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**Iqaluit, Nunavut**  
**Tuesday, November 21, 2017**

**Members Present:**

Mr. David Akeegok, Mr. Tony Akoak, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Ms. Jeannie Ehaloak, Mr. Joe Enook, Mr. George Hickes, Mr. David Joanasie, Mr. Joeline Kaerner, Ms. Mila Kamingoak, Mr. Lorne Kusugak, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Mr. John Main, Mr. Simeon Mikkungwak, Ms. Margaret Nakashuk, Mr. Patterk Netser, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, Mr. Paul Quassa, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Mr. Joe Savikataaq, Ms. Elisapee Sheutiapik, Ms. Cathy Towtongie.

>>*House commenced at 13:32*

**Item 1: Opening Prayer**

**Clerk** (Mr. Quirke): Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Before we proceed, I will call on the Rev. Joshua Arreak to lead us in prayer.

>>*Prayer*

**Clerk:** Thank you. It is my duty to inform you that the Speaker of Nunavut will not enter the House until you have chosen the Speaker. Is there a motion for the Speaker? Mr. Rumbolt, Member for Hudson Bay.

**Item 2: Election of Speaker****Motion 001 – 5(1): Appointment of Speaker**

**Mr. Rumbolt:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Good afternoon members, members of the public, and people watching on TV.

Mr. Clerk, I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Kugluktuk, that Joe

Enook, Member for Tununiq, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Clerk:** The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried. Will the mover and the seconder please escort Mr. Joe Enook to the Chair.

**Speaker** (Mr. Enook)(interpretation): Sergeant-at-Arms, I call upon you to raise the mace.

**Sergeant-at-Arms** (interpretation): All rise.

**Speaker's Statement**

**Speaker** (interpretation): Please be seated. As Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, I am honoured to welcome our elders, distinguished guests, and visitors to the House for the first sitting of the Fifth Legislative Assembly.

I would like to express my deep appreciation to all members for the trust and confidence that you have placed in me by selecting me to serve as your Speaker.

As your Speaker, I am committed to upholding the rights and privileges of this institution and its members.

All members can be confident that I will fulfill the responsibilities of the Speakership in a manner that is consistent with the office's obligation to demonstrate fairness and impartiality.

Earlier today all Members of this House took their oaths of allegiance and office.

I look forward to working with all of my colleagues in the House and outside of the House during our term of office on behalf of our territory and residents.

I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank my constituents in Pond Inlet for their support during the recent election and in past terms.

Being entrusted to represent the constituency of Tununiq has been the greatest honour of my life, and I can assure all residents of Pond Inlet that I will be vigorously advocating for the constituency through the appropriate channels and in the appropriate manner.

While the public out there is listening, I wish to thank my wife for her undying support, and I know that she will always be my foundation while I am Speaker and MLA. Thank you.

>>Applause

Before moving on, I wish to advise the House that the Member for Uqqummiut will be joining us in the gallery today. The member will formally take his seat at our next sitting once his filing obligations under the *Nunavut Elections Act* have been completed. We look forward to having the member taking his seat.

Thank you all very much. We will now proceed with the orders of the day.

At this time I will ask our Clerk to determine if Her Honour the Commissioner of Nunavut is prepared to enter the Chamber to deliver the Opening Address. (interpretation ends) Mr. Clerk.

## **Opening Address of the Commissioner of Nunavut**

**Commissioner Nellie Kusugak** (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, elders, Premier, members, and Nunavummiut who are listening to the radio broadcast and watching the televised proceedings, it's unfortunate that the delegates that were supposed to be here haven't arrived, but I would also like to welcome them. Welcome to the First Session of the Fifth Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

I would first like to congratulate Mr. Enook on his selection as Speaker. As the Speaker, you will be presiding over the Government of Nunavut's mandate. You were elected by 22 Members of the Legislative Assembly. You will also be dealing with the estimates and to provide services to the people of Nunavut.

I would like to congratulate all the elected members. You have been trusted to be in your position and they have placed their confidence in you. They have placed their trust in you to represent them wisely and to properly represent your ridings.

I would also like to congratulate the Premier, Mr. Quassa, and the cabinet members. Since you are the Fifth Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, the people of Nunavut have placed their trust and future with you as the present government and to provide more opportunities to the people of Nunavut. We are working for a brighter future with a solid foundation.

We have to make sure that the deliberations are for the people of Nunavut by dialogue and agreement or

consensus. I would also like you to think about who you're representing during your dialogue. It has been the foundation of our ancestors and will be exercised during the Fifth Assembly.

We will also have to decide on the mandate of this government. I urge you to think of our future. During your deliberations, you will be holding office for four years representing the people of Nunavut.

At the next sitting, this government will be working on the capital estimates and the operations and maintenance budget to provide something that will benefit all. You will also be looking at new legislation and amendments to bills. While you are doing that, please make sure that you think of our future. As Members of the Legislative Assembly, you all have a responsibility to properly represent your constituents and for this government to provide the best for the people. Place them as a priority.

I also know that you will be doing all you can to the best of your ability, and that you will be there while Nunavut is growing to ensure that the territory of Nunavut can become stronger. I wish you all a very productive future. I now declare open the First Session of the Fifth Legislative Assembly of Nunavut. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): We will return to the orders of the day. Item 3. Ministers' Statements. As the cabinet has not yet been sworn into office, there will be no Ministers' Statements today.

Item 4. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Ms. Angnakak.

#### **Item 4: Members' Statements**

##### **Member's Statement 001 – 5(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Iqaluit-Niaqunngu**

**Ms. Angnakak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Congratulations! (interpretation) Welcome to the visitors in the gallery, the people watching the televised proceedings or listening to the radio broadcast, especially my relatives as well as my constituents who voted me in. I thank you all.

(interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to the people of Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, whom I am just so very proud to represent in this House.

Mr. Speaker, two months ago those of us who had the honour of serving in the previous Legislative Assembly took the opportunity at our final sitting to offer some reflections at the close of our terms. Those reflections reviewed the work that we have accomplished together and considered the many challenges that are before us still.

Mr. Speaker, over the past two months I have been able to spend a significant amount of time listening to the concerns, dreams, goals, and ideas of the residents of this community.

I very much welcomed the opportunity for dialogue during our recent general election, and I look forward to continuing to do my very best on behalf

of the constituency, the community, and this territory as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, elections are a team effort. I am delighted to have the opportunity today to thank my team for the incredible work that they put into our recent success. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay special tribute to a number of people.

My campaign manager, Jane Tagak, kept me organized and on track throughout the campaign. To my financial agent, John Matthews, thank you very much for all your help and support.

Kailey Arreak and my sister, Susan Gardener, spent many hours going door to door with me, fighting the elements and the dogs by the way in putting up signs, going door to door, and putting up my posters.

I would like to thank Opah and Ed Picco for their advice and support, as many other individuals on my team, including Elisapee Ikkidluak, Eva Groves, and Jim Tegler.

I would like to apologize in advance if I forgot anybody, but I don't think I did.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement today.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Ms. Angnakak, you may proceed.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, fellow members.

Mr. Speaker, elections are about choices. We are fortunate to live in a democratic country that affords us the opportunity to make choices about who we entrust with the responsibility to serve in our legislative institutions.

Mr. Speaker, a total of 72 people had the courage to put their names forward during the recent general election and I salute each and every one of them for offering a choice to our voters.

Mr. Speaker, last week's recent leadership forum may have been a long day, but it was a great day.

Having sat and worked closely with you for the past four years, it was my great pleasure to nominate you for the Speakership, an office that I am confident that you will hold with dignity, fairness, and wisdom.

I also want to say that all of our leadership candidates distinguished themselves by their clear and deep commitment to the people of Nunavut, and I am proud to call all of you my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, although I have to admit that the view from this side of the House may take a little getting used to, I also want to state clearly that I am looking forward to working with all members to address the issues and priorities that are emerging as the focus of our new term. We are a team.

I believe that we have a very strong Assembly, and I am of course very proud at the significant increase in the number of women who are serving in it today.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude today by paying public tribute to the family members who are the centre of my life: my husband, Archie; my children, Sharon, Matthew, and Michael; my grandchildren; my sisters, Ann and Susan; and of course my parents, who are not able to be with us here today, Margaret and Michael, whose own lifelong commitment to Nunavut and its extraordinary people have inspired me throughout my life. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Aggu, Mr. Quassa.

**Member's Statement 002 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Aggu**

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I extend a warm welcome to my colleagues, visitors in the gallery, and guests. It is unfortunate that invited guests were unable to make it here. Nonetheless, I know that the viewing audience and members here will remember them as we start undertaking daily work in the Chamber.

Firstly I want to extend my gratitude, as obviously, with the strong support of our families, we are able to succeed in the area we wish to work within. With strong support, it eases the workload.

Further, to my fellow residents of Igloolik, I thank them for placing their belief in my abilities to represent them as the Member for Aggu.

Now, these were the important parts I wanted to speak to, as I greatly appreciate the support. I also take pride in my colleagues, whom I will be here with in the upcoming four years. I feel it is obvious that I will be able to work with them well.

I will also ensure I keep my fellow residents informed as developments in many areas are on the horizon. This can only happen with the cooperation and collaborative efforts of every member here. I reiterate my gratitude to my family.

Although I stated I would be concise in my statement, it looks obvious that we will be working for the next four years and I look forward to receiving support and advice from fellow residents on various issues, including Nunavummiut and different levels of organizations within Nunavut. I feel it is very clear that I have great expectations in working with members as we sit for the next four years. Thank you very much. I am proud of my colleagues. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

**Member's Statement 003 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Hudson Bay**

**Mr. Rumbolt**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the people of Sanikiluaq for once again entrusting me with the responsibility of serving them in Nunavut's Fifth Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I would not be here today with you and all of my colleagues if it were not for the strong support, love, and patience that I have received from my family over the past decade.

Mr. Speaker, I have risen twice before in this House to express my appreciation to the community of Sanikiluaq for their confidence in me, and to promise that I would represent the constituency to the best of my ability.

Mr. Speaker, that same commitment stands as firm today as it did in the Third and Fourth Assemblies. In fact my resolve has become even stronger as I appreciate more every day how much work there is ahead of us.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue to voice the concerns of the community regarding such issues as the high cost of living, the need for new infrastructure and housing, and the need for effective programs and services.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue to raise the need to support our hunters, the need to protect the unique environment of Hudson Bay, and the need for economic development.

Mr. Speaker, some of the issues facing Sanikiluaq are unique to our location while others are very similar to those faced by my colleagues' constituents and communities. I look forward to continuing to work with members on both sides of the House on issues that affect all of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, those members who have served with me in this House over the past several years know that although I prefer cooperation to confrontation, I

won't hesitate to stand up against unfairness or prejudice.

I strongly believe that if we approach the issues that come before us in this House with a spirit of cooperation, fairness, and practicality, we will make real progress in the years ahead. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for South Baffin, Mr. Joanasie.

**Member's Statement 004 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent South Baffin**

**Mr. Joanasie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, my colleagues.

Before I begin, I would like you to be aware that yesterday was National Child Day and I would like that to be recognized. I'm thinking of my mother and my niece Maryann, my niece Mary, and my sisters and older brothers in Cape Dorset. You are in my thoughts.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my deep appreciation to the people of South Baffin for their engagement and participation in the recent election in Nunavut. The support that they have provided me has earned me a second term as their MLA for South Baffin.

I would like to thank all those who took the time to vote during the recent election as well as those who voted in the advance poll.

Thank you to my financial agent, Moshi Kotierk, who is my brother-in-law. I could not have done it without him. Thank you to each of the donors who contributed to my campaign.

Thank you to my running mate, Michael Salomonie, who delivered a solid campaign. I have appreciated the camaraderie that you demonstrated throughout our campaigns. I wish you all the best.

Mr. Speaker, I am blessed to have the unwavering support from my family, friends, and especially my wife and children. I am grateful to have each of them by my side throughout my life.

Mr. Speaker, to all of my colleagues, congratulations! Congratulations to our new Premier Quassa and you, Mr. Speaker. I look forward to serving the territory with all of you over the next four years.

I'm humbled to have received the support of my colleagues to serve in the Executive Council. I am excited to serve Nunavummiut with my fellow ministers in the Fifth Legislative Assembly.

In closing, my complete gratitude goes out to my family and friends who give me great pride. I love them all very dearly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Akeeagok.

**Member's Statement 005 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Quttiktuq**

**Mr. Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank you and also welcome everyone who is following our proceedings and all Nunavummiut.

I give thanks to the people of the Quttiktuq riding for the confidence they have given me to hold this very seat to represent them.

First I would like to praise my late parents, Akeeagok and Ooleese, for raising me, and all the elders with all the familiar names like Kigutak, Pijamini, Nungaq, Flaherty, Idlout, Akpaleapik, Innualuk, Qaqqasiq, Joseph, Naqitarvik, and those that are no longer here with us who provided me with my namesake, Tuurngaaluk. I thank them all from the bottom of my heart as I can picture them smiling at us.

During my election campaign I visited a number of my constituents' homes and they welcomed me by reminiscing about the times in my youth when I would be seen baiting birds and I was so drenched with seal oil that my clothes shone. Now I am standing here today with this shiny new clothing my mother-in-law made for me and they make me seem as shiny as I was back then, so I am extremely grateful to my mother-in-law who is unable to be here with us.

Within these upcoming four years, 21 members will have to work diligently on our challenges. We have a lot of upcoming opportunities as well as the extreme challenges we face. It is only through cooperative governance that we can accomplish our goals. As well I ask my colleagues to consider visiting the Quttiktuq, where you will receive a warm welcome.

Our elders will be able to welcome you, such as the 97-year-old elder, Qaapik from Arctic Bay or if you go to Resolute Bay, by a sage advisor I continually ask advice from, Mary Kalluk, and if you ever go to Grise Fiord, I have two mentors who taught me a lot, Aksarjuk Ningiuq and Jaypetee.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Akeeagok.

**Mr. Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, for allowing me to conclude my statement.

As a newly elected minister, I will not be asking a lot of questions in the House, but I do want to assure my constituents that this will not take away the commitment of representing them in this territory.

Due to the high cost of travel, it makes it difficult to see each other on a regular basis, but through technology and radio, communicating with each other makes it possible. I pledge to look into reducing transportation costs.

Our elders are the most precious treasures of this territory, and I often hear people are worried about where they are going to be placed when they are physically challenged.

Those are a couple of areas amongst a number of other priorities that I will be focusing on as the Member for Quttiktuq.

In closing, I would like to especially thank my wife along with my children and extended family and friends. We will ensure that we will make a difference in the next few years successfully and see this fine territory blossom. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member Rankin Inlet South, Mr. Kusugak.

**Member's Statement 006 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Rankin Inlet South**

**Mr. Kusugak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I congratulate you in your new position as Speaker.

First of all, I want to thank the people of Rankin Inlet who voted for me, from the youngest to the eldest. I thank them for electing me to work on their behalf. I heard many issues when I was campaigning and visiting their homes.

We need to provide support to Nunavummiut, from the youngest to the eldest. One thing that I heard the most was that elders have to remain at home in our territory. I am sure every one of us will agree that our elders need to be kept and cared for at home in our territory, and I will work on that.

>>Applause

Our young people will need employment opportunities in the future. We are the youngest territory in Canada, so we need to provide opportunities for young people. We campaigned and we worked

very hard, and let's work on behalf of our young people.

I thank the people of Rankin Inlet for giving me a huge task and work to do. The election wasn't the end; it's just the beginning of our work. I would like my constituents in Rankin Inlet to talk to me and not to be afraid to give me advice because I welcome all of your suggestions in order to ensure a better future for Rankin Inlet and for the territory as a whole.

At the end of our four years I know I will want to go home, but because I know four years is a very short time, even my two grandchildren will be in school by the time I complete this term, although they are both toddlers at the moment. I want to complete the job we were tasked to do, so we're going to have to start that today.

Lastly I wouldn't have been successful without the support of my financial agent, Naanasee Onalik. I thank you for your support. I also regret my wife was unable to arrive today. Usually Iqaluit weather allows for landings and isn't normally too windy.

>>*Laughter*

I also want to mention my three daughters, including my grandchildren, who were a bastion of support, so I voice my appreciation to them.

Rankin Inlet now has many housing units and I enjoyed visiting houses with my group. I thank all Rankin Inlet residents and my new colleagues here. We need to work together even if we don't always agree on issues. We have to keep our forward momentum going and

that is what I anticipate seeing in the upcoming years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Qirngnuq.

**Member's Statement 007 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Netsilik**

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I first want to express my appreciation to my constituents in Kugaaruk and Taloyoak. I would like to say that today is my birthday and this has been the greatest birthday gift...

>>*Applause*

...with the swearing-in ceremony and I thank you.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation to the residents of Kugaaruk and Taloyoak for once again placing their trust and confidence in me to represent the constituency of Netsilik in the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I would first like to thank and acknowledge my fellow candidate in the recent election.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to continuing to work with all Members of the Legislative Assembly in such areas as infrastructure, training, and the preservation of our culture and language. There is much work ahead of us, but I believe that together we can work for the betterment of all Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, I also look forward to continuing to work closely with the municipalities of Kugaaruk and Taloyoak to raise issues of concern to the communities.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude today by expressing my gratitude to my wife, Katherine, to whom I have been married for almost 50 years, as well as the other members of my family for their ongoing support of me. I love you all. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq, and happy birthday. I would sing, but I'm afraid that everybody would leave. I won't sing to you, but have a good birthday.

>> *Laughter*

Members' Statements. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Mikkungwak.

**Member's Statement 008 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Baker Lake**

**Mr. Mikkungwak** (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I would first like to wish a happy birthday to my colleague, Mr. Qirngnuq. Have a good day.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the residents of Baker Lake for again allowing me the great privilege of representing them in our Legislative Assembly.

There are a number of people whom I wish to publicly acknowledge and thank today.

Mr. Speaker, my family is my foundation, and I thank my wife and children for their strong support.

My campaign team of Richard Aksawnee and Robert Seeteenak again proved to be a dynamic force. Robert and Richard were both with me in 2013, and I pay tribute to their organizational skills and strategic minds.

Mr. Speaker, close to 700 residents of Baker Lake cast ballots in the recent election. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, voter turnout was almost 70 percent, and I applaud our community's residents for their engagement in the democratic process.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my member's statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. (interpretation ends) Member Mikkungwak, (interpretation) you may proceed.

**Mr. Mikkungwak** (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the strong race that my fellow candidate, Karen Kabloona, ran in the election.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, last Friday's leadership forum provided an excellent opportunity for a number of important issues facing our territory to be discussed.

Please allow me to congratulate you on your acclamation as our Speaker. As your incoming deputy, I look forward to supporting you in your role as the protector of our institution's rights and privileges.

Mr. Speaker, I also again congratulate our new Premier and his cabinet.

A great deal of important and hard work lies ahead of us all, and I look forward to making this journey together. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Akoak.

**Member's Statement 009 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Gjoa Haven**

**Mr. Akoak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, colleagues.

First of all, I would like to say "happy birthday" to my colleague. Happy 67th birthday.

>> *Laughter*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to express my gratitude to the people of Gjoa Haven for placing their trust in me. I will work hard to represent my community during my second term as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my wife sitting behind me...

>> *Laughter*

...Annie, and our two children for supporting me during my first term and during my recent campaign. I do not look forward to the many days that I will have to be away from home, but I know that they will continue to support me and the work that I do for our community.

I would like to say "thank you" to each of the people whose hard work led to the success of my campaign. I am especially grateful to my financial agent, Helen Tungilik, who is also sitting behind me. Her dedication and hard work was vital to my success in both elections.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate you on your position. As well I congratulate our new Premier and ministers.

While much work was accomplished during the previous Legislative Assembly, there is still much more to do. The issues of housing and education must be addressed before our territory can move forward.

Mr. Speaker, as I stated in this House four years ago, I will maintain open lines of communication with the residents of Gjoa Haven, and I look forward to representing their needs to the best of my ability. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Pangnirtung, Ms. Nakashuk.

**Member's Statement 010 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Pangnirtung**

**Ms. Nakashuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I rise today to thank the people of Pangnirtung for placing their confidence in me to represent them in the Legislative Assembly.

(interpretation) I wish to first acknowledge the service of our former MLA, Johnny Mike, and I thank the people I ran against in Pangnirtung.

Mr. Speaker, the support and love of my family made it possible for me to be here today.

I want to thank my husband, Andrew, and our children, Natasha and A.J. for their support.

I also wish to thank my father, who is able to be here, and he is an elder.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I believe that all Nunavummiut have high expectations of those of us who have been elected to serve in this House. We have serious priorities in a number of areas, and we must approach our responsibilities in a serious manner.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working closely with all of my colleagues in the months and years ahead. (interpretation) Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Kugluktuk, Ms. Kamingoak.

**Member's Statement 011 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Kugluktuk**

**Ms. Kamingoak:** *Koana*, Mr. Speaker. I congratulate you on your acclamation to the position of Speaker. I was also acclaimed to my position to represent the constituency of Kugluktuk. I would also like to extend my gratitude to those who shared kind words of support and encouragement to me throughout this election.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to my constituents. I am very grateful for the trust that they have placed in me and I will do my best to represent their needs in this House during my term.

I thank my new colleagues for their guidance this past week and I look forward to working with each of them during this Legislative Assembly.

I would especially like to thank my family, my husband, and my children, Tyler, Tyra, Skye, Savannah, and Susan. Without their support, I could not be standing here today.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank my parents, Millie Hikok and Albert Kamingoak, as well as my grandparents, Peter and Cecile Kamingoak and Jimmy and Nellie Hikok. They have always been there for me.

Mr. Speaker, there are a number of issues that I plan to raise during my term as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Kugluktuk, such as the need for adequate elder care in Nunavut and the need for more infrastructure development in Kugluktuk. While there

is a lot of work ahead of us, I am excited to get started. *Koana*, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Cambridge Bay, Ms. Ehaloak.

**Member's Statement 012 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Cambridge Bay**

**Ms. Ehaloak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My apologies as I will be speaking in English.

(interpretation ends) First of all, I would like to thank my late parents, Matthew Ehaloak and Alice Kaiyogana. I would also like to thank my father, Tommy Norberg. I want to thank my partner, Brent, my children, Kenneth, Greg, and Calvin, and my huge family for their love and support. (interpretation) I am proud of you all.

Mr. Speaker, (interpretation ends) I want to make special mention of those who have been by my side and had my support, my sister-in-law, Sharon Ehaloak, my cousin, Helen Okhina-Blewett, my dear friends, Clara Evalik and Naikak and Donna Hakongak.

Of course I would not be here today without the support of my constituents of Cambridge Bay (Iqaluktuuttiaq). I honour and thank them for having the confidence in me to be their MLA. As I had promised in my campaign, I am ready to work hard for our territory.

*Uqaqtii*, congratulations to Premier Quassa and to you as our Speaker, and all my colleagues. I look forward to

working with all of you in the next four years to strive for the betterment of our territory. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Netser.

**Member's Statement 013 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Aivilik**

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It gets a little shaky here sometimes and that's how I am right now.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the residents of Coral Harbour and Naujaat for having placed their trust in me to represent the constituency of Aivilik. I thank you.

I could not have done this without the support of my dear wife of 38 years, Ms. Netser, and my entire family, who encouraged me to run. Thank you.

I would like to thank my maternal cousins, Mark Paniyuk and Paul Pudlat. They went and checked on me, as well as Charlie Saviadjuk. This includes Raymond Ningeocheak, whom you all know as he has been in politics for many years running in various elections. He gave me encouragement and advice. Thank you, Ningeocheak, if you are watching, and my goddaughter, Senark Adams.

(interpretation ends) I also want to thank my campaign manager and my financial agent, Mina Adams and Doris Bruce, for having steered my campaign across the

goal line. Mr. Speaker, I could not have asked for two better coaches. I think the Montreal Canadiens would be wise to take them on for next season.

>>*Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, my fellow candidate in the race, Jack Anawak, is no stranger to anyone in this House. Please join me in paying tribute to his many years of service on behalf of Nunavut and Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, many of the issues that we discussed last Friday as part of our leadership forum were issues that were raised directly with me by residents of Nauyasat and Coral Harbour.

As their member, I look forward to working with members on both sides of the House to achieve what I believe should be common priorities for all of us, which are:

- Increasing the supply of adequate housing;
- Providing a quality education that truly equips our young people to graduate from high school at the same level as young people anywhere else in this country;
- Replacing aging community infrastructure; and...

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.  
(interpretation) Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement today.

Are there any nays? There are no nays. Member Netser, you may proceed.

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

- (interpretation ends) Replacing aging community infrastructure; and
- Supporting economic growth and business development in all of our Nunavut communities.

Mr. Speaker, I want to conclude by joining with my colleagues who have congratulated you and our new cabinet on their new positions. Working together, we can achieve great things for the people whom we have the privilege of representing in this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Ms. Towtongie.

**Member's Statement 014 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Rankin Inlet North-  
Chesterfield Inlet**

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the people of Chesterfield Inlet and Rankin Inlet North for putting their confidence in me to represent them.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank and acknowledge a number of people today.

I know from long personal experience that running for office is never easy, and

I have experienced both victory and defeat.

I believe that everyone in Nunavut was able to make decisions for their future, and we can do the same thing as our fellow Canadians. We all want the best lives for our youth, just like they have in other parts of Canada.

I want to acknowledge the efforts of the other candidates in the recent race. They also brought out things that they believed in. Douglas Aggark, Cedric Autut, and Tom Sammurtok all showed courage in putting their names forward, so I thank them.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank Thomas Sammurtok for representing Chesterfield Inlet. He did a very good job.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to formally and publicly thank all of my supporters during my campaign. My campaign manager was Mary Ulibuk Tatty and my financial agent was Walter Morey, who both worked tirelessly along with Tagak Curley.

You all know my husband, Harry Towtongie. For the last 30 years while I was working with the government, he always totally supported me and my children, who have reached adulthood, when I have hardly ever been home, Qavangat Neco Towtongie, Uvinik Joni Towtongie, and my youngest one, Jarvis Tassiuk, and my daughter-in-law, Juanita Towtongie in Winnipeg, who works for APTN television, and my son-in-law, Nanauq. I thank them all.

Nonetheless, in voicing my appreciation, I want to specifically mention all of the people of Rankin Inlet and Chesterfield Inlet and elders in Chesterfield Inlet.

Eli Kimmaliardjuk told me that he believes he is an elder as he is 81 years old, but he had not planned to be sent down to Ottawa. He is fearful of being sent down.

Andre Tautu's mind is very sharp and capable, but his body is starting to fail him. I think we need to brainstorm ways to provide work for these sharp minds whose bodies are failing them.

Leo Mimialik... .

I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Member Towtongie, you may proceed.

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Leo Mimialik was returning to the airport when I arrived. His pacemaker had just had a new battery installed. Since there is no boarding home in Rankin Inlet, he spent all night in the air terminal building. I clearly remember that.

As well, young people such as Larry Tautu, who were showcasing Inuit games and skills in Chesterfield Inlet, have provided the leadership to allow games. Romeo Kuglugiak and Kyra Tanuyak's young son has provided this leadership.

I would like to thank residents, as I know you are aware that a Bombardier

vehicle sank in the sea, and all of my brothers-in-law with the Kaludjak surname passed on. I recall that my nephew, Macpah Kaludjak, has helped me ever since that time, so I commemorate him. Macpah, you are in my thoughts today if you are listening.

To conclude, I thank our elders in Ranking Inlet for their assistance: Alice Kingmeatok, Tommy Tullik, and Violet Twyee. As well, I need to mention my brothers and my maternal uncle, Robert Tatty's descendants, including my namesake uncle's relatives who are descended from Jerome Tattuinee, if they happen to be listening. I also wish to mention Pilakapsi's family, who was another maternal uncle. To all of their descendants, I send them my personal thanks and appreciation.

Lastly I humble myself as we will need to work with you on these issues that are very challenging, and may God provide assistance to us all.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Ms. Sheutiapik.

**Member's Statement 015 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Iqaluit-Sinaa**

**Ms. Sheutiapik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the members here, the viewing audience on television, and especially people from Iqaluit-Sinaa, I am able to be here because of your confidence in me.

To my colleagues, I wish you a warm welcome and I want you to feel at home

here in the city. Iqaluit is the only city in Nunavut. Since we are in Nunavut, all of us from the different regions meet here to unite and work together.

I was one of four people visiting people's homes during the campaign: Adamie Itorcheak, with whom I went to high school, Cindy Rennie, who has worked with the government for a number of years, as well as Paul Okalik, who was the incumbent and was first elected.

He called me after the election and I was able to tell him, (interpretation ends) "Paul," I said, "one thing that none of us here today can say," that he had, he was our first Premier. I have to acknowledge our first like Jordin Tootoo making it as the first Inuk in the NHL. I said, "Hats off to you. Nobody can ever take away the fact that you were the first Premier."

I had three foundations, three pillars when I was running and I know that we have heard a lot of it: housing, every person has the right for a safe home, an affordable home; proper accommodations for our elders; employment. We need daycares to ensure that women and families are assisted. We need not just education but training as well. To do any of that, we also have to be healthy.

As I went door to door, I talked about our mental health. I know that I have heard over the last two weeks in training and I had talked about the four I knew: depression, post-traumatic, schizophrenia, and bipolar. Even while going door to door, I learned that there's also anxiety.

People are starting to actually acknowledge that there are mental health issues in our territory, but as we eliminate the stigma, I want to make sure that we have the support for these people who are finally accepting it. To have a home, you need to be employed, but to do any of that, you need to be healthy.

(interpretation) I apologize. I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Ms. Sheutiapik, you may proceed.

**Ms. Sheutiapik** (interpretation): Thank you.

I am also remembering my parents. They were originally from Kimmirut but moved here to Iqaluit when the community was just getting established. Sheutiapik was E-71 and my mother was Ningiuraapik, E-72.

I would also like to thank my partner in every way. (interpretation ends) When we went to the bank for a financial agent, the banker said, "You know you're going to have to do deposits and cheques." I looked at the banker and said, "He does that for me every day." He is my everything.

I am honoured that my son was here and most of you know him as my *uummatik*. I take my parenting very seriously.

I look forward to the next four years as colleagues, as family.

To everyone on TV, including Tom from Wisconsin, thank you for calling. People out there are watching. (interpretation) Thank you.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernek.

**Member's Statement 016 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Amittuq**

**Mr. Kaernek** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to say that I am a little shy.

>> *Laughter*

Even if I get red and hot, please focus on what I'm saying instead.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, first of all, I would like to congratulate you, the Premier, and all the colleagues for their successful campaigns.

I rise today to thank the voters of Amittuq for electing me to represent them. I am honoured and humbled to be here.

I would especially like to thank my family for their support; my late parents, my spouse, Samantha, and especially Jopie, and last but not least, the previous Speaker of the House.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize and thank those who have gone before me in this elected position. It is my wish to continue to work hard to bring forward the concerns and issues of my constituency.

During the recent campaign I heard from many residents of both communities about the need to address the issues of health care, education, and housing.

Mr. Speaker, elders are the foundation of our society and the youth are the future. We must keep them in mind when we are working here on their behalf.

Mr. Speaker, there are many issues that I will be addressing during my term.

There is a great need for improved infrastructure in many Nunavut communities.

I also believe that it is important that more opportunities for economic growth and development are made available to Nunavut's smaller, non-decentralized communities.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with all of my colleagues on both sides of the House over the coming months and years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

**Member's Statement 017 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Iqaluit-Manirajak**

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to thank the residents of Iqaluit-Manirajak who have placed their trust and confidence in me to represent them in this Legislative Assembly.

I would also like to express my deep gratitude and thankfulness toward my partner in life, my beautiful wife, Hilary, who has just stepped out to take care of our son, Aiden.

>>Laughter

She has always been there for me and encouraged me throughout the whole campaign, and I couldn't have done it without you.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to take this opportunity to say that my door will always be open to any of the residents of Iqaluit. I am very much looking forward to working closely with my fellow MLAs of Iqaluit as well as the rest of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to take this opportunity to formally join my colleagues in congratulating you for having been elected to serve as our Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it was an honour to participate in last Friday's leadership forum. I would like to congratulate our new Premier and all of his cabinet colleagues for their selection.

I look forward to working with all of you over the next four years, and I am sure we will all accomplish great things for our territory and all of our constituents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Arviat South, Mr. Savikataaq.

**Member's Statement 018 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Arviat South**

**Mr. Savikataaq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say “good day” to the people of Arviat. I believe they are watching the proceedings. There is a blizzard there. They are watching the radio broadcast... I mean they are watching the televised proceedings and listening to the radio broadcast.

>> *Laughter*

I inadvertently mixed that up.

I would first of all like to thank the people who elected me and I am humbled that I was elected to this position for the next four years. I would like to state my gratitude to the people of Arviat for re-electing me. I am also very happy that they have placed their trust in me.

I would like to thank Tommy Owljoot and his wife, who gave me tremendous support, and my financial agent, John Tugak. I also thank Eliz Issakiark for helping me during the campaign.

I will not be stating all of my family members' names, but I would like to thank them for their support. I would not be here without their support.

I would like the people of Arviat to be proud because they had an 82 percent voter turnout, which was the largest voter turnout in Nunavut.

(interpretation ends) I would just like to thank all the good people of Arviat that they had the highest turnout and for the support they have given me. Without

their support, I would not be here. All the people of Arviat, I thank you and I humble myself and I'm very grateful that I will be here for another four years. Thank you.

I would like to also thank the MLAs that had their trust in me to vote me back into cabinet. I won't disappoint you. I will be there. I will work hard.

For all the people of Nunavut watching, it was a great election and we are lucky to have a peaceful transition of government in Nunavut, not like other countries where it is not so peaceful. All the people of Nunavut, I thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

**Member's Statement 019 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Iqaluit-Tasiluk**

**Mr. Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to take a page out of Mr. Joanasie's handbook, and I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Laughter*

**Speaker** (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Hickes, you may proceed.

**Mr. Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, and Mr. Joanasie for giving me the idea.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to recognize our Premier-elect, Paul Quassa. Congratulations on well-thought-out answers in the leadership forum.

I would also like to congratulate our Speaker. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank him for keeping my office warm for the last couple of years. As I and a few of my visitors can attest, it is very warm. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly and humbly rise here today four years after my last opportunity to do this to start my second term of office. I want to thank the residents of Iqaluit-Tasiluk first for their overwhelming support and stating so strongly through their votes that my efforts over the last term were recognized and validated.

Secondly I want to thank my campaign team for their untiring energy and belief in me to lead us to such a solid result.

Last but certainly not least, I want to take this opportunity to thank my family. I can't even put together the words to describe the sacrifices that were made by my wife, Signi, and my daughters Lily and Sara during my last term.

As our new Executive Council will learn, their lives are no longer their own. "Minister" is not a title. It's an all-encompassing commitment to put Nunavut first.

I missed family events, birthdays, and numerous milestones this past two years, but they always supported my efforts and understood that I had another duty in addition to being a husband and father.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I love you guys more than I can describe.

I would be remiss not to mention the support provided by my office staff here at the Legislative Assembly and my constituency office. Elisapee, Hillary, and Suzie, thank you.

To the corporate and departmental staff that I have encountered in my different roles, the energy and positive enthusiasm you have all fed me will easily keep my motivation high this next four years.

Four years ago I spoke to this House on the importance of investing in our capital city to continue its growth in a sustainable manner. I am very optimistic for the residents of Iqaluit for this new government, as the majority of cabinet members has either been residents to this city or now resides here while fulfilling their ministerial duties. I am confident that our capital will get the focus it deserves and it will continue to focus on opportunities that contribute to economic growth here in Iqaluit and across our territory as a whole.

I have previously spoken of the importance of our location for marine infrastructure here in Iqaluit, which we approved in the last Assembly, for which ground will be breaking soon. Although we made some incremental progress through our net metering policy and using LED lighting in our city and rolling out to other communities, utilizing residual heat programs, we need to do much more in reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and utilizing larger scale green energy production initiatives. With an impending carbon tax, we can wait no longer.

As a returning regular member, I will continue my dedication to making sure my constituents are represented and their issues are heard. There were a lot of promises made in this House on Friday, and I will be following the progress very closely. Trying or working on it is not going to be enough. Our residents deserve results from the commitments made. As everyone is well aware, I like my hockey analogies and I'm going to use one now: it's not the shot attempts that matter; it's the goals scored.

People know from my proven record that I'm not shy about making sure our government is accountable to our population to uphold its responsibilities and to maintain their own strong work ethic and accountability of these through, in my opinion, an incredibly strong Regular Members' Caucus. I am very confident the experience I gained over the past four years is going to serve me and my fellow members well.

In the dialogue I've had with regard to my Regular Members' Caucus colleagues, the united resolve I have seen gives me an incredible amount of optimism and I feel very lucky to be a part of it. To those colleagues I say, "Let's get to work." To my colleagues on the Executive Council I say, "Get ready." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

**Member's Statement 020 – 5(1):  
Reflections on Being Elected to  
Represent Arviat North-Whale  
Cove**

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now that I have a seat here in this legislature, it is quite joyous to experience. I am extremely grateful today and wish to express my appreciation for being here to represent my constituency. To the people in Arviat and Whale Cove, I thank you immensely. I will not forget you.

As my colleague mentioned earlier, a blizzard is blowing right now.

I cannot forget to mention these people as my appreciation extends to them. First of all, my wife, Amanda, has continued to push and supported me during my campaign. I appreciate the tireless volunteer teams in Arviat and Whale Cove. You showed your confidence in me and I thank you very much. You know who you are even if I did not mention your names.

I have to mention Howmik Nibgoarsi, who creates art using mountain antlers. These kind of antlers are still prized even here in Iqaluit and elsewhere. Please know that Howmik makes art from these antlers in the most unique way. Of course I thank the people, artists, and businesses that contributed.

Last but not least, the voters, I am proud of you. Even if you didn't vote for me, I thank you.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I learned so much on my way to this seat in the legislature. I learned from the elders who I sat down and visited with. I learned from the teens, the cool kids who taught me their dance moves or they tried anyways.

>> *Laughter*

I learned about the challenges that people in my constituency are facing in their everyday lives. There are numerous challenges and I'm pretty sure that all of the MLAs in the House today saw those challenges when they were going door to door during their campaign.

Mr. Speaker, I would like seek consent to conclude my statement. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement today. Are there any nays? There are none. (interpretation ends) Member Main, (interpretation) please proceed.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speakers. Thank you, my colleagues.

(interpretation ends) I was talking about the challenges that our constituents are facing. I will give you a few examples: a broken window in your kid's bedroom; maybe you have a sick relative, a constituent has a sick relative who has to travel out of the territory for treatment; or maybe it's a hard-working gold miner who has to leave their families for two weeks at a time all year, two weeks at a time leaving your kids. Those are just examples of some of the challenges that our people are facing across Nunavut.

(interpretation) However, even though there are many challenges, looking at Nunavummiut, I think that they are stronger and capable with all the barriers and challenges. They work the shifts through. Nunavummiut are so capable. They work the shifts through the mine. They get through the medical treatments down south, even though it is long and

hard. They will fix that broken window themselves.

We have all seen the skill, hard work, and willingness to help. As a Member of the Legislative Assembly, our people show their capabilities in the face of challenges. I feel it in my heart to provide support to them and I'm also aware that you will feel that within your hearts.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I'm going to conclude, I have no doubt.

>> *Laughter*

Here is our challenge for the next four years as MLAs as I see it, my opinion: as Nunavummiut put here in this House, by the people of our territory, we have to find a way to make things better. We have to find a way to help those people out there with the challenges in health care, in education, in getting jobs, and in getting houses.

As MLAs, we have to work honestly and transparently together. I'm not so naïve to say that we are always going to agree with each other. We won't. We will argue. We will have our issues, but that's okay. There are people outside of this House who will say that we can't do it as a group, that we don't have what it takes, but I sincerely believe that yes, we do.

>> *Applause*

In conclusion I would like to say that I believe that it's only by drawing on the wisdom, skills, and real-life examples of hard-working, good people here in our beautiful territory, it's only by connecting to the people of Nunavut that

we together are going to make Nunavut stronger in the next four years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery**

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Going back to the orders of the day. We will proceed. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.

I'm sorry. Thank you. Before I acknowledge other members, let me recognize visitors in the gallery from my community. Honoured guests, I am very pleased to recognize first my wife, Mary. Welcome to the gallery. As well, my people from Pond Inlet, Harvey Nutarak, welcome. Joshua Arreak, welcome. Simon Merkosak, welcome. As well, Jayko Allooloo, welcome. I would like to welcome them to the House.

>> *Applause*

Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Ranking Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Ms. Towtongie.

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to acknowledge my uncle's daughter and grandchild, Carey Simon Nakuluk Tattuinee and my closest friend since I was young, Lizzie Gordon, and Rosemary Sandy's daughter, who I saw earlier, Mary-Lee Aliyak. Thank you for coming and also Rosie Oolooyuk and David Oolooyuk, John Taipana, welcome. I'm sure that they are listening to the proceedings. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Pangnirtung, Ms. Nakashuk.

**Ms. Nakashuk** (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to welcome my sister, Annie Karpik, my younger sister, and also my cousin who just walked in, Nathalia Okalik. Welcome to the gallery. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Kugluktuk, Ms. Kamingoak.

**Ms. Kamingoak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my loving spouse, Russel Akeeagok, my daughters, Susan, Tyra, Skye, and Savannah. I would also like to recognize my brother-in-law, P.J. Akeeagok and his wife, Parniga Akeeagok, and their beautiful children, Jazmine, Ryan, and Jacob. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. I have many names on my list, so please be patient. Member for South Baffin, Mr. Joanasie.

**Mr. Joanasie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon wishes to all visitors, as well as residents of Cape Dorset and Kimmirut. I wish to acknowledge my wife first of all. She holds my heart strings. Our children in attendance here are Sayri Kotierk, our daughter Cynthia Joanasie, our youngest son, Qulittalik Joanasie, and our youngest daughter, Pittaaluk. As well,

my sister-in-law, Aluki Kotierk, who is here, please acknowledge her.

As well, my wife's and my sister-in-law's younger sibling, Jessica Kotierk, welcome. Aluki's children are here, Siku Rojas, and Igimagasugjugjuaq Rojas. I also want to acknowledge a resident of Kimmirut who is the resident elder and in whom I take great pride in, Mr. Sandy Kusugak... . Oops. I apologize, Sandy Akavak.

>>Laughter

Welcome to the gallery. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Qirngnuq.

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to acknowledge my wife, Katherine, as we are celebrating 32 years of marriage shortly in the future. I take this opportunity to extend my gratitude as she is my partner during my time as the MLA in the upcoming four years.

I also wish to acknowledge my youngest daughter, as we have three daughters. We had to follow her wishes, as sometimes fathers have to agree to their requests. This fall, when she wanted to go polar bear hunting, I accompanied her when she harvested her first polar bear. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Akeegok.

**Mr. Akeegok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to acknowledge my wife, Carol, and my children are quite numerous, so please bear with me.

>>Laughter

Gamaliel, Amy, Pelina, Christine, Minnie, Naqitarvik, Hope, and my grandchildren, Aola, Rachel, and Darla. They are here with us today. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome one and all to your House. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Akoak.

**Mr. Akoak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize first my wife, Annie Akoak. We have been married for 40 years.

>>Applause

I would also like to recognize my sister, Helen Tungilik, who has been my finance manager for the last two elections. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Mikkungwak.

**Mr. Mikkungwak** (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Although the people I will recognize aren't from Baker Lake, they have helped to enhance the community. Please rise when I mention your name.

When I was first elected for the Fourth Assembly, the first item I had to deal with was with youth, who had no hunting equipment but who was helping me when he was working with the government. Even though the work has changed today, I wanted to acknowledge Aluki Kotierk. The youth that she helped is working and has a job. That individual will be purchasing a vehicle, which we're very proud.

I would also like to recognize many people of Baker Lake. This individual has helped many people of Baker Lake and the person fed and they even helped Russel Akeeagok. Thank you for helping to the community to buy bullets.

I would also like to welcome those two individuals I just mentioned. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

**Mr. Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I haven't been able to recognize this person publicly too often, but when I talked earlier about the staff that we work with here in the legislature, the last two years I had an executive assistant that I wouldn't have come close to being as good of a minister as I was without her assistance, and today is her last day of work with me. Not with anyone else I'm sure.

The friendship that has evolved over the past two years of working together and the reliance on the advice, the direction, the analysis of different scenarios on

how they could play right or could play wrong, and the ramifications of some of the very complex decisions that all of our Executive Council are going to be dealing with over the next four years. I could not have done it without her and I would like this House to give warm welcome to Hillary Casey. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Welcome. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Although this person was already recognized, I would like to acknowledge Sandy Akavak. When I went boating from Coral Harbour to Iqaluit, as I was leaving Cape Dorset, when I called him because I did not know the route that was supposed to take, he gave me the directions of which way to go and how to navigate.

Because of his advice, I made it to Kimmirut. He waiting for me close to the community and he became a good friend of mine. I would also like to welcome him to the gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Welcome. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Cambridge Bay, Ms. Ehaloak.

**Ms. Ehaloak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I would like to recognize my partner of almost 20 years, who was my financial agent. During my campaign I would start at 11:00 in the morning, go home at

supper, and finish at night. He was my cook, he was my financial agent, and he was my biggest supporter, my spouse, Brent.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Welcome. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Of course I would like to recognize this person. He's my husband and I know him. I would like to welcome my husband, Archie Angnakak, and my daughter, Sharon Angnakak, and my son Matthew Angnakak. They live in Ottawa but they came here to celebrate this, and I'm very pleased that they are able to be here and visit. I would like to thank them.

I would like to recognize my granddaughter, Maria Rose, who is in my heart because our grandchildren are very important to us. I would also like to recognize a person who has been very supportive to me, Mary-Lee Aliyak. Though she was recognized, I would to say "thank you" to her and Lizzie Gordon, who is here and she is from my constituency. Aluki Kotierk is also my constituent. Welcome.

Also I have a nephew who was recognized, Russel Akeegok, and P.J. Akeegok, and their wives. I would like to congratulate Mila for her being acclaimed. When I first came here, when this individual heard Mila on the radio, they thought she was cute. Welcome also my friend, Pitseolak Kilabuk and her father, Sandy. Welcome. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Aggu, Mr. Quassa.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Welcome, Mr. Speaker, and we are proud of you. I would like to recognize someone who is watching by television because she could not get here because of the weather. My wife of almost 40 years, Elisapee Quassa, is watching me on TV right now because the roads are closed. I would like to recognize her first.

I would like to recognize all the people of Nunavut and people from my community. They are watching the proceedings on TV.

I would also like to recognize someone who has been working in Nunavut for a very long time, Aluki Kotierk. She was recognized earlier, but I'm proud of her too.

One of our elders, Sandy Akavak, I have known him for many years. He was recognized earlier, but I would like to recognize him too. I am very proud of him and he has done his work for many years.

I recognize everyone who is here. We are proud you are here and you will be supporting us while we are sitting here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.

Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to... Well, I was actually hoping to take this opportunity to recognize my wife once again, but I believe she must have stepped out in the hopes that I wouldn't.

>>*Laughter*

I would like to thank her again. She is amazing, she is beautiful, and she is everything to me. One of these days I will get her when she is in the room.

>>*Laughter*

Of course family is important. I would like to also recognize my uncle, Joshua. I thought my cousin Kailey was in here. She just stepped out as well.

Of course lastly, I know she has already been recognized, but of course, Hillary Casey, the other Hillary. As you all know, she was an executive assistant and a great one. If any of you are looking for a character reference, I would like to give one. Thanks. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. I have no more names on my list. To everybody that was recognized, please feel welcome and anyone who was not mentioned, please feel welcome to your House.

I would like to acknowledge all the children here. I welcome them to our Legislative Assembly.

Going back to the orders of the day. Oral Questions. As you are all aware, the ministers have not yet been sworn into office. Regretfully there will be no oral question period today, you will have to wait.

Moving on with the orders of the day. Item 7. Written Questions. As the cabinet has not yet been sworn into office, there will be no written questions today. Item 8. Petitions. Are there any petitions to present? There being none, we will continue with the orders of the day. Item 9. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. As the House has not yet been established, its standing committees will have no reports today. Item 10. Tabling of Documents. Do any members have any documents to table? There is none. Thank you. I have a number of documents to table today.

#### **Item 10: Tabling of Documents**

**Tabled Document 001 – 5(1): 2018  
Sitting Calendar for the  
Legislative Assembly of Nunavut**

**Tabled Document 002 – 5(1): 2016-  
2017 Annual Report of the  
Languages Commissioner of  
Nunavut**

**Tabled Document 003 – 5(1): 2016-  
2017 Interim Financial Report  
(Unaudited)**

**Tabled Document 004 – 5(1): 2016-  
2017 Public Accounts**

**Tabled Document 005 – 5(1): 2016-2017 Grants and Contributions**

The first document I will table is the 2018 Sitting Calendar for the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

The next document I'll be tabling is the Annual Report of the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut for 2016-17.

As the Legislative Assembly has not yet formally recommended appointments of Executive Council, I am also tabling the following documents on behalf of the government.

The first document is the Government of Nunavut's Interim Financial Report 2016-17 (Unaudited).

The next document I will table is the Government of Nunavut's 2016-17 Public Accounts.

The final document is the Government of Nunavut's 2016-17 Annual Report on Grants and Contributions.

Going back to the orders of the day. Item 11. Notices of Motions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Mikkungwak.

**Item 11: Notices of Motions**

**Motion 002 – 5(1): Appointment of Premier – Notice**

**Mr. Mikkungwak:** Thank you. Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 23, 2017, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Gjoa Haven, that the Legislative Assembly

recommend to the Commissioner of Nunavut that Paul Quassa, Member for Aggu, be appointed Premier of Nunavut and Member of the Executive Council.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Notice of Motions. Member for (interpretation ends) Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

**Motion 003 – 5(1): Appointments to the Executive Council – Notice**

**Mr. Main:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 23, 2017, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Amittuq, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of Nunavut that the following members be appointed to the Executive Council:

- David Akeeagok, Member for Quttiktuq;
- Pat Angnakak, Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu;
- Jeannie Ehaloak, Member for Cambridge Bay;
- David Joanasie, Member for South Baffin;
- Lorne Kusugak, Member for Rankin Inlet South;
- Joe Savikataaq, Member for Arviat South; and
- Elisapee Sheutiapik, Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Notice of Motions. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Akoak.

**Motion 004 – 5(1): Appointment of Deputy Speaker – Notice**

**Mr. Akoak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 23, 2017, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. for Aivilik, that Simeon Mikkungwak, Member for Baker Lake, be appointed Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Notice of Motions. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Netser.

**Motion 007 – 5(1): Appointments to the Striking Committee – Notice**

**Mr. Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 23, 2017, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Baker Lake, that the following members be appointed to the Striking Committee:

- George Hickes, Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk;
- Pauloosie Keyootak, Member for Uqqummiut; and
- John Main, Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Notice of Motions. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Ms. Towtongie.

**Motion 005 – 5(1): Appointments of Deputy Chairpersons of the Committee of the Whole – Notice**

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 23, 2017, that I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, that Tony Akoak, Member for Gjoa Haven, and Allan Rumbolt, Member for Hudson Bay, be appointed Deputy Chairpersons of the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Notice of Motions. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Ms. Towtongie.

**Motion 006 – 5(1): Appointments to the Management and Services Board – Notice**

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I give notice that on Thursday, November 23, 2017, that I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, that the following members be appointed to the Management and Services [Board]:

- David Akeeagok, Member for Quttiktuq;
- George Hickes, Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk;
- Adam Arreak Lightstone, Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak; and
- Allan Rumbolt, Member for Hudson Bay.

AND FURTHER I MOVE that Jeannie Ehaloak, Member for Cambridge Bay, be appointed an alternate ministerial member of the Management and Services Board.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Notice of Motions. I have no more names on my list. My apologies. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

**Motion 008 – 5(1): Extended Adjournment – Notice**

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No need to apologize.

>> *Laughter*

(interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 23, 2017, I will move the following motion:

I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 3, that when the House concludes today's sitting, it shall be adjourned until March 6, 2018.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Item 11. Notices of Motions. I have no more names on my list this time, I think. Our colleague, the Member for Arviat South, is requesting to return to Item 5, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Are there any nays? There are none. We will return to Item 5 in the *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Savikataaq.

**Revert to Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery**

**Mr. Savikataaq**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the members for my request.

I would like to recognize two people in the gallery that weren't here earlier when we were doing Visitors in the Gallery. My son, Jamie Savikataaq, and his wife, Amy Savikataaq, please welcome them to the gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Welcome. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize someone I spent my childhood with in Coral Harbour and we were inseparable as kids, Leo Eecherk, who now lives in Arctic Bay. Welcome.

>>Applause

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Cambridge Bay, Ms. Ehaloak.

**Ms. Ehaloak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I would like to recognize my niece, Tundra Kuliktana, who is taking the environmental program here in Iqaluit, Tundra.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Welcome. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Kugluktuk, Ms. Kamingoak.

**Ms. Kamingoak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to also recognize Tundra Kuliktana, who is a resident of Kugluktuk. She is here taking college here in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Welcome. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Akeeagok.

**Mr. Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize my sister-in-law Connie Kilukishak, who is taking college courses, and also a candidate who ran in my constituency, who was recognized already, Leo. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Pangnirtung, Ms. Nowdlak. I apologize, Ms. Nakashuk.

**Ms. Nakashuk** (interpretation): Thank you. I would also like to recognize and thank an individual from Pangnirtung, Pitseolak Kilabuk, and Malcolm. Thank you for being here. Welcome.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Welcome. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. I have no more names on my list. Going back to the orders of the day. Item 12. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. There being none, we will continue with the orders of the day. Item 13. Motions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Mikkungwak.

### Item 13: Motions

**Mr. Mikkungwak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Mikkungwak.

**Motion 002 – 5(1): Appointment of Premier**

**Mr. Mikkungwak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS section 60 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Premier of Nunavut shall be chosen from among the Members of the Legislative Assembly and appointed by the Commissioner on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to recommend an appointment;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Gjoa Haven, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of Nunavut that Paul Quassa, Member for Aggu, be appointed Premier of Nunavut and Member of the Executive Council.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried.

>> *Applause*

(interpretation ends) Congratulations, Premier Quassa.

Member for Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Main.

**Motion 003 – 5(1): Appointments to the Executive Council**

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) WHEREAS section 60 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Executive Council of Nunavut shall be composed of persons appointed by the Commissioner on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to recommend appointments;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Amittuq, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of Nunavut that the following members be appointed to the Executive Council:

- David Akeeagok, Member for Quttiktuq;
- Pat Angnakak, Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu;
- Jeannie Ehaloak, Member for Cambridge Bay;
- David Joanasie, Member for South Baffin;
- Lorne Kusugak, Member for Rankin Inlet South;
- Joe Savikataaq, Member for Arviat South; and
- Elisapee Sheutiapik, Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you.  
The motion is in order. To the motion.

**An Hon. Member:** Question.

**Speaker** (interpretation): All in favour of the motion. Thank you. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried.  
Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Motions. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Tony Akoak.

**Mr. Akoak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Akoak, please proceed.

**Motion 004 – 5(1): Appointment of Deputy Speaker**

**Mr. Akoak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS section 42 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly shall, at its first session, elect a Deputy Speaker;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to make an appointment;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Aivilik, that Simeon Mikkungwak, Member for

Baker Lake, be appointed Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you.  
The motion is in order. To the motion.

**An Hon. Member:** Question.

**Speaker** (interpretation): All those in favour. Thank you. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried.  
Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Motions. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Ms. Towtongie.

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with her motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Ms. Towtongie, please proceed.

**Motion 005 – 5(1): Appointments of Deputy Chairpersons of the Committee of the Whole**

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) WHEREAS section 43 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly shall, at its first session, elect two Deputy Chairpersons of the Committee of the Whole;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to make appointments;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, that Tony Akoak, Member for Gjoa Haven, and Allan Rumbolt, Member for Hudson Bay, be appointed Deputy Chairpersons of the Committee of the Whole.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**An Hon. Member** (interpretation): Question.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Let me have you vote. All those in favour. Thank you. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

Motions. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Ms. Towtongie.

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) WHEREAS section 38 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides... .

Should I seek unanimous consent? I got it, Mr. Speaker. Unanimous consent, I need it.

>>*Laughter*

**An Hon. Member**: Thank you.

**Ms. Towtongie**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Laughter*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with her motion today. Do you agree?

**Some Members**: Agreed.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Ms. Towtongie, please proceed.

**Motion 006 – 5(1): Appointments to the Management and Services Board**

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) WHEREAS section 38 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly shall, at its first session, appoint members to the Management and Services Board;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to make appointments;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, that the following members be appointed to the Management and Services Board:

- David Akeeagok, Member for Quttiktuq;
- George Hickes, Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk;
- Adam Arreak Lightstone, Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak;
- Alan Rumbolt, Member for Hudson Bay.

AND FURTHER I MOVE that Jeannie Ehaloak, Member for Cambridge Bay, be appointed an alternative ministerial member of the Management and Services Board.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I got it right this time.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**An Hon. Member** (interpretation): Question.

**Speaker** (interpretation): All those in favour, raise your hand. Thank you. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Member for Aivilik, Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Netser.

**Motion 007 – 5(1): Appointments to the Striking Committee**

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) WHEREAS Rule 83 of the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut* provides that the Legislative Assembly shall, at its first sitting after a general election, appoint a

Striking Committee of at least three members to report and recommend, with all convenient speed, members to comprise standing committees of the Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to make appointments;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Baker Lake, that the following members be appointed to the Striking Committee:

- George Hicketts, Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk;
- Pauloosie Keyootak, Member for Uqqummiut; and
- John Main, Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**An Hon. Member**: Question.

**Speaker** (interpretation): All those in favour. Thank you. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried.

Motions. Member for Arviat South, Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Arviat North is appropriate.

(interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Main, and I apologize to you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Main, please proceed.

**Motion 008 – 5(1): Extended  
Adjournment**

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 3, that when the House concludes today's sitting, it shall be adjourned until March 6, 2018.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**An Hon. Member** (interpretation): Question.

**Speaker** (interpretation): All those in favour of the motion, raise your hand. Thank you. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

Going to the orders of the day. Item 14. First Reading of Bills. There being none, we will continue with the orders of the day. Item 15. (interpretation ends) Bless you. (interpretation) Item 15. Second Reading of Bills. There being none, we will continue with orders of the day. Item 16. *Orders of the Day*. Clerk, Mr. Quirke.

**Item 16: Orders of the Day**

**Clerk** (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *Orders of the Day* for March 6, 2018:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Responses to Petitions
12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motions
15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills

## 22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Quirke. I remind all members and visitors that the swearing in ceremony for the Premier and the Members of the Executive Council will take place in this Chamber at 4:00 p.m.

This House stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>> *House adjourned at 15:54*

