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Standing Committee on Legislation to Recommend that Bill 37 Not Proceed

IQALUIT, Nunavut (May 5, 2017) - Tom Sammurtok, Chairperson of the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Legislation, today announced that when the House reconvenes for its spring sitting, the standing committee will formally recommend that Bill 37, An Act to Amend the Education Act and the Inuit Language Protection Act, not proceed further in the legislative process.

Chairperson Sammurtok said, "On behalf of my committee colleagues, I wish to thank the many individuals and organizations who took the time to provide formal submissions to the standing committee concerning the bill. All of their submissions will be tabled and made public when the House reconvenes. Given the overwhelming lack of consensus in support of the bill in such areas as language of instruction, the role of District Education Authorities and increased employment of Inuit teachers, the standing committee is of the view that it should be allowed to fall off the order paper when the current Assembly dissolves later this year."

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