applications publicly available during the month of March. The deadline to submit an application is March 31st. All applications and supporting documentation received by the March 31st deadline were assessed in accordance with the Commercial Fishery Designation Policy, which was approved by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council in 2012. Applications received after deadline will not be considered. Based on the information provided in their applications at the deadline, decisions are made on the allocations for the 2017 season. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Do we have any other further returns to oral questions this morning? If there are no further returns to oral questions, again I will remind the Members, Ministers that there is a provision for the 10 calendar days. Again those responses will be provided to the Members as soon as they are made available. Move onto item six, "Oral Questions." Do we have any oral questions this morning? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Nakummek, oKattik. My question is to Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, Minister of Education and Economic Development. Honourable Minister, you reported this morning that the federal government has not yet approved or released funding for the Labrador Aboriginal Training Program. My question to you is with the lateness of this funding being delivered, and because of this NG beneficiaries will receive their training later, has Vale and NG made any agreements according to the IBA protocol that equal opportunities for employment for beneficiaries will be given to those taking the training later than sooner? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. In response, the Honourable Minister, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker, for the question. In the letter that was sent to the Minister of Employment and Service Canada, one of the key points in the letter was if the training doesn't start soon and the funding doesn't flow soon, it could delay people getting trained at certain points. So the letter is the first step, and

then if they get a response back, they're supposed to go more steps like possibly go back to Ottawa again and possibly have a meeting with Vale, but we haven't gotten to that portion yet, and if it impacts the IBA, we would have to consult with Darryl's department because the IBA Co-ordinator works for Lands and Natural Resources, and we're responsible for training. So it's kind of complicated, but we are very concerned because in March, you know, they were basically told, go ahead and get ready, put in a budget. It's not going to be as much as we thought, and that was all done, and then they didn't hear anything since. So we're all very concerned, and hopefully we'll get a speedy response from the Minister regarding the funding, but we will bring it further because it's very important and timely. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary? I recognize the AngajukKâk for a supplementary question.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Honourable Minister, for your response. My question, I guess, is then who do you approach in your capacity as Minister, from your department to talk with Vale so that, you know, like you've mentioned, they've already been given the go ahead to start on the underground. The construction for the camp has already taken place, and still a lot of our beneficiaries who are looking for the opportunity to gain employment are losing that window of opportunity. I know that you are concerned, but I think that this should be given high priority to approach these companies. So my question is who do you talk

to, to ensure that, you know, our people are trained accordingly so that they can get employment? Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker and, in response, the Minister of Education and Economic Development, Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker. We're going to have to work with the Lands and Natural Resources Department, the Minister and Deputy Minister and IBA Co-ordinator and myself and Deputy Minister McNeil because we've really got to try to push this forward. So that's something that I will try to set up as soon as possible.

MR. SHIWAK:

Who is the federal department the funding is coming from?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Employment and Service.

MR. SHIWAK:

I think that's his question.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Oh, I thought it was okay. Sorry, I misunderstood your question. We're going to have to probably go to Ottawa again and meet with the Minister and senior officials to try to move the funding proposal forward and get it out and Vale always attends with us because they're concerned as well, and Vale has also committed money to put on the table for training and they've also committed that when people are selected for the training, and their training works out, they will become employees, not like what happened in other training programs where, trained people and then they had to apply and they didn't always get employment. This time the people who are selected for training will be employees while they're in the training, but we're going to have to have another meeting in Ottawa

as soon as possible, if they don't get a response back in the next day or so and thank you for the question and the concern, and especially from what Ordinary Member Pamak spoke of, like employment in Nain and in Nunatsiavut, it's very important, and this is a huge opportunity.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a final supplementary question?

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Honourable Ministers, could you assure me that instead of saying probably going to go to Ottawa, say that you will go to Ottawa? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. In response, the Honourable Minister.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Thank you for the question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will commit that we will work with the other partners in LATP, the Innu and Vale and the Metis, and we will go to Ottawa. I will commit to that. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

MR. BLAKE: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to our President, Mr. Johannes Lampe. Sir, it is my understanding that in March, this Assembly approved a budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. In 2015 a state of emergency was called in one of our communities in Nunatsiavut and now a disaster struck Mud Lake with the flooding. I'm not aware of any contingency funds or disaster relief funds within our budgets. Can you tell me is there any funds within our budget for these types of

emergencies and, if so, can our government donate financially to the Mud Lake Relief Fund? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Member for Upper Lake Melville. As the question did pertain to budget, we'll put that question to the Minister of Finance, and I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

My apologies. I'm going to answer the budget part, and then I'll turn it over to the President to be able to answer the second part of your question and as you are aware, being part of the Assembly in this past budget, there was nothing directly related to disaster funding as you stated in your statement, the first part of your question. As per the *Constitution* the government is required to make a contingency fund, and it's used by the Executive Council, or issued by the Executive Council for a number of reasons. One of those reasons is meeting unforeseen emergency. To us an emergency that is determined within Nunatsiavut. Within this fund there's \$3,359,000 and it's been accumulating since 2005. With regards to the jurisdiction with regards to Mud Lake and the utilization of this fund, while it is an unforeseen emergency, we do really sympathize, and I know that it is a disaster to happen to that community. As for the Land Claim and the Constitution, how we can spend this money, I'm only telling you how we can spend this money through our own process and, again, I'll let the President answer the question on what can be used and while we know there's beneficiaries to the Land Claims impacted severely by this, it is outside the jurisdiction of the Nunatsiavut Government. The jurisdiction for this fund, as it is set up, is for the Land

Claims Area. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Did you want to answer the question?

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, oKattik and thank you, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, for the questions, and I will answer the second part of the question. I would have to go back to NEC and to ask you to make a request in letter form so that the NEC can look at and discuss the question that you are asking. *Nakummek, oKattik.*

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable President and *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister of Finance. If there's no supplementary then we'll proceed. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake, for a supplementary question.

MR. BLAKE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Mr. President, I understand that for this contingency fund that is for within Nunatsiavut and anything outside of Land Claims Area, you don't fit the criteria. Sir, can there be amendments made so that we can also look at our beneficiaries outside of Nunatsiavut in disasters like this? Thank you very much.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member and again, as it is primarily a financial question, we'll refer to the Minister of Finance for an answer.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

And, on behalf of the President, I'll try to answer your question. An important factor that we have to remember is jurisdiction as it applies to Nunatsiavut Government and how we apply things like this contingency fund. You have to refer to Chapter 17 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* which really states the jurisdiction that we're talking about

here. Having said that, there are programs and services within our government that we do provide services outside of the *Land Claims Agreement*, such as education, health and social development, all those things. As regards as we amending the jurisdiction for this or the use of this fund, that's something that, I think the President said you would have to write a letter to the Executive Council. It's something that this Assembly would have to agree with as well. I can only reiterate how we can use this fund currently and what the jurisdiction for this fund is. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know if you want to add anything.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, oKattik and, thank you, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, for the question and, again, I would have to ask that you make that request in letter form and, again, I would have to have discussions with this issue and the question that you ask with the NEC. *Nakummek, oKattik*.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable President. Does the Member have a final supplementary question? *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. Are there any further oral questions? I recognize the Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I forward my question to Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister. I asked the question yesterday. Certainly I look forward to your response within the next 10 days on the feasibility to assess the need for a seniors facility in Nain. But certainly I was really pleased to hear that, you know, the NEC did purchase concept designs of a senior facility for Nain and with the purchase of land, a piece of

property, and for that purpose. Knowing that we sent in an application for affordable housing for seniors and it was rejected by Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation, can you enlighten us on what your next steps, or the NEC's steps is in ensuring that we eventually see a seniors facility within Nunatsiavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. In response, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and, thank you, Ordinary Member from Nain for your question. Yes, that is what we're doing now, is we're going back and looking at some of the options. As you're aware when, I think it was back in 2008, there was some money that was set aside by the *Tasiujâtsaok Trust* for seniors housing. So we're looking at that source of funding as well as exploring other ways, and I'm sure I'll have something concrete for you by the next Assembly, but any developments before that, I'll keep you informed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a supplementary question? *Nakummek*, Mr. Pamak. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is also for the First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell. With the funding that's coming from the federal government for housing, my question is will there be any housing like a complex built for single moms and low income families as oftentimes they can't afford to run or maintain a full home. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. In response, the Honourable First Minister, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk from Hopedale, for your question. Right now the proposal that we had submitted to the federal government was to put in two multiplex units, one in Nain and one in Hopedale. That's our plan for this year and, for those units, it will be, like I mentioned yesterday, it'll be for families who are getting their children back from in care or prevent them from being taken into care. As of right now we had not looked at units specifically for single mothers and whatever, but that's what our plan is for this unit for Hopedale right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary? I recognize the AngajukKâk for a supplementary question.

MS. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With the funding, I know with certain funding agencies you only have certain time to use the money before you have to send it back if it's not spent. My question is will this money be spent before the time runs out and we have to return the money, or is this how this funding works? Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk and, in response, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and, thank you, AngajukKâk from Hopedale, for your supplementary question. Yes, I can assure you that this money will definitely be spent and, as we were working on our housing strategy and

the things that we're doing and the plans we have for that money, I can assure you that that money will be spent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? I recognize the AngajukKâk for a final supplementary.

MS. FLOWERS:

My last question. Well, once the building is up, my question is will there be another building for single moms or low income families like apartment types? Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk and I recognize the First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell to respond.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you once again, AngajukKâk from Hopedale, for your question. As of right now I can honestly say that we have not looked at putting up a complex specifically for, you know, single mothers or whatever, but what we're trying to do with our housing policy and meeting the need, we're trying to go based on need, and certainly, you know, mothers with young children or whatever, the same as any other beneficiary. We're certainly trying to find housing that accommodates all of our beneficiaries. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Is there any Member who has yet to utilize an oral question who would like to do so? I recognize Mr. Jim Lyall, Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the AngajukKâk from my beautiful hometown of Nain. I understand you're looking for an extension to quarry in Nain. Or, sorry.

MR. EDMUNDS: Mr. Lyall, the questions may only be directed to the Ministers.

MR. LYALL: Oh, sorry. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS: Are there any further oral questions this morning? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

MR. BLAKE: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to our President, Mr. Johannes Lampe. Mr. Lampe, sir, there have been NEC open house meetings in Happy Valley Goose Bay and North West River for the constituency of Upper Lake Melville. To my knowledge, there has not been an open house in the community of Mud Lake. I know that the NEC has set their schedule for these meetings, so I ask the President, can and will the NEC make a change to their schedule to include Mud Lake for the next NEC open house in Upper Lake Melville? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Blake. In response, the Honourable President, Johannes Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, oKattik*, and thank you, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, for the question. When we do hold open houses for the communities including Upper Lake Melville, and especially in that area, we do include Mud Lake to the Happy Valley Goose Bay, and we, up to this point, not considered holding an open house in Mud Lake, but we

will certainly discuss the issue that you are asking about. *Nakummek, oKattik.*

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable President. Does the Member have a supplementary question? *Nakummek*, Mr. Blake. The next line of questioning goes to the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources in his capacity of Minister for Renewable Resources, I guess. In your statement yesterday, or in your report, you mentioned that the char fishery will be ongoing again. The question that comes up each season, in the past two years, anyway, I guess, is that the area fished for char now to supply the Nain fish plant has been known to be fished just north of Nain, the Tikkoatokak and Nain Bay area, and all the char seems to be coming from that particular area. My question to you, sir, is will there be any studies done in the near future as to see whether or not that char population has been affected by the fishery in that area only? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. In response, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank you for the question, and it's an issue that's been brought forward, not only by yourself, but by the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, as well. Quite concerned about the char stocks in that area, or the potential impact on the stocks in that area. We're aware of for this year genetic research being done by

the DFO on the char in the Nain area. That's the only research we're aware of at this point. The commitment that I will make to you, and I have made to Mr. Pamak before, is that we will bring this forward as we begin our discussions with, as we have our discussions with the Torngat Fish Producers Co-op, that we need to have more research into the area of the char stocks in the Nain area to see if there's an impact from the commercial fishery plus the communal fishing that happens. To our understandings, pretty much in that one area and not into the other areas identified for the fishery. So that's the plan moving forward is to bring that forward to say we need to have more assessments on the stocks to ensure that those stocks don't go the way of other fish species in the past. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. Are there any further oral questions this morning? If we have no further oral questions, then we will adjourn for 15 minutes. Reconvene approximately 5 after 11:00 and continue on with item seven. *Nakummek*.

(Recess)

MR. EDMUNDS:

Welcome back to the Assembly. Prior to adjournment, we left on item six, "Oral Questions," and we'd resume on item seven, "Written Questions." Do we have any written questions this morning? Proceed onto item eight, "Returns to Written Questions." There are no returns to written questions today. Item nine, "Petitions." Are there any petitions? Onto item 10, "Responses to Petitions". There are no responses to

petitions today and we will go to item 11, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." On September 21st, 2016, the Nunatsiavut Assembly passed a resolution to strike a Special Committee on the Assembly to meet with the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer to discuss the 2016 Presidential Election Report and report back to the Assembly on the recommendations contained within that report. The committee on Rules and Procedures recommended by that AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers and AngajukKâk Jack Shiwak sit on this committee, and that Mark Gillette of Legal Counsel would assist them as well. They have concluded this report, and I'd like to recognize AngajukKâk Dicker from Rigolet to give this report.

MR. J. SHIWAK:

Yes, everybody should have a copy of this in their binders and, as a former teacher, you know, you send everybody home and hope they read their lessons for the next day. So does everybody have that out there then? Just a little background on this report. There's not a lot in it, but I think one of the main topics of this report is the lack of knowledge or training or manuals that we have for elections. Now, as a former AngajukKâk myself, I pretty much know what should be there and the training that should be done, but I wanted to just let this go as is so that the whole Assembly could get a look at what a new NEO, or a Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, might face. I went into this at the beginning. The only thing I had when I was appointed to this was the *Election Act*. From that I had to try to develop everything else. I remember my first election, I think I went to work the 1st of March. I had

to call nominations by the end of the first week in March. So I had approximately five days to try to put everything together. Then on top of that – no, that was in October, I think the first election was, or something like that. On top of that, they called the AngajukKâk election so I had the Ordinary Members election plus AngajukKâk elections all on the go at one time, so it was kind of busy. And I think what you mainly want to look at, Mr. Speaker, is the recommendations. I can start with them and, if anybody has any questions, feel free to answer. AngajukKâk Flowers was also a part of the committee, as well as Mr. Mark Gillett. We had hoped he would be here, but he wrote the report, so we hoped he would be here, but he's not here. Recommendation 1) Prior to the next general election, Nunatsiavut Assembly should develop a full and comprehensive job description of duties and responsibilities of the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer. Let me go on to say before I get any questions on this. This is what I had when I started. So I spent a lot of my time. I probably ran up half the Nunatsiavut's phone bill the first year we started because quite often went to, now First Minister Kate Mitchell, I think we had quite a few discussions on what does this mean? What does that mean? And I think there was times we had to go onto Legal Counsel and say can you interpret this clause or sentence for us? The other thing I found out, reading the only piece of material I had, was the *Election Act*, it was almost an exact copy of the *Provincial Election Act*. There were a few changes, not many, and some of the things didn't apply to us. So I agree there needs to be job descriptions, but I think if you were to take the

Constitution, this is one I use right there, *the Land Claims Agreement* and the *Election Act* and put it altogether, I think you pretty much find out what your job description entails, and what you should be doing. Ultimately, you are responsible. One of the things that I tried to do, and I did as much as I could, was not contact anybody that was in power at the time. No Ministers, no Deputy Ministers or anybody else because you're supposed to act at arm's length from the government. So you have the authority to do what you have to do in conducting the elections and a lot of what at the first election was by trial and error. But, as I say myself, Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Michelin, we worked our way through it. So does anybody have any questions or anything on the first recommendation?

MR. EDMUNDS: AngajukKâk, we'll just quickly go through the....

MR. J. SHIWAK: You want to go through the all the recommendations? Sure.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll go through the report, the recommendations. We'll move that the Assembly adopt the report and there will be opportunity for questions...

MR. J. SHIWAK: Okay.

MR. EDMUNDS: around the report at that point.

MR. J. SHIWAK: Okay. So you want to go through that? You don't want me to go through the report with them?

MR. EDMUNDS: You can go through the recommendations then.

MR. J. SHIWAK: Just the recommendations, okay. Recommendation 1) Prior to the next general election, the Nunatsiavut Assembly should develop a full and comprehensive job description of duties and responsibilities of the

Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer. 2) The job description for the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer must provide clarity for the NEO, the Nunatsiavut Assembly and the Nunatsiavut Government as to the roles, responsibilities, duties and functions and mandates of the NEO. 3)? The job description for the Nunatsiavut Electoral should provide clarity for the NEO's responsibilities to submit financial reports. If financial reports are required, the NEO must provide for all financial and budgetary information for the election necessary to complete such reports. 4) To promote awareness and interest in Nunatsiavut elections, the Office of the Speaker, in conjunction with the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, should, at least six months prior to calling a scheduled election, review and plan comprehensive advertising strategies for the election and give adequate notice to all beneficiaries that an election will be taking place and a time for nominations. 5) To facilitate awareness, education and preparation for the Nunatsiavut elections, the Assembly should consider having the NEO in place on a full-time basis for a period of six months prior to the call of nominations in a scheduled election. 6) To ensure that there are no issues with the nomination process during an election for the President of Nunatsiavut, it is recommended that there be a review as to whether the specific date for an election and/or nominations for President should be altered in years when the election period conflicts with the Easter holiday season. In the alternative, it is recommended that the Nunatsiavut Government and the Nunatsiavut Assembly take measures to ensure that appropriate staff levels are in place during a

nomination period, even during holiday times. 7) The Nunatsiavut Assembly should authorize and direct the preparation of proper manuals for election workers including returning officers and ***poll clerks. 8) The Speaker of the Assembly, in conjunction with the Nunatsiavut Government, should undertake a review of the alternatives of the current voting system for the Canadian Constituency. This should include a review of electronic means of voting as well as alternate methods of mail-in ballots. This review should be completed by September, 2017. So I'll try to answer any questions anybody has.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Shiwak. The report then has been submitted to the Assembly, been tabled, and the motion is in order for the Assembly to consider the report from the Assembly. But I would ask that you put the motion on the table so that we can proceed.

MR. J. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers, that the report for the Special Committee on the 2016 Presidential Election be received and adopted.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Shiwak, and the motion is in order. At this point would the AngajukKâk like to speak any further to the motion?

MR. J. SHIWAK: No, I don't.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. Is there anyone else that would like to speak to the motion? I recognize the First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think there are a couple of points coming out of the report on the recommendations that I really would like to speak to.

1) The reason that an independent NEO is appointed by the Assembly is to keep the election process out of the hands of elected officials and the NG Civil Service. It is to prevent any suspicion that either elected officials or the civil service have interfered in the election and another point would be the duties of the NEO. The NEO duties, mandate, authorities, and responsibilities are all laid out in the *Elections Act*. Having said that, a comprehensive job description for the NEO is probably a very good idea. Under the *Act*, the NEO submits to the Member Service Committee, through the Speaker, an annual estimate of the amount that would be needed for election expenses for the next fiscal year. The Member Service Committee will then include the amount they approve to be included in the Consolidated Financial Plan and the Section 9(1) and (2). That is why under the *Act* the NEO has the obligation to include, in their report to the Assembly, a report on election finances and a preliminary report with respect to the Nunatsiavut Elections Fund. Another point is under the *Act*, the Treasurer is supposed to establish a fund for the Office of the NEO, and no money is to be requisitioned from the fund or paid out of the fund except on the authorization of the NEO and that's Section 9(3) and (4). Under the *Act* the NEO has the authority to purchase all supplies necessary to properly conduct an election. And the Section 7(1), the NEO can appoint whatever officials they deem necessary to conduct the election and that's Section 5(c) and (f). The NEO can open and maintain an office whenever they feel it is necessary as long as it is no later than the 1st Tuesday in March, and that's Section 4 of the

Elections Act. The NEO has the authority to implement education programs using any media they consider appropriate to make the elections better known to the Inuit public and to provide electors with information and that's Section 8 of the *Act* and I think one that's very important, the time for Presidential elections is laid out in Section 3.4.3 of the *Inuit Constitution*, and can only be amended by a resolution passed by 60 percent of the Members of the Assembly, and has also been approved in a referendum by more than 50 percent of Inuit age 16 and over who can vote, and that's Section 1.2.1. And I think, most importantly, since the election process cannot be directed by, or interfered with, by NG staff, it should not make a difference whether staff are working or not. I wish these comments to be considered along with the recommendations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? I recognize AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I ask my question, could I ask for clarity on your last piece of statement that you made where NG staff was involved. It just went past me. Before I ask the question. I need clarity to understand. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

If the Minister would like to speak to the motion, and then that particular comment regarding the motion, I'm sure that that's fine. So I recognize the Honourable Minister.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker for your question. Under the recommendation number 6), it's the last sentence. It says, "In the alternative, it is recommended that the Nunatsiavut Government and the Nunatsiavut Assembly take measures to ensure that appropriate staff levels are in place during the nomination period, even during holidays." So that's why what I've said here, was since the election process cannot be directed by or interfered with by NG staff, it should not make a difference whether they're working or not because the NEO has the sole responsibility. The person, the NEO, can hire whoever they need to do their work. They can sign off on all PO's, everything to do with the election. They do not need NG staff to be available to do this for them because they have the authority to do it themselves. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. If you still would like to speak to the motion, you may, AngajukKâk Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you for that clarification, Honourable Minister Kate. My question, Mr. Speaker, I guess, not a question. It's a statement, as such, for recommendation 1). It says that, "...the Nunatsiavut Assembly should develop a full and comprehensive job description of the duties and responsibilities of the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer." Mr. Speaker, every, as far as I remember, time there was a Presidential election, the language issue came up and knowing the *Constitution* states that the President has to be bilingual, but the question is always what about the language and the way that it's tested in the process itself. I just wanted to ensure that

the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer has that power to ensure that the committee or a panel of *Inuttitut*-speaking or bilingual committee be put in place to test the language capabilities of the Presidential nominees. I'd like to just add that to ensure that you know that this is in the job description of the NEO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*. Is there any Member who would like to speak to the motion? I recognize AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak.

MR. J. SHIWAK: Just to answer your question there, Mr. Dicker. I don't think it is in, and never was in the job description of the NEO, but I think there was legislation passed a couple of years ago that this is one of the components of being able to have your name put on a ballot for the Presidential election. There is a committee set up to do that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too would like to kind of echo some of the comments made by the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister. Certainly two things that kind of point it out for me in these recommendations, which Kate already alluded to, was the involvement of the Nunatsiavut Government. Certainly in recommendation 6) and it's also in recommendation 8) too as well knowing that the *Elections Act* or/and responsibilities of the NEO are arm's length away from the Nunatsiavut Government, and is solely responsible to the Nunatsiavut

Assembly. Certainly Kate added several other things that I kind of overlooked meaning the *Constitution* and so forth, but those two points stand out for me; that elections are arm's length away from the Nunatsiavut Government, and is the responsibility of the NEO and the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. I recognize AngajukKâk Shiwak.

MR. J. SHIWAK:

I guess I'd say that, you know, when you talk about arm's length, that whenever I've done an election, I think they refer someone to the Easter weekend, always met, I didn't ask that anybody be there, but normally the President at the time, or somebody, always wanted to know, once the nominations closed, who was going to be on the ballot paper, and that's about the only contact I ever had just for information purposes so that the President's, and I think in quite a few cases, Ms. Mitchell, before she got in position, let me know when nominations close, you know, what's on the go. Okay, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Is there any other Member who would wish to speak? I recognize Ms. Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to say that if there is a job description and job duties, that would cut out a lot of other concerns that were in here. When you're hiring someone new to a position like that, things like that would be in place. Then they would know that the *Act*, they have to follow the *Act* and nothing else that's binding. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Canadian Constituency, Mr. Edward Blake Rudkowski.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm looking at the title of this report and the report is titled, "A Report on the Presidential Election," yet recommendation number 8 deals specifically with the Canadian Constituency. So was a comprehensive review of the process in the Canadian Constituency part and parcel of this report? Just seems that the two are out of synch. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. I recognize AngajukKâk Shiwak.

MR. J. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think why there's so much concentration on the Canadian Constituency is the amount of cost and the return on the ballots we get from the Canadian Constituency. There has been many questions over the last few elections, and I'm sure they would come up again, is electronic voting, and I think that's something that needs to be explored but, you know, that would be a decision of the Assembly because I found this in the *Constitution* under Section 4.11.1. At the first sitting that the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* comes into effect, the Nunatsiavut Assembly must enact Inuit laws providing for free and fair elections of Ordinary Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and the law must provide for, and if you look at 4.11.1, and you look at (f) the method on voting whether in person, by mail or by electronic means. So it's in the *Constitution*, and it's just a matter of, you know, the Nunatsiavut Assembly wanting to go that way. I sat on an earlier committee to deal with an election before this and that was one of the recommendations

then, that they look at electronic voting, and I think there is cost, but there's also a high cost with doing it the way we're doing it now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Is there any other Member who would like to speak who hasn't had the opportunity to do so? I again recognize the Member for Canadian Constituency, Mr. Edward Blake Rudkowski.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we're all aware, we just came through elections in the Canadian Constituency where many issues and problems were identified, talked about, discussed. Some controversy arose as a result of people not receiving their ballots in a timely fashion. I don't ascribe any of those issues to anything within the NEO, but rather to the Canada Post. My point is this, is that given the fact that we have just come through an election, given the fact that we have recent data, recent experiences with the Canadian Constituency election, is it worth considering, including our recent experience into the scope of this report for further review maybe at the September sitting? Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. Is there any other Member who would like to speak to the motion? I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. PAMAK:

Not so much to speak to the motion itself, Mr. Speaker. If I could maybe if the motion could be re-read for my purposes. I am not quite clear exactly what the wording is in the motion considering there is much discussion on that motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. Again the motion on the table for the information of the Assembly Members is that we have AngajukKâk Shiwak moving, seconded by the AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers, that the report from the Special Committee on the 2016 Presidential Election be received and adopted. Is there anyone else who would like to speak to the motion? I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak, Member for Nain.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess for clarity, when you say tabled and adopted meaning that the recommendations will be accepted and adopted and moved forward, or that how should I for further question? I, sorry, Mr. Speaker, I just, knowing the discussion that was held here today so far, you know, I'm very uneasy in terms of moving forward with the recommendations as put forward when it involves the Nunatsiavut Government having to intervene with moving the roles and responsibilities you want to an NEO under *Elections Act*. So I guess my question, if we were to accept and pass this then these recommendations will be put forward? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member and, as Chair, I'll just speak, I guess, to the idea of receiving and adopting. Again this is just so that the Assembly can again, the report has been tabled, but at this point the Assembly is saying yes, we've received this report from the committee. They've done their work and that there's not a requirement that the Assembly undertake every single one of these recommendations. This is primarily a procedural motion and that the Assembly again, this is for the benefit of the committee and the conclusion of the committee and just to recognize

that the committee has done its task. If no other Member wishes to speak, does the mover of the motion, the Member, AngajukKâk Shiwak, wish to make final comments and close debate?

MR. J. SHIWAK: I wish to close debate.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. That will conclude debate. Are there any nays? There are none and the motion is carried. On behalf of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, I'd like to thank the Special Committee on the 2016 Presidential Election Report; AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk Jack Shiwak and Legal Counsel, Mark Gillett, for your work, and now that the Assembly has accepted the Special Committee Report, the work of the committee has concluded and then that committee is now dissolved. That concludes the reports for today, and we'll move onto item 12, "Tabling of Documents." I'd like to recognize the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, oKattik.* Mr. Speaker, as per Section 58 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, I am pleased to table the 2016-2017 Annual Report of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat. *Nakummek, oKattik.*

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable President. Are there any further documents to be tabled today? We'll proceed with item 13, "Notices of Motions," and we have no notices. Is it a point of Order, AngajukKâk? Or Notice of Motion? Are there any notices of motion today? If we have no notices of motion then we'll proceed to item 14, "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills." And we have no notices of motion for the first reading

of bills today. We'll go to item 15, "Motions." There are no motions to be considered today. Before we proceed any further, I'd like to break for lunch. After lunch we'll reconvene on item 16, "First Reading of Bills," and we will reconvene as the Assembly at quarter after 1:00.

(Recess)

MR. EDMUNDS:

Welcome back to the Assembly, Members. Prior to adjournment, we left on Item 15, "Motions," and we will now resume with item 16, the "First Reading of Bills." The Assembly did receive the Notice of Motion for the First Reading of Bill 2017-05 yesterday. So at this point I would like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, to proceed with the First Reading of Bill 2017-05.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members. I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that Bill 2017-06, a bill to authorize the *Nain Quarry Act 2017*, be now introduced and read for the first time.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Would you like to introduce the bill?

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. This bill, if enacted, would waive the require for an *Impacts Benefit Agreement* and authorizes the Minister to issue a lease to the Nain Inuit Community Government for the purpose of developing and operating a sand quarry on a .153-hectare lot of Labrador Inuit Lands Parcel, LIL-05(c) for a term of three years and an annual rental of \$1 per annum. The bill, if enacted, would also authorize the Minister to establish the terms and conditions of the lease, subject to conditions

set out in this Act. Mr. Speaker, the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* prohibits development in the Labrador Inuit Land until the Land Use Plan is in effect. However, a development may be authorized with written consent of the Minister to petition the Assembly for an Act of the Assembly authorizing the development. Our Department worked closely with the Nain Inuit Community Government regarding the requirements of the *Labrador Lands Act* for the new sand quarry application. The Nain Inuit Community Government applied for a new quarry lease adjacent to their existing sand quarry located in Labrador Inuit Lands for the development of a new subdivision and the completion of the Trouser Lake Water Supply Project. The Nain Inuit Community Government will also submit a work plan based on the Draft Quarry Standards outlining how they plan to develop and operate the quarry. NG's archaeologists will conduct an archaeological assessment prior to any development in the new quarry. To prevent accidents, warning signs will be posted at the site, and the boundary of the quarry would also be clearly identified. The Nain Inuit Community Government will develop a monitoring plan for operation of the quarry and will operate the quarry in an environmentally responsible manner. With the assistance from provincial officials, and my Department, a resource assessment will be conducted this month to identify new quarry deposits for future development. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. Would anyone like to speak to the principle of the bill? If no Member wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to conclude the debate?

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to conclude debate.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. That will conclude debate on the first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2017-06 on first reading? All those in favour, please say aye?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: All those opposed? The motion is carried and, accordingly, Bill 2017-06, a bill to authorize the *Nain Quarry Act 2017* has had its first reading. I'd once more like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In accordance with Standing Order 54(3), I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1) (d) to have the Assembly proceed to second reading of Bill 2017-06, a bill to authorize the *Nain Quarry Act 2017*.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Members, the Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to proceed with the second reading of Bill 2017-06, a bill to authorize the *Nain Quarry Act 2017*. Are there any nays? There are none, and Minister Shiwak you have unanimous consent so the bill can proceed to second reading at the appropriate time. We now move onto item 17, "The Second Reading of

Bills," and I'd like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that Bill 2017-06, a bill to authorize the *Nain Quarry Act 2017* be read for the second time.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. Again, Members, the procedure for our second reading debate will be our page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of Bill 2017-06. As the Members may be aware, you will have the opportunity for questions and commentary up to 10 minutes at a time, and we will do rounds or turns of speaking. I will call the page number and clause and ask for agreement. We'll now do the page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of Bill 2017-06. So I ask that you turn your attention to page 2. We will consider the first clause entitled, "Short Title." Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 1?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll turn to page 3 and consider clause 2. Any questions on clause 2? Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 2?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll now consider clause 3. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 3?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS:

We'll now consider clause 4, page 3. Again we are considering clause 4 in its entirety which continues onto page 4 as well. Any questions around clause 4? I recognize Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess my question would be once the quarry has been all exhausted of all material, what would be the necessary steps in order to ensure that that property is risk-free of well, safety concern is a big issue, you know. Certainly when you open up a quarry, you know, there's big holes, deep holes, and I guess my question is what measures will be put in place to ensure that, you know, once the quarry is exhausted of all its materials in this section, you know, will there be some, I guess, clearing of the property to ensure that safety is utmost a priority? Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. In response, I'll look to the mover of the bill, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before the Nain Inuit Community Government can begin work on a new quarry, they have to submit a work plan to the department that has to be approved, and included in the work plan are a number of things that would ensure safety, environmental protection. We would include an Environmental Protection Plan and an Erosion Sediment Control Plan, a Reclamation Plan, Enclosure Plan. So all those things should ensure the safety and environmental protection. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Any further questions/comments on clause 4? Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 4?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: We'll now consider clause 5, page 4. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 5?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, and that will conclude our page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of the bill. I will ask if the Honourable Minister wishes to conclude the debate?

MR. D. SHIWAK: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to conclude debate.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. That will conclude debate. All those in favour of Second Reading of Bill 2017-06, please say aye?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. EDMUNDS: All those opposed? The motion is carried and Bill 2017-06, a bill to authorize the *Nain Quarry Act 2017* has had its second reading. I'd like to thank the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak. We'll now move onto item 18, "Assent to Bills." And, Honourable President, the Assembly has given second reading to Bill 2017-06 a bill to authorize the *Nain Quarry Act 2017* and wish to present it for assent.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, oKattik.* As President of Nunatsiavut, I wish to give assent to Bill 2017-06, a bill to authorize the *Nain Quarry Act 2017* and hereby sign it into law. *Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.*

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek, Honourable President.* We will now move onto item 19, the "Oaths of Office," and I would like to recognize the Honourable Johannes Lampe, President of Nunatsiavut.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, oKattik.* We will now proceed in the Committee of the Whole for the selection of Ministers. First Minister, are you ready to nominate the Ministers? Would the First Minister wish to nominate the Ministers naming the persons and the portfolio for which they are nominated.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, I would. I wish to nominate Mr. Tyler Edmunds, the Ordinary Member for Postville and the Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, as the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. I also wish to nominate Mr. Jim Lyall, the Ordinary Member for Nain, as the Minister of Cultural, Recreation and Tourism.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Honourable Speaker, do you accept the nomination?*

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek, Honourable President.* I do accept the nomination.
Nakummek, First Minister.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Thank you. I will now ask the Assembly if there is consensus on the nomination that the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, the Speaker and

Ordinary Member for Postville, be named as the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek.* I will now ask Mr. Jim Lyall, Ordinary Member for Nain, if you accept the nomination?

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, I do accept the nomination.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will now ask the Assembly if there is consensus on the nomination that the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Jim Lyall, the Ordinary Member for Nain, be named as the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Thank you to the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly for your consensus and, since it is your will, I wish to appoint the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, the Speaker and Ordinary Member for Postville, as the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. I also wish to appoint Mr. Jim Lyall, the Ordinary Member for Nain, as the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Congratulations Minister Edmunds and Minister Lyall, and I invite you to come to the front so that I can administer your Oath of Office beginning with Minister Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek,* President. Just quickly, Members, as I do leave the Chair and, in the absence of the Deputy Speaker, we must have an Ordinary Member preside over the business until a new Speaker is appointed as per Standing Order 10(5). And I am asking the Assembly if they are in agreement if Mr. Roy Blake will take the Chair until the new Speaker is

appointed? Is there any nays? There are no nays so I'll ask if, Mr. Roy Blake, you accept to chair the rest of the proceedings until the new Speaker is able to do so. *Nakummek*.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Will you please repeat after me. I...

MR. EDMUNDS: I, Tyler Edmunds...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and solemnly affirm that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut and the Inuit of Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. EDMUNDS: ...solemnly affirm that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut and the Inuit of Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, all Inuit laws and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. EDMUNDS: I will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, all Inuit laws and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will hold my office as Minister with honour and dignity.

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will be a true and faithful counsellor to the President.

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will not divulge directly or indirectly any secret matter entrusted to me.

MR. EDMUNDS: I will not divulge directly or indirectly any secret matter entrusted to me.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader in accordance with all applicable standards and *Codes of Conduct*.

MR. EDMUNDS: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader in accordance with all applicable standards and *Code of Conduct*.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously and to the best of my ability.

MR. EDMUNDS: And I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously and to the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: So help me, God.

MR. EDMUNDS: So help me, God.

ASSEMBLY: [APPLAUSE].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Now you will repeat after me. I...

MR. LYALL: I, James Lyall...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear and solemnly affirm that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut and the Inuit of Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, all Inuit laws and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. LYALL: I will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, all Inuit laws and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will hold my office as Minister with honour and dignity.

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: So help me, God.

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ASSEMBLY: [APPLAUSE].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: We are still in the Committee of the Whole for the selection of the Speaker. I wish to nominate Edward Blake Rudkowski for the office of Speaker. Edward Blake Rudkowski, do you accept the nomination.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: President Lampe, I graciously accept.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Thank you. Would you like an opportunity to address the Assembly?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Yes, thank you, President Lampe. Thank you. I just want to thank my fellow Ordinary Members, Ministers, President Lampe, for your gracious welcome to me over this past sitting. I look forward to working with you all.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Do any Member of the Assembly have any questions? I will now ask the Assembly if there is consensus on the nomination that Edward Blake Rudkowski be appointed as the Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Thank you to the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly for your consensus and, since it is your will, I wish to appoint the Ordinary Member for Canada, Edward Blake Rudkowski, as the Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Congratulations, and I invite you to come to the front so that I can administer your Oath of Office. Just repeat after me. In the presence of the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: In the presence of the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And in full realization of the responsibilities that have been entrusted to me by the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly .

MR. RUDKOWSKI: And in full realization of the responsibilities that have been entrusted to me by the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly .

MR. RUDKOWSKI: And in full realization of the responsibilities that have been entrusted to me by the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly .

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Swear and solemnly affirm that I will obey, observe, uphold and maintain the rights and privileges of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and the Standing Orders and Procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Swear and solemnly affirm that I will obey, observe, uphold and maintain the rights and privileges of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and the Standing Orders and Procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: To represent and speak for the Nunatsiavut Assembly with integrity and honour. To preside over the business of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and enforce the Rules of Procedures of the Assembly with independence, fairness, impartiality, patience and understanding.

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MR. RUDKOWSKI: To promote the efficient operation of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and prevent the obstruction or frustration of the Assembly in the conduct of its business.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: So help me, God.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

So help me, God.

MR. BLAKE:

I wish to thank the Ministers and Members for their contributions, and I give special mention to the interpreters/translators, William Barbour and Gus Semigak, who've done a wonderful job, and I don't know how they do it, but they do keep up with us and to the pages, Danika Mitchell and Christopher Ford, and to Robert Ford from IT. As well, we'd like to recognize the OK staff, Christine Lampe and Sarah Abel, and the Assistant to the Clerk, Tabea Onalik. This Assembly is now adjourned. The next session is scheduled for the week of September 18th to the 22nd, 2017. On behalf of the Assembly, I wish our students every success in their exams and we wish everyone a safe and productive summer.