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MLA for Nattilik Suspended from Spring Sitting of the Legislative Assembly

IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 4, 2009) - The Legislative Assembly of Nunavut today adopted a motion to suspend the Member for Nattilik, Mr. Enuk Pauloosie, from sittings of the House until the conclusion of its spring sitting. The motion was passed without opposition.

"The Member for Nattilik has been persistently absent without reasonable explanation from recent meetings of the Legislative Assembly's committees and caucuses," said John Ningark, MLA for Akulliq and Chairperson of the Legislative Assembly's Full Caucus. "It is important that we hold ourselves to a high standard of conduct and Mr. Pauloosie's actions have been inconsistent with this commitment."

Section 18 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly has the power to discipline its Members.

"I accept the judgement of my colleagues in this matter and will have no further comment," said Mr. Pauloosie.

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