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## **Legislative Assembly television coverage bumped by APTN**

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (November 8, 2005)** – The proceedings of the upcoming Session of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut will not be broadcast on the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network’s Northern television feed.

In a recent change of policy, APTN has moved the broadcasts of all three Northern legislatures out of its prime time broadcast hours from 7:00pm-11:00pm EST.

APTN has indicated that it plans to use this time slot to broadcast movies and other entertainment programming.

Previously, proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut were broadcast between 8:00pm–10:00pm EST from Monday to Thursday and from 7:00pm–9:00pm EST on Fridays. In a revised distribution agreement, APTN has proposed broadcasting Nunavut’s proceedings from 4:00pm-6:00pm EST.

“The schedule proposed by APTN is simply unacceptable in a Territory that covers three time zones,” said Legislative Assembly Speaker Jobie Nutarak. “The goal of the Assembly’s broadcast program is to reach as many Nunavummiut as possible and we cannot do that if we are forced to broadcast between 3:00pm and 5:00pm in the Kivalliq and 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm in the Kitikmeot.”

The Nunavut, Northwest Territories and Yukon legislatures are working together to develop a joint letter to APTN’s Board of Directors and the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission on this matter.

Chair of Full Caucus Levi Barnabas said, “As the public outcry during the recent CBC lockout revealed, Nunavummiut want to be able to view programming in the languages of the territory. Broadcasting the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly in Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun and English has proven an effective way of keeping our residents informed and connected. APTN’s plan will result in less primetime aboriginal language programming.”

The Legislative Assembly of Nunavut encourages Nunavummiut to contact APTN by visiting <http://www.aptn.ca> and clicking on the “Contact Us” link.

The Third Session of the Second Legislative Assembly of Nunavut will convene in Iqaluit on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. Residents of Iqaluit will continue to be able to access live proceedings on local cable channel 33 and on FM radio at 94.9 and 93.7.

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