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**Iqaluit, Nunavut
Tuesday, November 02, 1999**

Members Present

Mr. Ovide Alakannuark, Mr. Olayuk Akesuk, Honourable James Arvaluk, Honourable Levi Barnabas, Honourable Donald Havioyak, Mr. David Iqaqrialu, Mr. Enoki Irqittuq, Mr. Peter Kattuk, Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Mr. Glen McLean, Honourable Kelvin Ng, Mr. Jobie Nutarak, Mr. Kevin O'Brien, Honourable Paul Okalik, Honourable Ed Picco, Mr. Uriash Puqiqnak, Mr. Hunter Tootoo.

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (interpretation): At this time I would like to ask Mr. Alakannuark to say the opening prayer.

>>*Opening Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Alakannuark for saying the opening prayer. Back to the Orders of the Day. Item 2, Ministers' Statements. Mr. Premier.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements**Minister's Statement 37 - 1(3): Ministerial Absences**

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform the house that the Honourable Jack Anawak, Minister of Justice will be absent from the house today to attend meetings with the Solicitor General in Ottawa and will return tomorrow. Also the Honourable Manito Thompson will be absent from the house today.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Havioyak.

Minister's Statement 38 - 1(3): Interim Nunavut Status of Women Council

Hon. Donald Havioyak (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce today that cabinet has approved the appointment of an Interim Advisory Council on the Status of Women for Nunavut.

These appointments, which I have made under the authority of the *Nunavut Status of Women Council Act*, will permit the Status of Women Council for Nunavut to begin its important work immediately on behalf of the women of Nunavut. These appointees are:

Elizabeth Allakariallak of Resolute Bay, Lizzie Anaviapik of Broughton Island, Kanayuk Salomonie of Cape Dorset, Daisy Keenainak of Pangnirtung, Abigail Idlout of Iqaluit, Wilma Pigalak of Kugluktuk, Elizabeth Lyall of Taloyoak, Rebecca Kudloo of Baker Lake, Joan Kalaserk of Rankin Inlet.

Mr. Speaker, the women appointed today reflect a wide range of experience, commitment and dedication to the goals of improving the status of women in Nunavut. I thank them for their

willingness to serve on the Council which will make recommendations to the Government of Nunavut on how to achieve equality for women and improvements in the status of women in Nunavut.

The Council has been appointed on a term basis for one year. During this one-year period the interim council will work on policies that are related to Nunavut Women's issues and equality of men and women. The interim council will also develop suggestions for the future Status of Women Council that will serve staggered terms from one year to not more than three years as set out in the Act.

(interpretation) These appointments are being made based on nominations received from meetings of Nunavut women held in March, 1999, in Rankin Inlet, as well as consultations with Pauktuutit, communities and individuals.

I am also pleased to announce Geela Giroux, our Senior Advisor on Women's Issues will work with the council. She brings a lifetime of experience working on social and equality issues and will be my advisor and the liaison between myself, the Status of Women Council, women's organizations and women of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker I invite the honourable members to join me in congratulating these women of Nunavut on their appointments, wish them well in their important work, and indicate our willingness to work together with them to achieve their goals. Koanaqusi.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Koannaqutit, Mr. Havioyak. Congratulations to those appointed on behalf of the Legislative Assembly. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Picco.

Minister's Statement 39 - 1(3): Ikajuruti Inungnik Ungasiktumi Network

Hon. Ed Picco: Qujannamiik Uqaqti. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank all the members of this Assembly for taking the time earlier in October to attend the demonstration of the Ikajuruti Inungnik Ungasiktumi Network. The IIU Network is a pilot project using modern computer and video technology that the department of Health and Social Services is running right now in three Baffin communities.

Mr. Speaker, this is an exciting development which is helping to cut waiting times and improve access to health care in Nunavut. With this technology we can help patients be diagnosed and counselled by doctors, psychiatrists and other specialists more quickly and without the inconvenience of travelling to Iqaluit or the south. This type of satellite linkup between doctors and patients is already practiced successfully in several Canadian provinces and other countries world-wide.

Right now we are running the IIU network in Cape Dorset, Pond Inlet and Iqaluit. I am pleased to tell you that we are hoping to expand this service into Rankin and Arviat early next year. Mr. Speaker, as a government we are all committed to the health of our people and to making the best possible use of the resources available to us. I believe that Telehealth is just one of the tools that we can use to make health care and social services more accessible and more effective for the people of

Nunavut. We look forward to tentatively expanding the IIU network into Rankin and Arviat next year and I will keep this House apprised as the project develops. Qujannamiik Uqaqti.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Qujannamiik Mr. Picco. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Havioyak.

Minister's Statement 40 - 1(3): Nunavut Arts Council

Hon. Donald Havioyak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I appreciate this opportunity to speak about the Nunavut Arts Council. Every jurisdiction in Canada has an Arts Council that works in co-operation with both the government and the artistic community. The Nunavut Arts Council will take its' place amongst similar organizations in Canada to communicate with the rest of the country as a unified artistic body and to strengthen Nunavut's artistic identity.

The Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth has committed funding for our territory's artistic community. The best way to distribute these funds is through the guidance and recommendations of skilled, experienced, specialists. A Nunavut Arts Council is best suited to advise on the needs of the artists of Nunavut.

The Council will also create a forum for Nunavut's artistic community. This forum will allow artists a direct and unified voice for requesting support and providing recommendations to the government. For example, if there is a concern over the access to stone for carvers, their concerns can be presented to the government in a unified manner. Or if an artist needs support to train and study, the Arts Council will be best able to provide direction.

The Nunavut Art Council supports our government's desire to increase public representation by involving more people in the decision making process. The Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth is proud to announce that we will table the Art Council appointments before the end of November.

There are several improvements that the residents of Nunavut can expect when the Arts Council is formed. They can expect having arts funding decided upon through a fair process that includes the artistic community. They can expect having Nunavut artists properly represented in the government and they can expect having an advisory body that works in partnership with the public to make Nunavut a place where the arts are supported and encouraged. Koanna, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Havioyak. Ministers' Statements. Ministers' Statements. Item 3, Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Mr. Tootoo, welcome back.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 62 - 1(3): Passing of Remi Murray

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker it is good to be back in this House. I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to the constituents of Iqaluit Centre for not having been in the Assembly last week. As members of this House know, tragedy struck my family without warning last week when my wife's uncle, a man who was like a father to her and a brother to me, died of a massive heart attack in northern Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, Remi Murray, or "Deets" as everyone knew him as, was a Metis and a respected member of his community. He was especially renowned for his counselling and traditional healing abilities. Had he been Inuk, I believe he would no doubt be at the forefront of what we are trying to accomplish in Nunavut, blending traditional values and wisdom with the best of the contemporary world that he practiced in his everyday work.

Mr. Speaker, it is at times like this that we should step back a moment and remember that our political debates that may seem so important at the moment are not so enduring as the need for strong, loving families. As we approach the end of this session and look forward in just a few short weeks to the dawn of the new millennium, let us not forget that the success of Nunavut does not necessarily depend on what we do as political figures, or what we say in the House, in it's soul Nunavut may be a small territory but it is a large family. The strength of our families in the communities, our desire to seek consensus and not discord will lead us forward.

I know, Mr. Speaker, that my uncle took a profound interest in what we are accomplishing here. I know Mr. Speaker, that he is still watching down on me and my family. I again commit myself to living up to what he expected of me, what my constituents expect of me and what my honourable colleagues in this House expect of me. Thank you again, Mr. Speaker for your understanding during these past few difficult days.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo for your statement. Members' Statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Member's Statement 63 - 1(3): Process Used for Time Zone Change

(Note: Technical problems, recording partially inaudible)

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to talk about Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and how it is integrated to the workings of the government. However, the process used for Bill 3 has reversed the purpose of integrating Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into government practices. It has broken the spirit and intent of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

The Government of Canada has gone over the heads of the Nunavut Legislature with their passage of the regulation to change the time zone. This is the reason that we will discuss again today the issue of the time zone change when we resume the business of the house today. We need to discuss what is in the best interest of the residents of Nunavut. We will need to discuss also the adverse effects of this change to our constituents.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Members' Statements. Mr. Nutarak.

Member's Statement 64 - 1(3): Concerns of Regular Members over Time Zone Change

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I rise today as the Chairperson of the Regular Members' Caucus to make an important statement on behalf of the regular members.

We have a strong concern about the way the time zone issue has been handled by the government. Our concern, Mr. Speaker, is that we do not believe that the government informed us clearly and openly about how it planned to proceed with putting the time zone change into effect.

We were encouraged by the commitments made by the government in Pinasuaqtavut - the Bathurst Inlet Mandate, about openness, co-operation and respect for MLAs. The statement declares that co-operation will be the operating standard at every level and that MLAs will be respected as important sources of community opinion.

The Standing Committee on Government Operations considered Bill 3 at its meeting on September 30, 1999 and noted that there would be a dramatic change in certain communities where the time would go back two hours. When the Bill was presented to the Committee for review, the Chairperson of the Committee, Mr. Akasuk, wrote a letter to the Government on that date, noting that there is a significant degree of confusion and uncertainty about the social and economic impact of the change on people, schools, businesses, etc. So the Committee asked, in their letter to the Government of September 30, whether the Government would consider delaying the coming into force of Bill 3, for communities where the time zone adjustment would be two hours. However, the Committee never received the courtesy of a formal response.

Regular Members are also very concerned that the way the Government chose to implement the time zone change was by regulations which were made and passed behind closed doors. The way this came about seems to have bypassed the Legislative Assembly. The Government appears to have assumed that just because it had the legal power to make these regulatory changes, the members would pass Bill 3 without question.

It was only last week that one of our standing committees, the Standing Committee on Community Empowerment, was informed that regulations had already been passed by both the territorial and federal governments to make the time zone changes come into effect. We now have learned that the necessary regulations were passed in early September by the Nunavut Government and in early October by the federal government.

As recently as last Friday, some Regular Members were under the impression that delaying the passage of Bill 3 would delay the implementation of the time zone changes. It was only late last week and early this week that the Regular Members began to realize that it is not necessary for Bill 3 to pass for the time zone change to come into effect.

The regulations were already made before our current session even began. Our caucus feels that this should have been clearly disclosed to us and the public by the government.

The result is that many regular members are feeling that they have had no voice in this important matter. Some members were feeling that this Legislative Assembly is not important and they are concerned that the cabinet may be able to use its power and authority in this way again. They are concerned that they have had no opportunity to voice concerns and questions from their communities; and that those questions and concerns have been treated in a dismissive manner.

Mr. Speaker, the Regular Members do not want this to happen again. We ask the Government from here on to make it a practice to disclose to us, in advance, the details of any regulations which the Government is planning which will have significant impacts on our communities.

We also ask the Government from now on to treat Regular Members with the spirit of openness, co-operation and respect which has been promised in *Pinasquaqtavut*.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Members' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

Member's Statement 65 - 1(3): Remembrance of Pangnirtung Hunting Accident Victims

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Nutarak. Please shut off your microphone. Member's statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

(Note: Some inaudible sections due to technical problems)

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will ask today, and I want to thank the people who went to Pangnirtung for a ceremony with me. First of all I would like to thank you Mr. Speaker for going to Pangnirtung and Mr. Okalik, our Premier.

We also had invited regular member Mr. Nutarak. I would like to thank the members for going to Pangnirtung yesterday for commemoration in memory of the individuals who had died (*inaudible*) November 1st. This ceremony was aired on a CBC program called Igalaq and it was also broadcast on CBC radio.

Yesterday, we gave an (*inaudible*) item that could be used by the students of Aluki School in memory of Charlie Koonilusie who had died at the age of 10. The hunting party perished during a vicious storm.

During the commemoration these victims, I also would like to thank the Pangnirtung residents who have been very co-operative.. Last year when they were searching for those victims, I was the coroner at that time and also the leader for team number 2 of the search & rescue effort. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Kilabuk. Members' statements. Mr. McLean.

Member's Statement 66 - 1(3): Passing of Titus Seeteenak

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand today to pay tribute to an Elder's passing. Titus Seeteenak of Baker Lake passed away quietly at his home Wednesday October 27th. Seeteenak was a kind and caring man, father and community leader who cared for everyone he knew and today Mr. Speaker, he will be missed by all of Nunavut. Ma'na.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. McLean. Member's statements. Mr. O'Brien.

Member's Statement 67 - 1(3): Passing of Titus Seeteenak

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I also would like to offer my condolences to the family of Titus Seeteenak, especially his son Robert. I've know Titus and his family for almost 10 years now and consider them very good friends. They supported me over the last number of years. Mr. Speaker, Titus Seeteenak, was truly a prince of a man and really one of the true pioneers of Nunavut. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Members' statements. Members' statements. Mr. Iqittuq.

Member's Statement 68 - 1(3): Time Zone Change - Bill 3

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. On Friday, although I really did not enjoy Friday, it was quite funny for some though I will not go into the details. I'd like to speak on Bill 3 because the MLAs have been working very hard on the time change issue.

I was so happy that Bill 3 didn't get passed on Friday but I didn't realize that the time change was going to go ahead anyway. But while I have the opportunity Mr. Speaker, I will speak to the issue further when we start dealing with Bill 3. I would have liked to speak on that issue last Friday however. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Members' statements, Mr. Alakannuark.

Member's Statement 69 - 1(3): Consultations with Constituents

Mr. Alakannuark: I rise today to say that I am very pleased about the issues we've been working on. Perhaps for the future of the Nunavut Government, how are we going to be operating as a Nunavut Government when we don't please some of our constituencies who elected us. As we have stated, and as the Nunavut Government has stated, we want to be open and closer to the people of Nunavut. I ask today, how are we going to represent our constituencies, how are we going to consult with them and how will we be working and making decisions openly. So that's why I rise today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Alakannuark. Members' statements. Mr. Puqiqnak

Member's Statement 70 - 1(3): Recognition of Artists

Mr. Puqignak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in recognition of the artists in Nunavut. The youth artists in Nunavut will start following the path of their parents and I want us all to recognize them and to provide more support to the artistic community in Nunavut. I also would like to express my appreciation to the Culture, Language, Elders & Youth Department on the Arts Council. I was recently appointed to the council and as a former carver, I'm really honoured. I would like to see full recognition of the art community. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Puqignak. Mr. Picco.

Member's Statement 71 - 1(3): Joamie School Family Fun Night

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, last Thursday night the Joamie School held their annual Family Fun Night. Mr. Speaker, the Family Fun Night is eagerly anticipated and the turnout at this year's event was excellent and the money goes to support school programs and extracurricular activities.

As part of the Joamie celebrations, a mock jail, games of chance and a target practice using a soaking wet sponge thrown at various personalities, including yours truly, helped raise much needed money. Mr. Speaker, I don't know what was worse, being locked up in the mock jail with Peter Kilabuk or actually being hit in the face with the wet sponge. But seriously Mr. Speaker, I would like you and this house to join me in congratulating the students, the staff and the many involved who helped arrange and carry out this annual event. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Ng.

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions**Return 02 – 1 (3) : Question 42 – 1 (3) Contractors use of Government Equipment**

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Speaker I have two returns on behalf of the Hon. Manito Thompson. The first; On October 26, 1999, Mr. Irqittuq asked Ms. Thompson if the Nunavut Government is allowing contractors to use government infrastructure to carry out their contracts. Mr. Speaker, when a contractor obtains a contract from the government, they're not supposed to use government infrastructure to carry out their contracts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Return 03 – 1 (3) : Question 67 - 1(3): Lack of Aviation Fuel

The second return to an oral question, if I may Mr. Speaker, asked by Mr. Alakannuark on October 27th, 1999. I rise today to provide a response to the question posed to Minister Thompson by Mr. Alakannuark on October 27, 1999. The member requested information as to why there was no aviation fuel in the communities of Repulse Bay and Pelly Bay. Mr. Speaker, with regards to

Repulse Bay, the department has placed drums of aviation fuel in this community this past re-supply season.

However, this fuel is for emergency medivac purposes only. Certified bulk aviation fuel is available to aircraft in the surrounding three communities of Rankin Inlet, Coral Harbour and Baker Lake for requirements other than emergencies. Mr. Speaker, with regard to Pelly Bay, the department has a two year agreement in place with the Canadian Coast Guard for sea lift purposes. The capability of the Coast Guard Tanker to move fuel products to this community is restricted to one product, so only P50 fuel is transported to Pelly Bay.

Given the extreme cost of airlifting additional types of fuel to this community we have not chosen to locate aviation fuel in Pelly Bay at this time. Having said that Mr. Speaker, it should also be pointed out that there have been no requests from aircraft companies to position certified aviation fuel in Pelly Bay.

Airlift companies are currently using the P50 fuel in Pelly Bay as an acceptable alternative to certified aviation fuel. P50 fuel is historically cheaper than certified aviation fuel. The air companies are quite satisfied. Additionally Mr. Speaker, those companies who would rather use certified aviation fuel can obtain this type of fuel from their alternates such as Hall Beach, Taloyoak, Igloolik and Gjoa Haven. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ng. Returns to Oral questions. Mr. Havioyak.

Speaker: We'll take a ten minutes recess.

>>*Short recess*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Sergeant At Arms. We will call the meeting back to order. Item 4, Returns to Oral Questions. Mr. Havioyak.

Return 04 – 1 (3) : Question 45 – 1 (3) Proper Spelling of Names

Hon. Donald Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make a response to an oral question raised by Mr. O'Brien on October 26, 1999, concerning the proper spelling of names.

Mr. Speaker, the spelling of people's names is a very important issue that we cannot rush into or begin to solve overnight. There is a long history to learn from and the Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth has begun working towards addressing everyone's concerns.

I envision a Nunavut wide public awareness campaign informing people of their options for making changes to their name. We know that the people of Nunavut are responsible and accountable for their own well-being. Our role is to provide awareness of this issue and to provide choices for people who want to change their name.

Mr. Speaker, on this sensitive and difficult issue my Deputy Minister is developing a working plan that would be implemented over the next two years. The first action my Deputy Minister has taken is to invite Deputy Ministers of the Department of Health & Social Services, Education, and Justice to strategize how best to deal with this without disrupting peoples' lives too much.

In the strategy sessions, it may be advisable to have input from the Nunavut Law Review Committee and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, as 85 percent of our population are Inuit.

Mr. Speaker, from these actions my department will also develop an options paper that will outline the strategies we wish to propose. It is my desire to consult with the members and work together on establishing what it is that should be done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Havioyak. Returns to Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk

Return 05 – 1 (3) :Adult Educator for Hall Beach

Hon. James Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Iqittuq on the Arctic College Centre. The Nunavut Arctic College Centre has been without the services of an adult educator for the month of September and October. Therefore, there were no programs running at the NAC building. NAC realizes the need for adult education services for the community of Hall Beach and has hired Susan Leblanc who started on October 25th, 1999.

The College will be delivering an adult basic education course as well as providing other services to the community, such as career counselling, testing and assessments. The college will be working with many community organizations to develop a training plan for the community and seek alternate funding to fund these programs. Susan Leblanc is looking forward to having the opportunity to work with the community and help deliver the programs that they request.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Returns to Oral questions, Mr. Kilabuk.

Return 06 – 1 (3) : Question 92 - 1(3): Gjoa Haven Fish Plant

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Return to an oral question on Friday, October 29th from the member for Natilik in regards to the Gjoa Haven fish plant. The department has reviewed the proposal for the Gjoa Haven fish plant and staff are now examining the cost estimates. The plant will require significant capital investments to upgrade it. This funding has not yet been identified within the department's budget.

The department staff in the Kitikmeot Region are currently examining the option of incorporating the fish plant into the operations of Nunavut Development Corporation. The President of the Nunavut Development Corporation will be provided with a copy of the Gjoa Haven proposal and discussions with the Nunavut Development Corporation are expected to take place this winter.

I know the fish plant has provided productive employment for the people of Gjoa Haven in the past and I will keep the member informed as we look for affordable and practical ways of continuing its operation.

Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Kilabuk. Returns to Oral Questions. Mr. Kilabuk.

Return 07 – 1 (3) : Question 93 - 1(3): Purchase of Country Food from Kivalliq Communities

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since I spoke in Inuktitut, so that Enoki would hear, I will provide this response in English.

(interpretation ends) This response is to an oral question asked on Friday, October 29th, by the member from Baker Lake on the purchase of country food from the Kivalliq communities. At the present time the Keewatin Fish and Meat Plant in Rankin can only purchase caribou from Coral Harbour. This is the only community that has a large enough quota to conduct a federally inspected commercial harvest.

The community has a quota of 6 thousand commercial tags, the communities of Arviat, Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet, Repulse Bay, Whale Cove have a total tag allocation of 925. This does not make it economical to conduct a federal harvest in these communities. The Keewatin Fish & Meat Plant is purchasing about 40 thousand pounds of arctic char from Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet and Whale Cove.

As markets for these products increase, the Keewatin Fish & Meat Plant will look at purchasing arctic char from the other communities in the Keewatin Region. I am advised that the Nunavut Development Corporation is currently examining options for increasing their processing capacity and the opportunities for increasing market demand for caribou. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Kilabuk. Returns to Oral Questions. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Ng.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I would like to recognize five members of a delegation that some of us had the opportunity to meet with earlier today. First of all, two of them are my constituents, Mr. Charlie Evalik, President of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, and Mr. Clare Basler with the Kitikmeot Corporation and also accompanying them is Mervin Hempenstall and John Zigarlic both of Nuna Logistics. Also a former Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, Mr. Brian Peckford, who acts in an advisory capacity with that group. Welcome to the Assembly.

>>Applause

Speaker: Welcome to the Assembly. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Good afternoon Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker it gives me great pleasure to welcome to the gallery today a constituent and a good friend of mine, Mr. Andrew Tagak. Sitting next to Andrew is well-known Iqaluit entrepreneur and recycler, Mr. Speaker, and noted thespian, Mr. Brian Hellwig. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize one of my constituency members who is here for the purpose of supporting opposition to the time zone. John Illupaliq from Igloodik.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. Welcome to the Assembly. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 6, Oral Questions. Oral questions. Mr. Nutarak.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 117 - 1(3): Boundaries Between Regions

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I really don't know who to direct my question to. The Baffin region and Kitikmeot cannot really figure out which area this belongs to. I never really know where to draw the line for Keewatin area and the Kitikmeot area. I would like to know where the boundaries are. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps we'll have to sleep on it because in the past Kitikmeot was in the central arctic, when it was the NWT, but now that it is Nunavut, perhaps they are west now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Oral questions. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now at least I know who to direct my question to. Another question. Keewatin, Baffin and Kitikmeot if you can tell me the names of those regions, which ridings are in them. I was wondering if they do have names for the three regions. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I know that people get confused, perhaps mostly people are getting confused because of the time zone. Central time can be translated as standard time for the people who are living in the central area. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Your third question Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not talking about time zones I just wanted to get clarification on what kind of names the regions have. So I was wondering sometime if the Premier in the future could enlighten me with the names of those regions. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Oral questions. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, Kitikmeot was usually in the west and the Keewatin was the centre and Baffin region was higher, or further east. Today we'll have to review the issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Question 118 - 1(3): Cost of Health Residential Facilities

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker my question is for the Minister Responsible for Health & Social Services. In a presentation that we received from the minister, it indicates that there were six facilities in Nunavut where we had residential facilities. I was wondering if the minister could inform us of the costs to the department to maintain those facilities. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister responsible for Health, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Government of Nunavut has several boarding home facilities set up to house our patients that have to travel outside their home and indeed, in some cases outside of the region. This happens Mr. Speaker, for the Baffin Region, here in Iqaluit we have a boarding home for Baffin patients that use the Baffin Regional Hospital facility, but we also have a facility in Ottawa, which is run by the OHSNI group which is called the Rotel.

In Winnipeg we have a facility there for boarding our patients that go from the Keewatin region and for the Kitikmeot patients we have a boarding facility in Edmonton and we also have a facility in Yellowknife.

Mr. Speaker at this time I don't have the actual costs of each of the facilities with me, but what I can do is to commit to this House, Mr. Speaker, to get that information and make it available to the member after the sitting, or at least by as late as tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I don't know if maybe the minister didn't understand or didn't hear the question. I know it was mentioned that there were six facilities in Nunavut and that there were 77 placements and I was wondering as to what it is costing us to have

those facilities for Nunavut. I have the numbers for the facilities, 80 placements that we have outside of Nunavut, and I would like to know what the costs are for those services for the six facilities in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister responsible for health, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the member could clarify if he is talking about boarding homes for hospital patients, is he talking about the group homes that we have located outside of the community or inside the community. For example, here in Iqaluit we have a group home for handicapped. Is he talking about the placements that we have out of jurisdiction for handicapped kids, exactly what type of placements is the member asking about. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. I will allow you to rephrase your question Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker in the report it says 77 placements in 6 facilities in Nunavut. I would assume that includes things like the group home here in Iqaluit, I believe there are two in Rankin, 1 in Arviat, I am not sure where the other one is but those are the ones that I am talking about. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister responsible for Health & Social Services, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the member clarifying the question. The group homes that we have placements in, I believe the member's original question was what is the cost to operate those facilities. Those facilities are operated, as the member and the House know, in most cases, by the Regional Health Boards. In some cases they are actually on a contract basis, by a private corporation and in some cases a non-profit society.

I don't have the actual costs with me, Mr. Speaker, that we are using right now for the placement of those facilities, or the O&M costs, the staffing costs and so on, but I can get that information and make it available to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

Question 119 - 1(3): Manitoba to Keewatin Power Grid

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker my question is directed to the minister responsible for the Nunavut Power Corporation, or I should say the NWT Power Corporation, I am not quite sure how to handle this since right now it is sort of in between.

Recently we had a delegation in discussing a preliminary study that took place regarding the power corporation and the possible linkage of the power grid that could be set up between Churchill and Arviat and the Keewatin in general. Also in that study was the possibility of a road link between Churchill Manitoba and the Keewatin. I am not sure if the minister can speak to the road linkage but possibly to the status of the power grid preliminary studies. Basically what were the results and also if

there is a possibility of moving onto the next step, which would be a more detailed analysis of this particular issue. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Power Corporation, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the report that the member talks about, Mr. Speaker, came from Manitoba Hydro and it was a pre-feasibility study. Now, my understanding is that it was a pre-feasibility study, that it is broad in its implications and that indeed, it made some assumptions. For example, my understanding after reading the report is that one of these assumptions was that every home in Rankin Inlet, Whale Cove and Arviat would switch to electric heat. So that would be some major cost implications if that occurred.

There are also some huge capital dollar implications, so what we have done through our partner, Sustainable Development, that is Mr. Peter Kilabuk's department, we have done an analysis on this pre-feasibility study and I would assume that the next step would be to do a feasibility study. The study that was presented took some time, I believe it was several months in the making, and a feasibility study would have to look at the environmental impacts, it would have to look at major bridges, major rivers that would have to be crossed, it would have to involve NIRB, the Nunavut Impact Review Board, it would have to have environmental assessments and so on.

What I am trying to do now as the minister for the power corporation here in Nunavut, is to make contact with our Manitoba counterparts and to find out exactly what the next steps would be. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my second question to the minister. Mr. Speaker, the Premier earlier in our mandate spoke very positively and was very supportive of a road link between Churchill Manitoba and the Keewatin and also about a possible power grid.

My question to the minister is; will the minister be supporting the next step, which is a detailed analysis of these particular projects. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Power Corporation, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I can only speak to the transmission issue, as the road is outside my scope and I guess it would be the Minister for Transportation who would be reviewing that information and that detail.

I can say that on the pre-feasibility study, that has been prepared by the Manitoba Government, that has been transmitted to me as the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Power Corporation, that we have had a chance to analyze, that we have had a chance to review it at this time. We will be able to look at it again in some detail, which is what we are trying to do now with our partners, Mr. Kilabuk's department, and from there with our meeting that we are trying to arrange right now with

the minister for the power corporation of the Government of Manitoba, to see what the next steps would be.

The next steps, I would assume would be a feasibility study. Now given the intricate amount of work and the complex nature of the work that had to be carried out to put the transmission line in place, that could be a two or three year project from the information that was made available to me.

What I can commit to the member at this time, that as the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Power Corporation, we are looking at it and over the next several weeks after we have had an opportunity to look at it with the Manitoba Minister responsible for Hydro, and then we will be able to come back to this House and give the members and indeed, the people of Nunavut and the Kivalliq Region where we will go from there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Final supplementary Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in the report, can the minister tell us whether it indicated that there would be true cost savings if this hydro line would be put in place. It is my understanding that in my region, we are paying up to 70 cents per kilowatt hour, where in Manitoba, they are paying 6 cents. The approximate cost of this grid would be in the neighbourhood of 180 million dollars over a 20 or 25 year period.

Can the minister indicate whether or not in the report it did show a saving. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Power Corporation, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the report is a weighty volume, it is a very thick document. There are several assumptions made in the report. I do have a briefing note here, for example, if the electric power delivery option was chosen, at 138 kilovolts, the assumption would be that all households would switch to electric heat and the cost to deliver that power then would be 18 cents per kilowatt hour. The cost to the customer would be 30 cents per kilowatt hour. If the electric power option, Mr. Speaker, given the assumption again, was 230 kV, then all households would switch to electric heat and all potential mines would be hooked up to the power delivery grid.

Now, Mr. Speaker, when we say the potential mines, that I would assume would be the Nettiing project and possibly the project near Mr. McLean's riding in Baker Lake. In that case it would be 12 cents per kilowatt hour and the cost to the customer would be 25 cents per kilowatt hour. After saying that, Mr. Speaker, again from my notes here it tells me that the construction costs for the project is estimated to be in the range of 200 million dollars and it is also estimated that if it was 138 kV then the scenario would be 300 million dollars.

Again, Mr. Speaker, we have to predicate these assumptions by saying that this is a pre-feasibility study. To get more concrete numbers to see what this government would do in conjunction with the Federal Government, I would assume, and the power department of the Manitoba Hydro, is to see where those dollars would come from, because frankly, Mr. Speaker, at this time I don't see this government having 230 – 300 million dollars to put into this project.

But there may be some partnerships with the Federal Government and again, with Manitoba Hydro, based on if there are resources being developed in the Keewatin Region, if the Nettiling project goes forward then there may be economies of scale which would help us facilitate a hydro line.

So we haven't closed the door to it Mr. Speaker, again I reiterate that I would be looking forward to meeting with the Manitoba Minister in charge of hydro and allying and discussing this pre-feasibility study with him at that time and then coming back to this House Mr. Speaker, and updating the members and the people on what the next steps would be. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. Nutarak.

Question 120 - 1(3): Cost per Patient at Health Boarding Homes

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct this question to the Minister of Health & Social Services. Patient's going down to Ottawa usually stay in boarding homes. How much do they pay per patient for the boarding home in Ottawa. I would like to know how much a patient costs per night in these accommodations.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for the question. It is a good question. Unlike the other two regions, the Keewatin Region and the Kitikmeot Region, we don't have a boarding home specific facility in Ottawa. What we are using right now is a facility called the Rotel. The Rotel is operated by the OHSNI group and it is used for patients going to Ottawa, using the Ottawa General Hospital and some of the other hospital facilities in Ottawa. Patients from Ontario and other jurisdictions that need to go to Ottawa also use the Rotel.

So it is not actually a Nunavut specific facility. The patient cost per night for the facility right now under NIHB which is the Nunavut Insured Health Benefits, is 124 dollars and those costs are picked up, there are actually no costs to the patients for those people referred by the Baffin Regional Health & Social Services Board, in this case, to the Rotel in Ottawa. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. McLean.

Question 121 - 1(3): Reason for Revenue Shortfall

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. The Finance Minister was very kind to give us his six month update on the budget. Under revenue there was a projected 5.6 million dollars less than expected. Could the minister give me a detailed explanation as to why we are going to be short that kind of revenue this year. Thank you.

Speaker: Ma'na Mr. McLean. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this is primarily as a result of a reduction in the forecast for personal income taxes and for corporate income taxes. There is a significant amount

also in respect to some of the initial projections because of the fact that the government assumed the Nunavut Child Tax Credit, which is a cost shared program with the Federal Government, post April 1st, 1999.

That income, or the deductions from income, weren't taken into account in the initial preparations of the budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions. Oral question, Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 122 - 1(3): Further to Revenue Shortfall

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did not quite understand the response from the Minister of Finance. If he could clarify his response again, and rephrase. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Minister of Finance, Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I indicated we are looking at lower than projected revenues, and it was lower personal income taxes, lower corporate income taxes than was originally projected, but the largest part of the projections was the result of not taking into account the Nunavut Child Tax Credit, which is a program that is cost shared with the Federal Government, providing direct income payments to lower income families in respect of child support payments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does that mean that our annual budget estimates have to include the Child Tax Credits. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is a good question. How we dealt with it Mr. Speaker, instead of setting up a payment we have netted it out of tax revenues. In other words for the personal and corporate income taxes, if that was a positive we have taken off the child tax credits, the payments for that program are taken off of those revenues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions, Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since it is now going to be done that way, and the Federal Government was running the system and was responsible for that, does that mean that the Federal Government is not going to give us any additional dollars to pay for the Child Tax Credit.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Speaker, no that is not the case, it's a cost shared program. The Federal Government contributes and the Government of Nunavut contributes towards it as well. But it is a

unified system in that the Government of Canada does the administration and provides the actual payments to our constituents Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. McLean.

Question 123 - 1(3): Reason for Contingency Reserve

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. Again on the summary of expenditures for the mid-year. Under one column there is a contingency of 4 million 695 thousand dollars. Can the minister explain to me what this contingency is for. Thank you.

Speaker: Ma'na Mr. McLean. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I was trying to find it on the schedule, but I can't identify the exact number. I can speak to what I believe he is referring to. It's probably the contingency fund that we had at the start of the year, where we had 10 million dollars set aside out of the total 610 million dollar budget that was approved. Since that time, as you know, in the supplementary appropriations, that took place here last week, there is only half of that allocation that is expended, or there is roughly 4.5 million dollars left I believe. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Ng. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. I don't want to stand here and say that he never answered my question, but if we have 4 million 695 thousand dollars, and we have a tremendous shortage of housing, schools, health care workers, etc, does he have this 4 million 695 thousand dollars designated for some kind of spending.

Speaker: Ma'na Mr. McLean. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as you know that is exactly what it is used for. It is contingency depending on departmental needs, such as the Health Boards. As you know, we brought forward the issue, or the Minister of Health has brought the issue forward, on a continuing basis of the needs of the specific health boards throughout Nunavut and we are working on trying to resolve some of the problems that they are having in meeting their ongoing obligations in delivering health and social services programs to our constituents.

That's one of the first orders of business that will have to be resolved post-session, Mr. Speaker. So it's for those types of situations where the contingency would come into play and going through the proper channels for a request and going to the Financial Management Board for approval. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. Third supplementary Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Mr. Speaker, I don't want to try to corner the Finance Minister, to commit himself as to where he is going to spend this money, but what I just heard from him is that most of it is going to go to the Health Board deficits, is that correct.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. McLean. Minister of Finance, Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No that is not what I said, Mr. Speaker. That was an example of a situation that might have to be addressed and that's why you have a contingency fund to deal with these types of issues that are unexpected, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 124 - 1(3): Caribou Marketing for Baffin Region

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Sustainable Development. When you read your presentation earlier, about the market for the caribou and taking into account all the Nunavut Regions, the caribou are also in the Baffin region. What kind of economic activity can arise for these. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Minister of Sustainable Development, Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the question you were making reference to my presentation and you seemed to direct your question to something else, how and in what areas can we have economic development arise. Maybe if you can be more specific please, I will probably be able to respond to your question.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Kilabuk. Mr. Iqaqrialu, if you could clarify your question please.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You mentioned about the increase of caribou quotas in other regions which I really want to see. My question is, are you also looking into that in my region.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Minister of Sustainable Development, Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to clarify here, the question raised earlier, these were requests in the communities. ...(*inaudible*)...at this time, Sustainable Development cannot just create the communities that pay for the proposals, what commercial enterprise can arise in the regions. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Kilabuk. Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

Question 125 - 1(3): Staffing and Budget Update

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Minister, in his budget up-date indicates that approximately 58% or 60% of our staff has been hired, that would leave approximately 40% not hired and he's showing a \$10 million dollar saving, primarily due to the decrease in hiring. The

Minister also indicated that the additional savings from not hiring in this particular year was pretty much eaten up in a number of contracts to take on part-time people and contractual help to bring us up to par. We've heard over the last number of months that capacity is a real problem for the government, I guess my question would be, given the fact that most of the money has been expended on permanent hiring and contractual work, is it fair to say that would in itself bring us up to near capacity as far as people needed to do the job and to run the government. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister responsible for Human Resources, Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would say that it certainly has come a long way in trying to assist the government in delivering their programs and services. I couldn't quantify exactly right now about what the level of capacity would be when you factor in all the casuals and the consultants and the contracting back of services that has taken place, that's detailed work that would require a bit more time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions, Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, also in the minister's update, it shows that under Elder's and Youth, that approximately 1.4 million dollars was not spent. At the same time there was no program in place to hire summer students. Can the minister explain why this didn't happen, why we have 1.4 million dollars not spent that was ear-marked for summer employment for youth, why this didn't occur? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister responsible for Human Resources, Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the information that I tabled that the honourable member is referring to is a summary of all expenditures that includes projections to get us to the end of the current fiscal year of March 31, 2000. The programs that have been approved, which members are all aware of through the review of the budgets and the business plans that took place both in standing committee and within Committee of the Whole in the House, with the programs that have been approved for funding. There wasn't a specific summer student funding program, it's set for what the government undertook in house. That's the reason why there wouldn't have been anything specific on that outlined here, so the projections or the variances, Mr. Speaker that are before us are based on what departments think they'll be under-expended or over-expended between now and the end of the fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions, Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'll try to re-phrase my question. In this area we are showing 1.49 million dollars that was not expended, but at the same token there was no employment program this summer so the money could have been used for that and I'm curious as to why it wasn't used in that area.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister responsible for Human Resources, Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Speaker, once again I'll try to explain. It was based on expenditures up to September 30, plus the projected expenditures to get us to the end of the fiscal year. Each department, the honourable member used the example of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, so they've spent based on this, their projections are that they'll end up spending 4.7 million and there will be, yes, 1.5 million dollars under-expended from their budget of 6.2 is what they're projecting. Now, there were no program specifics, no specific program for student employment under C.L.E.Y. or any department of this government. So, we, the department or the Minister, couldn't arbitrarily be (*inaudible*) of September 30 before he even knew what his financial standing was, make a commitment for a new program and jeopardize the existing programs that have been approved for expenditure in this House Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. Final supplementary Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I recollect that we did ask for a summer student program and the fact that at this point in time, as of September, we have 1.4 million dollars spent I would think that as of two months ago we would have a good indication as to where we were and where we are going. I guess my question is again, I recall members asking for a program for summer students and I just find it difficult to accept that we have 1.4 million dollars not expended but still we had no summer program for students. And my question again was why did this not happen when we have this money available and I would assume that these figures were available not this month but probably a month or two ago. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister responsible for Human Resources, Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first let's clarify. There were students employed over the course of the summer but they were not specifically funded by programs to Municipalities or to Housing Associations or to businesses or non-profit organizations. They happened to be Government of Nunavut casual employees over the course of the summer. Once again I would say to the member it's because there was no specific program outline and funding approved for summer students. Now, we recognize that honourable members of this House had brought up that issue in the spring session and it will hopefully be taken into consideration in the development of the 2000/2001 budgets. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. Mr. McLean.

Question 126 - 1(3): Cost of Caribou Harvest in Coral Harbour

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. I got a response from the Minister regarding the purchase of caribou for the fish and meat plant in Rankin Inlet and in his response he said that there's a commercial quota in Coral Harbour of over 6000. Could the minister tell me what it cost the government a year for this commercial hunt. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. McLean. The Minister responsible for Sustainable Development, Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this point the commercial quota is not the responsibility of Sustainable Development, but I will take your question as notice and I'll accumulate all the information first.

Speaker: Oral questions Mr. Nutarak.

Question 127 - 1(3): Cost Per Patient in Rotel

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to re-elaborate the question I asked previously to the Minister of Health and Social Services. Mr. Iqaqrialu asked a question in regards to the Rotel which is used by the patients. The Minister stated that the contract is for another year. My question is, with that contract how much does it cost per patient. I hope I have made myself clearer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Nutarak. The Minister responsible for Health, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The contract that we have with OHSNI, which is the Ottawa Health Services Network which runs the Rotel, is based on per diem nights and there's also an amount for the administration fees for the coverage of the services they are providing to us. The balance of the amount depends on how many patients actually use the service at the Rotel. Like I said before it is 124 dollars per night that we pay through NHIP. Out of that comes other service fees for facilitating the development and the usage of the Rotel. I don't have with me right now Mr. Speaker the actual dollar value as of March 31 that was spent on health services in the Rotel but that is what we were paying, I can get that information to the member and provide it to him if that's the information he is requesting. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions, Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Question to the Minister of Health and Social Services, once again. The patient's that have gone down, how are they provided transportation down in Ottawa? Do they take taxi cabs to go to and from point a to point b, for example from the airport to the hotel or to the hospital? I would like to get clarification on that please.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Minister responsible for Health and Social Services, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, at the present time under the arrangements that we have with the OHSNI group in Ottawa with the Rotel facilities, they have a van available that picks up patients as they arrive at the Ottawa terminal and bring them to the Rotel. There's also a service available to bring them to the hospital facilities that are not close to the Rotel. There's also translation services, interpreter's are provided, some are stationed at the Rotel on a part-time basis or on an as needed basis and the driver of the van is Inuk, bilingual Inuk, speaking English and Inuktitut so those services are also provided to the patients in Ottawa using the Rotel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Question 128 - 1(3): Resurfacing of Whale Cove Runway

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker my question is for the Minister responsible for Finance, Mr. Ng. Unfortunately I was away last week and I was expecting to see in the supplementary appropriations some funding that was announced or a commitment that was made by the minister for re-surfacing the Whale Cove runway. It was a commitment that I read in the paper that was made by the Minister of Transportation, that they would be getting funding for their runway and I didn't see it in the appropriations so I was wondering if that's been included somewhere else or where that's going to be coming from. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Finance, Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I can't speak to that as I am not aware of any request that is in the works or that has come forward to the Financial Management Board on that particular project at this time. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the project I'm talking about, I read it in the newspaper, I would assume that type of information would come forward and through the Financial Management Board prior to it going out to the public so, if he's not aware I would like to know the process involved and how it got to that point without anything being approved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Finance, Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I can't really even comment on that, I haven't even seen the article that the honourable member refers to, it's not tabled, it's not before the house and all I can say is to re-iterate that I'm not aware of any FMB submission that's been worked upon or that is before the board for consideration on that specific matter. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Question 129 - 1(3): Meetings Between OHSNI Board and LARGA Homes

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker this is not a supplementary it's a different question. Is this an appropriate time to ask questions to the Minister? Thank you. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Health and Social Services, I had the opportunity in August to visit and meet with the OHSNI board with the Minister and at that time the OHSNI board had indicated that they were going to be meeting with the group representing the LARGA home and I'm just wondering if any progress has been made on that and if they have in fact had any meetings with them as they had indicated they were going to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister responsible for Health Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the member is correct, we did tour the Rotel together, I believe it was in August. In response to an oral question asked by Mr. Iqaqrialu last week I explained to the house that the situation, the history regarding the use of the Rotel at this time is that the Qikiqtaaluk Corporation in conjunction with Nunasi Corporation have purchased a home in Ottawa and have renovated that facility having spent considerable dollars on that facility. I was there in June as member for Iqaluit East to attend the opening of that facility.

The LARGA home is set up and on the ground and is in the process now of getting its' final regulatory information in place, a permit to allow it to take patients. At the same time Mr. Speaker, we have the Rotel, on the ground in Ottawa, we have a contract in place until the year 2001 with the OHSNI group for the services of the Rotel. Discussions have taken place between ourselves, the Qikiqtaaluk Corporation and Baffin LARGA, the OHSNI group and the department of Health and Social Services and the Baffin Regional Health and Social Services Board to see if there is an opportunity to facilitate clients, patients of ours from the Baffin region to the Baffin LARGA home, specifically handicapped patients and unilingual patients to a more Inuit specific home in Ottawa.

In the mean time after saying that we do have a legitimate contract in place and we are not in a position to circumvent the contract but the contract is between the Baffin Regional Health and Social Services Board and we're in the midst right now, last week the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services was meeting with the OHSNI people in conjunction with LARGA to see if there was an opportunity for the facilitation between the Baffin Regional Health and Social Services Board and the LARGA group to see if they could facilitate specific clientele, as I just explained, to the LARGA home. And that's where it is right now, our hope is to have some type of resolution of this issue over the next couple of weeks and we are aware of some of the concerns that have come forward from our patients in this house and in other conversations with the usage of the Rotel in Ottawa. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you Minister for all the background information. I guess that I would like to confirm that there was a meeting between the OHSNI group and the Baffin Regional Health and Social Services Board last week in exploring possible options of OHSNI utilizing the LARGA home as they are the contractor. I would like some confirmation there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister responsible for Health, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, that is correct, to my understanding there was a meeting last week between the Baffin Regional Health and Social Services Board actually it's been several meetings that they've had with the LARGA group, I'll make this short, to facilitate patient care in Ottawa. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Third supplementary Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the Minister just indicated that there have been meetings between the board and the LARGA home people, have there been meetings between OHSNI and LARGA? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister responsible for Health, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker there have been meetings between the Baffin Regional Health and Social Services Board and LARGA, there have been meetings between Baffin Regional Health and Social Services Board and the OHSNI group, there have been meetings between OHSNI and LARGA, there have been several different meetings.

I guess we have to say here and be very clear Mr. Speaker, that the contract, the current contract with Rotel is with Baffin Regional Health and Social Services Board and the OHSNI group. LARGA arbitrarily set up the boarding home facility that they are intending to use in Ottawa and they have approached the Baffin Regional Health and Social Services Board to refer patients to their home to the LARGA home. In the mean time the contract is still with the Rotel and that is the agreement, an arrangement that has to be facilitated between the Health Board and the OHSNI group to see if they will facilitate clients to stay at the LARGA home. I had indicated LARGA had asked for unilingual patients where possible, older patients, handicapped patients and so on. The government, me as a department, the Minister of the Department Health and Social Services had been conducive to that but we are not in any way going to step in and circumvent the legitimate and legal contract that is in place. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

Question 130 - 1(3): Loan Authorization Act

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker my question is directed to the Minister responsible for Finance. Mr. Speaker we recently passed the Loan Authorization Act and there was great interest and debate regarding this issue. And I still require further clarification on this. The ceiling on it was 10 million dollars, 5 million dollars was committed to Iqaluit and another 200 thousand to Clyde River. My question is, can the minister give some further detail as to how this 10 million dollars or whatever is going to show up on the books, will it show up as a receivable, in other words where did it come from? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister of Finance, Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Yes, Mr. Speaker it will show up as a receivable, thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions. Oral questions. Back to our orders of the day. Item 7, Written Questions, Item 8, Returns to Written Questions, Item 9, Replies to Opening Address, Item 10, Petitions. Petitions? Before we go to Item 11, I would like to ask for a 15 minute recess.

>>*Short Recess*

Speaker: Thank you, Sergeant at Arms. Going back to Orders of the Day. Item 11 – Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Mr. Tootoo?

Item 11: Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Ajauqtiit Standing Committee Report on the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of presenting the Report on the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut. This report was prepared by the Standing Committee - Ajauqtiit, after we conducted a thorough selection process to identify the most appropriate candidates for this important public office. Later today, I will bring forward a motion and seek unanimous consent to bring the Motion to the floor of the House today to recommend that Elaine Keenan Bengts be appointed as the new Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut, pursuant to section 61 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

As the report states, our Standing Committee worked very hard to make sure that our selection process was thorough and unbiased. A sub-committee of three of our members conducted the interviews and the selection process for the Languages Commissioner and the Information and Privacy Commissioners, which included Ovide Alakannuark, Co-Chair, Olayuk Akesuk and myself, as Chair of the Committee.

Members of our Committee and Sub-Committee met twelve times on the matter of the Information and Privacy Commissioner over the last two months. We received twenty-seven applications from people across Canada for this position. We conducted in person interviews of three candidates, reviewed their written answers and questions, and evaluated their experience and education as outlined in their resumes. We also received information from references for the final candidate.

It was a very difficult decision for members because all of the candidates are very committed people. They were all interested in the position and they all have many skills and ideas to bring to the position. We thank them for applying. Nevertheless, we had to choose one name to recommend to the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The Information and Privacy Commissioner for Nunavut must have many qualities. The Commissioner must be a strong, committed voice for open government, which provides timely access to information and at the same time be an advocate for the protection of privacy. They must have the diplomacy and grace to mediate solutions, sensitivity to the needs of government processes, ability to assist different language groups within Nunavut, and the integrity and administrative competence to deal with complaints in a fair and timely manner.

And although this Commissioner is a resident elsewhere in Canada, as with all public offices in Nunavut, they must be a leader in the Inuit tradition, able to hold the respect and confidence of all Inuit elders and youth as well as French and English speaking residents of Nunavut. We believe that Elaine Keenan Bengts has these qualities. She has learned a lot about the north in her thirty years living in Yellowknife and in her last two and a half years in the position of Information and Privacy Commissioner of the NWT.

We see no conflict with her holding both positions. And there may be cost savings to both of our governments. She will represent both the NWT and Nunavut in meetings with other Information and Privacy Commissioners across Canada elsewhere. Elaine understands the challenges facing the Government of Nunavut and our need to be resourceful in meeting the requirements under the Act in a most cost effective manner.

Her office will be accessible to the residents of Nunavut through a toll free line and all materials will be developed in the official languages of Nunavut. We are confident that with the support of Members and staff of the Legislative Assembly and her colleagues in these positions elsewhere in Canada, Elaine will do an outstanding job as Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut and help Nunavut to establish itself as a truly open, transparent, and accountable government which also guards and protects our personal information.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At the appropriate time, I will give Notice of Motion to appoint an Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Mr. Akasuk?

Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services Report on the 1999-2000 Six Month Departmental Progress

Mr. Akasuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the honour today to present the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services Report on the 1999-2000 six month departmental progress. I am going to read the first two pages and then David is going to read the next two pages. In May of 1999, the Standing Committees of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut recommended in the House that Government of Nunavut Departments provide mid-year progress updates to the Committees for review.

Ministers and senior departmental officials appeared before the Standing Committees from October 14-16, 1999. This exercise took place shortly before the opening of the Third Session of the Legislative Assembly, and the tabling of the Bathurst Mandate.

At the mid-point of the 1999-2000 fiscal year, the Standing Committees were interested in gaining a picture of where the new Government stood in terms of spending to date; legislative and policy plans and priorities for the remainder of the fiscal year; staffing progress; and other matters.

Unfortunately, Standing Committees were again disappointed by the fact that departments were inconsistent in the manner in which materials were provided to Committee Members. While some departments provided thorough documentation, others did not. Few departments seemed able or willing to provide materials much in advance of ministerial presentations. Problems with providing even short documents in both Inuktitut and English were evident in some presentations.

The Standing Committee again recommends that departmental materials be provided to Members sufficiently in advance of appearances to allow for adequate preparation; and that all materials be fully translated.

Mr. Speaker, generally speaking, the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services was satisfied with the progress to date made by the three departments under its oversight mandate. This report will serve to highlight the Standing Committee's main observations and concerns.

Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs

Premier Okalik appeared before the Standing Committee on October 14.

The Standing Committee is pleased with the efforts being made to develop sound working relationships with other jurisdictions, while ensuring that Nunavut's interests are effectively articulated. The Committee is of the view that strong efforts should continue with respect to securing a fair deal for Nunavut in such issue areas as fishing quotas, a mineral accord and other issues requiring intergovernmental discussions.

Protocol Agreement between the Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

Members of the Standing Committee were provided the opportunity to review the Protocol. The Standing Committee is supportive of this initiative to establish a sound working relationship between the Government and NTI; while recognizing the special role of the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit in considering issues related to the Government of Nunavut's obligations with respect to the implementation of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

Decentralization Secretariat

The Standing Committee received a brief update on the work of the Secretariat, and took note that a total of 69 decentralized positions have been filled to date. The Standing Committee reiterates its fundamental support for decentralization, and strongly recommends that the work of the Secretariat proceed in an effective and timely fashion. The Standing Committee also recommends that the elected local leadership of communities impacted by decentralization receive formal updates on a monthly basis from the Secretariat.

Nunavut Law Review Commission (Maligarnik Qimirrujiit)

Members are supportive of this important initiative. The Standing Committee recommends that careful consideration be paid to the challenge of how to effectively and realistically draw upon the special wisdom of Elders in the Commission's review of complex pieces of legislation.

Public Utilities Board

Members are aware of the Government's work in reviewing options in this area. The Standing Committee supports the establishment of a Nunavut Public Utilities Board at the earliest opportunity.

Government Communication with Nunavummiut

With respect to such issues as the move to a single time zone, the Standing Committee feels that better efforts should be made to communicate government initiatives in a way that is sensitive to public concerns and perceptions.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Akesuk. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Department of Finance and Administration

Mr. Iqaqrialu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Report on 1999-2000 Six Month Departmental Progress Update. Minister Ng appeared before the Standing Committee on October 14.

Mid-Year Fiscal Update

The Standing Committee is pleased that the Government does not anticipate a deficit for 1999-2000. However, Members of the Committee are concerned about the drop in projected personal and corporate income tax revenues, given that the Committee shares the Minister's commitment to greater financial self-reliance. The Standing Committee recommends any government-wide surplus be allocated to address Nunavut's housing crisis.

Division of Assets and Liabilities

The Standing Committee was informed that the final status of this process will not be known until later this year. The Standing Committee continues to take a strong interest in this issue, and expects to be regularly updated.

Pay Equity

While supporting the principle of pay equity, the Standing Committee is concerned that the Government take the appropriate steps to cover potential liabilities as a result of the ongoing tribunal process in Ottawa.

Departmental Staffing Progress

The Standing Committee recognizes efforts being made by the Department to meet Inuit Employment Plan targets, while acknowledging the need to build skills and capacity. The Standing Committee recommends that the Department continue to make efforts to foster training opportunities in partnership with educational institutions in these skill areas.

Public-Private Partnerships

Members of the Committee take a strong interest in the direction that the Government will take with respect to P3s; especially with respect to the issues of transparency and accountability. The Committee is anxious to examine the results of a review of proposed P3 projects, including student housing for Nunavut Arctic College in Cambridge Bay, a regional

hospital in Iqaluit and regional health complexes in Rankin Inlet and Cambridge Bay. The Standing Committee recommends that it be consulted as the Department moves forward on this issue, and prior to final P3 criteria being established.

Budget Consultations

The Standing Committee supports the Department's plan to hold public consultations on the 2000-2001 budget and the five-year capital planning process, and reiterates its April recommendation that clear information be made available to the public in both Inuktitut and English, and that community input be taken seriously during this exercise.

Department of Human Resources

Minister Ng appeared before the Standing Committee on October 14.

Progress of Staffing

The Standing Committee is concerned that a lack of staff housing in the Capital will negatively impact on Government-wide staffing plans. The Committee requests that the department address this issue, in addition to clarifying the current GN staff housing policy.

Competency-Based Human Resource System

The Standing Committee remains concerned that an inappropriate overemphasis on paper qualifications will be detrimental to the goal of maximizing Inuit employment in the public service. The Standing Committee recommends that the department continue to work to ensure that individuals who have the necessary skills and competencies to perform the duties of positions be given every opportunity to compete for vacancies. Given the impending termination of NUHRDS funding, the Standing Committee further recommends that every effort be made to successfully obtain necessary resources from federal partners.

Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and the Public Service

The Standing Committee is pleased that Inuktitut language training has commenced, and that a Government-wide staff workshop on IQ was recently held. The Standing Committee looks forward to progress reports on the success of these initiatives, and emphasizes its support for a public service that is representative of the people of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Report be referred to Committee of the Whole

Report on 1999-2000 Six Month Departmental Progress Update referred to Committee of the Whole

Mr. Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Uqqumiut, that the Report be referred to Committee of the Whole and further seek unanimous consent to waive

Rule 91 (4) and have the Report be moved into Committee of the Whole for today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Akesuk. The Member is seeking unanimous consent to waive Rule 91 (4) so that the Report of the Standing Committee can be referred to Committee of the Whole today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Akesuk, you have consent. The Committee's Report is referred to Committee of the Whole for today. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Mr. Tootoo.

Ajauqtiit Standing Committee Report on the 1999-2000 Six Month Departmental Progress Updates

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have the honour today of presenting the Standing Committee on Ajauqtiit's Report on the 1999-2000 Six Month Departmental Progress Updates. I'll be going over part of the Report and the Honourable Member, Mr. Iqaqrialu, will be doing some as well.

In the May, 1999 Report of the Standing Committee – Ajauqtiit, the Standing Committee recommended that they review the progress of the Legislative Assembly in its Business Plan at the six month point of the fiscal year. Members of Ajauqtiit did so on Friday October 1st, 1999 during a presentation from yourself, Mr. Speaker and the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, after which Members had an opportunity to ask questions.

In regards to timely provision of detailed information to the Members of the Standing Committees, in the May session, Members recommended that a protocol be put in place regarding obtaining information from departments, particularly detailed information, for example, in support of the Main Estimates Review by the Standing Committees. Members were advised that an Information Protocol has been finalized between staff in the Legislative Assembly and Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs which clarifies which information should be provided by departments to Members or Standing Committees as a matter of course and which information would be considered confidential or private to individuals.

In terms of timely provision of information in these types of review exercises, such as advanced review of budget and Main Estimates, and the six month progress review, nothing further has been worked out with the departments. It is noted that no departments provided materials in advance of their meetings with the respective Standing Committees. In addition, only a few departments actually presented information on expenditures to date, such as were provided by the Legislative Assembly.

However, most departments did have their materials in English and Inuktitut. The Standing Committee again recommends that the departmental materials be provided to Members sufficiently in advance of their appearance to allow for adequate presentation and that all materials be fully translated.

The Standing Committee was given a detailed and up to date budget for the Legislative Assembly which included the amounts spent to September 30, 1999, amounts committed, and the balance for the remainder of the fiscal year. It is still difficult to project accurately with this budget, because as

noted in May, the budget was estimated for Nunavut based on the NWT. By the end of September, the Speaker noted that there had only been the sitting in April and May-June, and no committees had travelled for public consultations on bills. Since the sessions, expenses for October and November have not been incorporated, nor committee work after September 30. We cannot yet assess if the amounts for the year will be sufficient.

However, it was noted that as of September 30, the session expenses were higher because of the higher costs of operating in temporary and rented premises in April and May and June. The Committee costs were lower as fewer Committee meetings have been held. Nevertheless, it is clear that there will be some slippage in areas where the positions have not yet been filled – for example, the Languages Commissioner and her staff. These savings will be applied to other expenses which were not planned in the budget, such as opening celebrations for the Legislative Assembly building.

At the half way point of the fiscal year, just under 40 per cent of the budget has been spent or committed. Therefore, it does not appear that a Supplementary budget appropriation will be necessary for the Legislative Assembly.

The one area where there may need to be a Supplementary appropriation is for the expenses relating to the building security and janitorial services. Members were advised that it is the Department of Public Works that is responsible for these duties, but it appears that there has been no specific funding allocated for these areas of expenditure for the Legislative Assembly. Members were concerned that while there may be funds available to pay for these expenses, from slippage during this fiscal year, once the Legislative Assembly is fully staffed and set up, it will be necessary to ensure that a specific budget has been allocated for these purposes. The Clerk undertook to follow up with the Deputy Minister of Finance to determine if the proposed Supplementary Appropriation Bill or an increase in the base funding for the Legislative Assembly, or Public Works, would include amounts for those purposes.

Members were very pleased to be able to hold this session in the new Legislative Assembly Building and were advised that the building had already been host to official visits from the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of France and an official signing ceremony by the Minister of Sustainable Development.

Members were advised that the audio-visual system is being installed, but is still behind schedule, due to delays in the delivery of specialized equipment. The Clerk noted that an interim system had been installed, to ensure that this session – October – November, would proceed...and arrangements had been made for renting interpretation equipment. Members were further advised that the audio visual system should be in place by the end of November.

In the May, 1999 report, a strong recommendation was made to continue following up with the federal government to obtain capital funding for these items, which had been overlooked in the original capital plan for the Legislative Assembly. Members were advised that in another Standing Committee, the Premier had reported that these further requests had been made but that there was no further funding to be obtained from the federal government to pay for some of these capital expenses which had not been predicted at the outset, such as the security and audio visual systems. Members

reluctantly acknowledged that these capital expenses must therefore come out of Nunavut's capital budget for this fiscal year.

As requested in the May report, Members were pleased that the opening ceremonies were being planned for the opening of the session in the new chamber, and understood that the expenses for this must come from other budget items which will not be fully utilized this fiscal year. Members were especially pleased that elders were being invited from each of Nunavut's constituencies for the opening. Nevertheless, Members were concerned at the lack of space for the public in the Chamber. This is always a greater concern at special events like openings.

The Standing Committee recommends that the Speaker present options for ensuring that the public will have access to the Chamber when in session. If these options would require additional capital expenditures such as renovations, or an addition, or additional audio visual expenses, these should be put forward in the five year capital planning exercise.

Members were also advised that the Legislative Assembly Website was up internally and that the shelves had been established and were waiting for data. Members were being asked to provide updated information on their own biographies. Soon, Hansard, Bills, Committee Reports, Member Profiles, will be available to anyone with internet access.

In elaboration to questions about public space in the Chamber, Members were advised that the Legislative Assembly was originally designed as an office building, and was adapted to be the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut. This was due to the fact that the groups planning for Nunavut forgot to put a Legislative Assembly in the plans. As a result, there were some features which were not able to meet all the needs of the Legislative Assembly. For example, it was not possible to have a large public gallery.

Members felt it would be prudent to begin now to start planning for the time that a new building would be required. For example, they wondered if a reserve could be set aside each year for the next ten, or fifteen or twenty years. This planning may be done in conjunction with the proposed Nunavut Capitol Commission planning for the future of Iqaluit, and the need for various facilities in Iqaluit as Iqaluit continues to grow, both as a community and as a government centre. Members do not want the same mistake to be made wherein the need to consider a Legislative Assembly building is an afterthought.

The Standing Committee recommends that the Speaker present options for long term capital planning for replacement of the Legislative Assembly building in the future, and that the need for a future Legislative Assembly be placed in the government capital planning exercise and in any future planning by the Nunavut Capitol Commission or any similar organization. I'll turn over the next part of the report to my colleague, the Honourable Member for Uqqumiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Member for Uqqumiut. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Sessional and Standing Committee Expenses

Mr. Iqaqrialu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As requested in the May report, Members were given detailed information about the cost of one day of session and one day of committee's work. It was noted that for the sake of tracking the overall budget was divided amongst the four Standing Committees and the Management and Services Board. However, since the Standing Committee must deal with the bills, or other requests, as they arise, some committees may have more expenses in a given year than in another, depending on the need for public hearings, travel and so forth.

It was noted that the additional cost of a committee meeting outside Iqaluit would be \$2,200 per day in order to pay for room rental, the cost of interpreters on site, the cost of ensuring that Hansard transcripts could be prepared on site, etc.

Expenditures on behalf of the members.

It was noted that an orientation workshop in Iqaluit had been provided for members' constituency assistants and that most Members now have offices established with computers, etc. In response to a question, it was noted that if Members wished computer training, this will be provided by Legislative Assembly staff. Mr. Speaker noted that the Legislative Assembly has now contracted with a local service provider for Hansard, which is produced in both English and Inuktitut.

Appointments to offices under the jurisdiction of the Legislative Assembly and related legislation

It was noted in May meetings, there are several key appointments made on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly, whose budget fall under the Legislative Assembly. The Standing Committee of Ajauqtiit has been co-ordinating the process of selecting names to recommend to the Legislative Assembly which is hoped will happen this session for the following three positions: Language Commissioner, Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Information and Privacy Commissioner. The Standing Committee of Ajauqtiit will present separate reports to the House with respect to these appointments.

It was noted that once these Commissioners are in place, the Standing Committee of Ajauqtiit has reviewed the need for legislative reform in these three areas. Being mindful of the Law Reform Commission's mandate, and the interest of specific departments with respect to, for example, the Official Languages Act, members of the Standing Committee have begun to review information on the changes which have been recommended to and made this past summer to the NWT Legislative Assembly and in consideration of the area of Conflict of Interest, Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Nunavut Elections - Review of Elections Act.

Members were advised that the Report on the first Nunavut election held on February 15, 1999 would be tabled during this session. Afterwards, the Standing Committee on Ajauqtiit will be asked to review it and any recommendations therein. As noted above, the Members will also review the need for legislative reform to ensure the Elections Act is appropriate for Nunavut.

Other initiatives

It was noted that the legislative process had been agreed upon and that Members were now working with it. In particular the legislative process provides that the draft bills be provided to the appropriate Standing Committee for comment prior to introduction in the Legislative Assembly. This process will be reviewed once the Members have had the opportunity to work with it over the course of the session.

In terms of other legislative initiatives in the Legislative Assembly, it was noted that a consultation process had been initiated for symbols for Nunavut. These symbols will be reviewed by the Legislative Assembly.

It was agreed in Baker Lake that there would be no changes to the Flag Act. However, it is anticipated that symbols for the official flower and other symbols for Nunavut will be selected in the near future as part of this process.

Clarification of roles and relationships on land claims matters

In the May, 1999 Report, the Standing Committee of Ajauqtiit expressed the wish to clarify how the different government departments and the different standing committees would work on land claims matters. The committee has been advised that a draft protocol with NTI is being worked on by the Office of the Premier and Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. The Committee has expressed its wish to be consulted during this protocol and hopes that this protocol will help clarify this relationship.

Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit

Members were pleased to hear the continuing developments by the Legislative Assembly to ensure a role for Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in its systems. As well, Members want to celebrate Inuit culture and language in the work of the Assembly. Now that the Legislative Assembly building is finished, there is a permanent home for the public display of the mace and other symbols of the assembly which are unique to Nunavut. The Clerk advised that elders and youth would play a role in the opening of the new chamber.

Further, efforts have been made to ensure that Inuit art would be displayed in the building for the opening. Members will be advised as to the status of the permanent art collection for the building. Non Inuktitut speaking staff look forward to taking Inuktitut classes established through the Human Resources department. Legislative Assembly staff also participated in an IQ workshop organized by the Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth and hope to follow up on the recommendations that emerge from that workshop.

Speaker (interpretation): We'll go back to Mr. Tootoo. Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Standing Committee of Ajauqtiit continues to operate. In the words of one of our members our first year as a new legislature is going to be a learning experience and we'll be identifying issues. I think it was during the June session that we said we

wanted to operate more effectively and more accountably as a new legislature. We want to think about how we would want to see our legislature be different than the NWT. I think at some point we need to review how we are doing and where we want to see changes. We are pleased with the progress of the legislative assembly and look forward to continuing to play a role in reviewing it's work and ensuring it is appropriate to the needs of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by the honourable member from South Baffin that the Report be referred to the Committee of the Whole and I further seek unanimous consent to waive rule 91 (4) and have the report moved to the committee of the whole for today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. The member is seeking unanimous consent to waive rule 91 (4) so that the report of the Standing Committee can be referred to the Committee of the Whole for today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. The Committee's report is referred to the Committee of the Whole. Item 11, Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12, Reports of Committees on Review of Bills. Item 13, Tabling of Documents. Mr. Clerk.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 14 - 1(3): Responses to Petitions

Mr. Quirke: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Honourable Member Jack Anawak, I would like to table responses to petitions number 2-1 (3), 3-1 (3), 4-1 (3), 5-1 (3), Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Clerk. Tabling of documents. Mr. Picco.

Tabled Document 15 - 1(3): NTPC Annual Report 1998/99

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as the Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation in Nunavut, I want to formally table the 1998/99 NTPC Annual Report. This report was originally released this past July. It has been distributed to all Hamlet offices in Nunavut and I am pleased Mr. Speaker, to present these copies in English and Inuktitut for all the members of this assembly and I will make them available to the public. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Tabling of documents. Tabling of documents. Item 14, Notices of Motions. Mr. O'Brien.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday November 4th, I will move the following motion;

I move, seconded by the honourable member for Cambridge Bay that notwithstanding rule 4, when the house adjourns on Wednesday November 3, 1999, it shall be adjourned until Wednesday February 16, 2000.

And further, at any time prior to February 16, 2000, if the Speaker is satisfied, after consultation with the executive council and members of the Legislative Assembly that the public interest requires that the House should be meet at an earlier time during that adjournment, the Speaker may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time we'll be seeking to address this issue today.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Notices of motion. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, November 4th, I will move the following motion;

I move seconded by the honourable member from South Baffin, that Elaine Keenan-Bengts be appointed as Information Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut with a term of five years. And furthermore, that the appointment be effective November 15, 1999.

And Mr. Speaker, I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion under Item 16. Thank you..

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Item 14, Notices of Motion. Item 15, Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Mr. O'Brien.

Item 16: Motions

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move seconded by the honourable member for Cambridge Bay that notwithstanding rule 4, when the house adjourns on Wednesday November 3rd, 1999, it shall be adjourned until Wednesday February 16th.

Speaker: Mr. Arvaluk

Hon. James Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. He has to ask for unanimous consent if he can make a motion.

Speaker: I'm sorry Mr. Arvaluk, he is seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion for today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. O'Brien, you have to ask unanimous consent. Mr. O'Brien.

Motion 4 – 1 (3): Extended Adjournment

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for that very important observation. I move seconded by the honourable member for Cambridge Bay that notwithstanding rule 4, when the house adjourns on Wednesday November 3rd, 1999 it shall be adjourned until Wednesday February 16, 2000. And further that at any time prior to February 16, 2000, if the Speaker is satisfied after consultation with executive council and members of the legislative assembly that the public interest requires that the house should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, the Speaker may give notice and

thereupon the house shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Motions. The Motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Mr. O'Brien, your motion is carried. Item 16, Motions. Mr. Tootoo.

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

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Tootoo is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Tootoo, you have unanimous consent.

Motion 5 – 1 (3): Appointment of Information and Privacy Commissioner

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the motion is on the appointment of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Whereas, Section 61 (1) of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act permits the appointment of an Information and Privacy Commissioner by the Commissioner of Nunavut after the approval of the appointment by resolution of the legislative assembly;

And, whereas, the legislative assembly considers the appointment of an Information and Privacy Commissioner essential for ensuring access to government information and protection of personal privacy and compliance with the spirit, intent and provisions of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

And, whereas, the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is vacant and whereas the Legislative Assembly is of the opinion that the appointment of the Privacy Commissioner should now be made;

Now, therefore, I move seconded by the honourable member from South Baffin, that Elaine Keenan-Bengts be appointed as the Information and Privacy Commissioner for the term of five years and further that the appointment be effective November 15, 1999. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Mr. Tootoo, the motion is carried. Item 16, Motions. Item 17, First Reading of Bills. Item 18, Second Reading of Bills.

Item 19, Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and other matters. Bill 3 – An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act; Standing Committee Reports, 8-1 (3), 9-1 (3). Notwithstanding my instructions given to the members on Friday October 29th and according to the authority vested in me by motion 3-1 (3), the Committee of the Whole will stay in session until it reports itself out, with Uriash Puqiqnak as the Chairperson.

Sergeant At Arms.

Item 19: Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

Chairperson (Mr. Puqiqnak) (interpretation): Prior to dealing with Bill 3, in the Committee of the Whole, Standing Committee Reports and other matters. First of all I'd like to ask the members here what their wishes are. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I recommend that we take a ten minute break.

Chairperson (interpretation): We'll take a short ten minute break.

>>*Short recess*

Chairperson (interpretation): We have a quorum now. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bill 3 – An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act. Standing Committee Reports 3 – 1 (3). I would like to know the wish of the committee. Mr. Akesuk.

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Standing Committee reports are very brief and I would like to deal with the motions first Mr. Chairman

Chairperson (interpretation): Motions 8 – 1 and 8 – 2 (3). Are you agreed that we deal with them first. 8 – 1 (3) Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services we will consider this. Mr. Akesuk.

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I had tabled the standing committee report with the assistance of Mr. Iqaqrialu, from Government Operations & Services. I will be reading the motions one by one and once we vote on them I will go on to the other motions.

Committee Motion 2 – 1 (3): Decentralization to Proceed in a Timely Fashion

Mr. Chairman I move that the Standing Committee reiterates its fundamental support for decentralization, and strongly recommends that the work of the Secretariat proceed in an effective and timely fashion and that the elected local leadership of communities impacted by decentralization receive formal updates on a monthly basis from the Secretariat.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Akesuk. There is a motion on the floor. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Mr. Akesuk.

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Committee Motion 3 – 1 (3): Elders Assistance in Work of Maligarnik Qimirujjit

Mr. Chairman I move that the Committee recommends that careful consideration be paid to the challenge of how to effectively and realistically draw upon the special wisdom of Elders in the Commission's review of complex pieces of legislation.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Akesuk. There is a motion on the floor. Comments or questions to the motion. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried. Mr. Akesuk.

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I will speak in English so that we will have clarity.

Committee Motion 4 – 1 (3): Consultation on P3 Issues

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee recommends that the standing committee be consulted as the Department of Finance moves forward on the P3 issue.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Akesuk. There is a motion on the floor. Questions or comments to the motion. Mr. Arvaluk.

Hon. James Arvaluk (interpretation): Mr. Chairman I have a question. It states P3 issue, shouldn't it be spelled issues, or is that spelt correctly. I would like to get clarification please.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Akesuk.

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): It should state issues.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Akesuk. Mr. Arvaluk does that answer your question. Thank you. There is a motion on the floor. To the motion. Comments or questions. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried. Mr. Akesuk.

Committee Motion 5 – 1 (3): Lack of Staff Housing In Iqaluit

I move that the committee recommends that the Government addresses the issue of lack of staff housing in Iqaluit. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Akesuk. There is a motion on the floor. Comments or questions to the motion. Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the wording in this clause, indicates that there is a lack of staff housing in only Iqaluit. I can only assume that there are many communities where there is a lack of staff housing. Shouldn't it say where there is a lack of staff housing in all communities.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. That's a very good question. Would members of the Ajaquitiit Committee like to respond. Mr. Akesuk.

Mr. Akesuk: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would have to look into that.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Akesuk. Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I would recommend that it should read, that the committee consider changing it to where there is a lack of staff housing in Nunavut communities where needed or required. How we doing so far.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. The motion was moved but there is an amendment to the motion. So what is the wish of the committee. Mr. Akesuk.

Mr. Akesuk: I move that the committee recommends that the Government addresses the issue of the lack of staff housing in Nunavut communities that require it.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Akesuk, just read the amendment to the motion. Would you like to see the amendment written. To the motion, Mr. McLean. I apologize, I forgot the member for Pond Inlet. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I had asked him to make the amendment but it is okay now, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. To the motion, since we have made an amendment, I suggest that we get a copy of the amendment. I would like to see the amendment written and that we deal with it tomorrow then. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. The member is requesting to see the amended motion written. He would like to see the written amended motion. So therefore, we will take a five minute break while we draft the amendment. Five minutes. Mr. Tootoo, you may go first.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman I would just suggest that instead of taking a break that we postpone dealing with that motion and go ahead with 9 – 1 (3) while we are waiting for that to be done. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. In order to conduct the progress of the committee session, there was a request to see a written copy of the motion. I thank you for your recommendation but we can't do so. There was a motion on the floor, there should be a motion to defer this motion if you wish to do that. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Bill 4 – in regards to the amendment to bill 4, I move that we defer this motion until tomorrow, or until such time as we are finished this afternoon. Once we are completed with the rest we will deal with that deferred motion. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. Iqaqrialu moved a motion to defer the motion. All those in favour of deferring the motion. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu's motion states that it will be dealt with either tomorrow or this afternoon, so therefore, I recommend that we delete the wording tomorrow and deal with the motion today.

Chairperson (interpretation): There is a motion to defer the motion from the member for Uqqumiut. Would you like to deal with the motion this afternoon or tomorrow. You have two options, this afternoon or tomorrow. So clarify yourself please.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. It is pretty late in the day now. I agreed to move it to later on this afternoon. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. The motion is amended to state that we deal with this today, this afternoon. So we will deal with the deferred motion later on this afternoon. All those in favour of the motion? Opposed? Motion is carried. Mr. Akasuk.

Committee Motion 6 – 1 (3): Standing Committee Materials to be Provided in Advance

Mr. Akasuk: Thank you Mr. Chairman. My last motion. Mr. Chairman I move that the committee again recommends the materials for standing committee review be provided in ample time to allow for detailed study by standing committees. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Akasuk. There is a motion on the floor. To the motion, questions or comments to the motion. All those in favour? Opposed? Motion is carried. Thank you. General comments to the report, we agreed that we concur with the report, that the report is concluded. Thank you. The report is concluded. What is the wish of the committee now. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would like to deal with bill 3 at this point, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I believe that we asked that motions from the standing committees be dealt with prior to bill 3, and I have two motions to make from Ajauqtiit, so if we could deal with those prior to moving to bill 3, it would be appreciated. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): We will have to deal with that this afternoon. 9 – 1 (3) report from the standing committee. What is the wish of the committee. Mr. Iqaqrialu had stated that he wanted to deal with bill 3. What's the wish of the committee. If it is okay with that member to deal with the committee report 9 – 1 (3), is that okay with you. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would like to say that people who have to make a report or motion prior to the bill should raise their hands first before I open my mouth. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu I was just asking you if you don't mind dealing with 9 – 1 (3) first. Could you answer me, Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): I agree. We will deal with bill 3 later on. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Standing committee of Ajauqtiit, report. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman I apologize, I didn't put my hand up, I didn't think I needed to as I thought we had agreed to deal with these two things before we moved into bill 3. That's why I didn't put my hand up. Regardless of that it is going to be short and sweet anyway, I hope.

Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Standing Committee's report was read earlier today and with your indulgence I have a couple of motions.

Committee Motion 7 – 1 (3): Options for Public Access to the Assembly

Mr. Chairman, I move that the committee recommends that the Speaker present options for ensuring that the public will have access to the chamber when it is in session. If these options would require additional capital expenditures such as renovations or additions or an additional audio-visual expense, these expenses should be put forward in the five year capital planning exercise. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. There is a motion on the floor. Comments or questions to the motion. All those in favour? Opposed? Motion is carried. Thank you. Mr. Tootoo.

Committee Motion 8 – 1 (3): Planning for Legislative Assembly Building

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman, my last motion. I move that the committee recommend that the Speaker present options for long term capital planning for the replacement of the Legislative Assembly building in the future and that the need for a Legislative Assembly be placed in the government capital planning exercise and in any future planning by the Nunavut Capital Commission or similar organizations. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): There is a motion on the floor. Questions or comments to the motion. All those in favour? Opposed? Motion is carried. Thank you. General comments to the report. Are you agreed that the reports are concluded. Thank you. The reports are concluded, what is the wish of the committee. To the motion that was deferred. Copies will be handed out. Would you like to hear the deferred motion. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): We had agreed that the standing committee reports be dealt with first prior to dealing with bill 3. One of the motions was deferred and we are waiting for the drafting of the amendment, I suggest that we take a short ten minute break.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak, it is already completed so it is ready to hand out. Would you like the hand out to be read again. Mr. Akasuk.

Committee Motion 9 – 1 (3): Lack of Staff Housing In Nunavut

Mr. Akesuk: Thank you Mr. Chairperson. Mr. Chairperson I move that the committee recommends that the government addresses the issue of a lack of staff housing in Nunavut communities.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): There is a motion on the floor. Comments or questions to the motion. Comments or questions to the amended motion. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried. We'll now go to the committee of the whole to deal with bill 3. Bill 3 is in your white binder. Mr. Minister do you have any opening comments. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would like to speak on behalf of the Minister since he is not here.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Could you proceed to the witness table. Mr. Premier are you going to invite your officials.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Yes, Mr. Illupalik is going to be coming here to help me, I'm just teasing.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. General comments to bill 3. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I don't really have a presentation for this bill, just a brief summary. This idea is not new and we have been seeking options for the benefit of Nunavut. We are trying to remove barriers as representatives of Nunavummiut. What I was trying to seek was what would best represent Nunavummiut.

This has been dealt with for quite some time now and we have not been the only ones who have dealt with it. The Mayors of all the Nunavut communities have dealt with it, NTI has dealt with it. This is an issue that began in discussions in the month of April and this is just part of our mandate and we have many other issues to take on. This is an issue that effects communities and we also have other issues such as decentralization, and we will want to deal with staff in all of Nunavut.

When Nunavummiut want assistance from the Nunavut Government they can seek assistance at any time. By way of exercising our authority we established a Legislative Reform Committee and this committee and the one time zone have been two of our initiatives. This has now been in force for the past two days, so all the Nunavummiut are using the same time zone. So irrespective of where you are in Nunavut you can call me at the same time.

It is almost 6 o'clock and it is the same time in all the Nunavut areas. This has a big impact on all Nunavummiut because this is the first time we have taken responsibility and will have a shared time zone. This will have certain benefits; we can now have better working relationships because of this single time zone, irrespective of whether you are in the west or the Keewatin or from this region.

The single time zone will benefit you and if you want to work with us we will be a participant. There have been slight problems as we all know but we'd like you to realize that we have one time zone for all communities and we want to experiment with this so we have put forward the legislation. We have a committee and we want to further clarify it on the legislation and we would like this to proceed so we can start focusing on other issues or greater issues so we can have a better working relationship. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. We're still under general comments. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Bill 3, if you were to look at the format under number 3, the first states that the Commissioner of Nunavut by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly enacts as follows; it is already written here when you go down to 4, if this Act receives assent on or before October 31 this Act comes into force at 2:00 a.m. on October 31, 1999.

If this Act receives assent on or before October 31, 1999 this Act comes into force the day it was enacted. I'm going back to the first one where the Commissioner of Nunavut by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly. The members of the Legislative Assembly did not deal with this Bill, Bill 3 so therefore it did not follow the proper procedures because it has a negative impact on the people. The members of the Legislative Assembly have not had a chance to consult with their constituencies in regards to this single time zone. All the residents of Nunavut are very happy about having a single time zone but the reason why they did not agree with this is because they did not consult and get input from the constituencies, because we dealt with this very hastily. So, that's where the problem occurs, with us.

Today if we look at the communities, some of the communities I hear have not followed the time zone because the communities are broken up because of this issue and especially in the Baffin region. It has a negative impact for that reason. I myself, after reviewing the Bill, I feel that we seem to be useless now as a Legislative Assembly because it did not go through the regular procedures and I feel like they're treating us as if we're nothing and if it was dealt with prior to October 31 it would have been more appropriate and it seems senseless to deal with this issue after October 31. I tabled a document as we are always saying since we became the Nunavut Government that we would utilize Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and incorporate that into our system. Especially when Inuit are opposing this through their Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, through their tradition, I feel that this is very important. I just wanted to point that out. I know there are other general comments around the floor. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. Premier would you like to respond.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I know that we have already agreed we would come up with a single time zone and when we had our meeting in Baker Lake we also discussed this with the members of the Legislative Assembly. In August we stated that also. The regulations have been worked on since September 30 and myself, I have publicized that changes to the regulations of the Nunavut Government and the Federal Government were made already. I have gone through the radio stating that we have utilized, that this was not done behind the members of the

Legislative Assembly, the Bill was given to all the members of the Legislative Assembly and it was tabled prior to October 31 so you had ample time to deal with that, that's just my response, Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I think we have discussed this here. However as to how we will arrange the time zones, as MLA's we have never been involved as to whose time zone we will follow, whether we will lose 2 hours, we've never discussed that. I just wanted to state that as a supplementary. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. If you wish to respond Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Yes, this has been discussed in election times, it was discussed at last year's NTI AGM that the central time zone would be adopted and we have reviewed this. So we felt that the central time zone would be the best for all of Nunavummiut and we have studied it and communities have seen how it was for Kitikmeot and Kivallimmiut when you have a different time zone.

We are not trying to make corrections irrespective of where you are in Nunavut you have the right to call us and have access to us anyway just going back to the old arrangements it will be too cumbersome. We can only deal with odd hours if you are from Cambridge Bay or if you are from Iqaluit. If you are working for only 3 hours in government there is a problem there and as far as constituents go we would like to see support because the past arrangement was inappropriate and we've made changes as of a few days ago and it's been implemented because we have worked on it and we have made corrections. We will probably be able to consider this again if a real problem did arise because of the new time zone. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. According to my list of members who wish to speak I'll start with Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Bill 3 was it in English, Inuktitut and French. I think it would be advisable if Bill 3 was in all these three languages. So I'm asking the Premier if this was done.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Isn't it in three languages? What are you saying?

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Nutarak would you like to clarify your question.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I believe we should have it in four versions. If it's in four languages and dialectal versions we would be able to pass it but it is only in 3 versions and we cannot pass it. I just want clarification on that.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Does anybody wish to deliver a response? Mr. Nutarak if it is appropriate with you maybe the legal advisor for Nunavut can give a response to you.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I have no problem with who answers it because I just want clarification on that.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Ms. Cooper.

Ms. Cooper: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The legal requirement for the proper passage of the Bill is that it be introduced in two languages; English and French but certainly in my book it has the Bill in four languages Mr. Nutarak. I'm not sure if yours does.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Ms. Cooper. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you. Yes, a response is given, if it's in Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtuun and if we're going to make it legislation for Nunavut there will have to be three official languages for official questions to the legislation.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. I'll pass this again to Ms. Cooper for a response.

Ms. Cooper: Thank you Mr. Chairman. If you were to want to make passage of the Bill in four languages a legal requirement would be that it has to be done through a legislative change or amendment to the appropriate legislation.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Ms. Cooper. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Maybe to be brief with my comments. It is written in an English version and also I believe in French and Inuktitut. I haven't seen the Inuinnaqtuun version that's just my point. The Bill from my understanding after third reading, after it's passed in our session, maybe I'm mistaken or not, however here on two it states section 25 is (inaudible) and the following is substituted how does this read, "unless otherwise prescribed the reference to time shall be deemed to be a reference to central standard time".

As it says, the central standard time as I asked earlier, what exactly does it mean. During the session if it is going to be central standard time, I think the wording should be corrected if it is going to be written in English, French, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtuun. On the Inuktitut version if we have Kitikmeot standard time, yes, there would be a difference of one hour. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): It is making reference to the central time zone. It is obvious the Inuktitut version needs to be revised because in the English version you have central standard time, but the wording in Inuktitut refers to Kitikmeot standard time.

We have two different versions, English and French but they have to be available in the regions so they'll have to be revised as to the exact wording. That was just a supplementary. If it can be revised,

I would like to recommend that it be revised. If the Premier wants to revise, then I'll agree with him including the whole content of Bill 3. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, number 4 (2), as it reads, if this act receives assent as of October 31, 1999, this act comes into force on assent even if it's not really assented. As soon as it's assented it will be in full force after October 31. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): As I mentioned earlier the different languages should correlate to each other. It states here if this Act receives assent on or before October 31, this Act comes into force at 2:00 A.M. It does not say before, it only states October 31 first in Inuktitut. If it was stated in Inuktitut then I would agree with the Premier.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Yes, the translation requires amendment so that it can correlate with the English version. We can deal with that here, and we are here to deal with it. The English is clear and self explanatory. The translation should just follow the English version. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I did have a question. I want to give other members an opportunity to voice their concerns as well.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I agreed with a single time zone in the previous days. This Bill was tabled in April and I agree with all the reasons why this was brought up however, today I understand the public's concern. I understand that the public was quite confused when this was tabled because when the Baffin Region realized that they were going to turn their clocks back two hours, in Inuktitut but in the Qallunaaq way, they said we would move our clock back one hour. In Inuktitut, it's literally two hours.

We are used to daylight savings time and another hour on top of that, the public's perception is that they understood they would move their clock back two hours because they are Inuit using traditional knowledge. This has had a most negative impact on the people and since the Premier stated that we have already dealt with this for quite some time now, this is the very first time that we have actually as regular members of the Legislative Assembly dealt with this issue. This is the very first time that we can actually speak to this issue for those of us representing constituents from the Baffin Region. We were able to discuss this during our member's statements but we were not allowed to ask questions to the issue.

For that reason, the people are concerned about the fact that they were not involved. They were not even consulted regarding the time change. They have petitioned against it and these petitions were

tabled at the House during the official session. Many people have signed them. When we went down to Item 10, Petitions, during our tabling of Documents, Item 13 in our Orders of the Day, we were tabling petitions and tabling documents. In regards to this issue, these are some of the things that we've done. Perhaps the petitions that came from the Baffin are useless.

I'm sure we can talk about this right now but nothing will change since this is our first opportunity to speak to Bill 3, we've felt that under my member's statement it's even seemed funny because we worked very hard not to let this Bill go through in the house and on Friday we were happy because it did not go through and we thought our clocks were not going to turn back but our happiness was short lived. It didn't even last an hour as our Clerk had told us that even without the passage of Bill 3 our clocks would still turn back. None of the regular members were smiling. All the faces changed drastically

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Does that mean that the government is going to control the Inuit now? Is the government never going to consider the concerns of the people? I know that this is going to create a lot of conflict. It's already started to create conflict with the government. The Kitikmeot and Keewatin are happy because there's no negative impact with the time change but for those of us who live in the Baffin Region have felt the impact. And so therefore there's quite a lot of opposition throughout Baffin Island. If we don't listen to the people of Nunavut, we're not preparing their future.

Chairperson (interpretation): We have to follow the rules. You cannot as a person in the gallery, please be patient. You cannot cheer or do any clapping in the house. Please follow the rules accordingly.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. These are the issues I wanted to bring forward. The population of Baffin Island is the majority of Nunavut and when we are given something that we oppose, there's room and we have the right to oppose. I know that even if this Bill doesn't go through, the time still changes but our government, if they're not going to consider something, that reflects the Baffin Region and our next election, I would like to see something more concrete. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Iqittuq.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. As I have stated before, we had set this up through the regulations and we tabled this information out to the public with the authority that was invested in us. I also would like to work with the mayors, perhaps it's a bit too late tonight but I would like to discuss this with them tomorrow morning as to how we can proceed with this further.

As I've stated in the past, if this is going to create a lot of problems, we can review it but the time change was done to accommodate all the Nunavut communities, trying one time zone for the whole of Nunavut. If we didn't change the time, it would be going onto 7:00. I just want to remind everybody that we changed our clocks back an hour and I would like to work with all the members when we are consulting with all the communities. We have other issues to deal with too so we should move onto other topics. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): I forgot to mention one of the things we now have one time zone for the whole of Nunavut so I know the offices are working a lot better now and we are accommodating them today. Nowadays we have high technology. We are not opposing the single time zone for Nunavut. Igloolik residents and Hall Beach residents are not opposing the single time zone.

One thing that they have been requesting was that the single time zone should have followed the eastern standard time. That way we would have had a unified hour all across Nunavut. That was the request in these communities. We would have had less impact with the Kitikmeot. Keewatin and Baffin would have been happy that way. When I go back to my office, if I had known better English here in this building, when I go there, I would turn my computer on and write a letter and I could just e-mail it to the community and the communities can pull out their e-mail anytime of the day. So we do have this high technology.

We have better technology than GNWT had. Therefore at this time, in my community I know that it's the dark season but with this new time change we will be getting dark at noon hour. That's the impact that we are feeling in my community. Our school students will be going to school after lunch, very dark and it's the middle of winter and it's very cold outside. These are the things that we have to contend with.

We understand that we literally moved the time by one hour but it's pretty hard to convince my constituents because they are voicing their concerns. If we go to Igloolik, they will be reiterating what I'm saying. It's pretty hard to convince them. I cannot convince my people personally so I'm representing my constituency and that's why I'm voicing my concerns. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. Perhaps in consideration of the Premier has been saying, I don't think a different response will be made. I have two more names on my list. I believe you are next Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Prior to April 1, I believe in the month of March, when we were elected and got together here in Iqaluit, we started electing our Premier and I nominated him for the Premier position however considering his comments with respect to this Bill, he really wants to go through with Bill 3.

His colleagues are probably in the same boat and this is creating a problem. For example, our Premier is the spokesperson in the media. The Qikiqtaaluk Inuit are trying to state their views and he's overriding them. As such, when he's asked, he keeps referring back to the need to experiment and this seems to be the only response he can give. With that in mind, prior to the legislation being passed, people keep emphasizing their concerns but there was more than one person who were barriers and if this Bill is going to proceed, we will create legislation that insensitive to the vast majority of people. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Going back to Bill 3, the amendments, we're talking about the interpretation act. Please keep onto the topics. Bill 3, Mr. Iqaqrialu was talking about the election process although what you're talking about is really good, we have to speak

to Bill 3, the Interpretation Act which is an amendment to this Act. I would suggest that you keep to the topic. Perhaps our Premier has another comment to make. Do you have a response for Mr. Iqaqrialu comments?

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): I did forget to mention, as a Committee as a Whole, we have certain regulations and when you wanted to discuss this issue, we did want to deal with it at that time. We did want to discuss it as a whole but we didn't have any time to do so and we did want to further discuss this during our session.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. First comment, we're dealing with a Bill here and we can't seem to really do anything with this and there are communities who refuse to go back two hours and whether we want to go back to one hour and these are hamlets in some communities. We have the RCMP that are going to go along with the time zone and maybe going back as Mr. Iqittuq stipulated, there are some communities that will not go according to the time zone and what if they don't want to go along with the time zone. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. As per our authorization we have proceeded with the time zone and the communities do have a right to exercise what time zone they wish to abide by but we will discuss further with the mayors as to what direction we can take and we can get a consensus. That would be great. We do want to make changes in the communities that have decided not to go along with the time zone.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. I received a copy and I said earlier that we have to abide by house rules. The individual in the gallery handed me a note apologizing for their actions earlier. Thank you. Mr. Nutarak.. Maybe a last comment.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Bill 3, I was a bit confused. Are we finished with this. We have not even voted on this. I just want to end the discussion now.

Chairperson (interpretation): We're just under general comments. Mr. Akasuk.

Mr. Akasuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have no problem with this. We can't help it. It was also mentioned that we can revisit this and review it and I think that would be an appropriate time to do so. I think we know that in the Baffin Region, this is opposed to but maybe we can just start discussing the review and then maybe we could make amendments to the Bill. Maybe by next year we will be able to ask questions as to which corrections can be made and maybe we'll have a better sense of what the residents in Nunavut have on this Bill.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Akasuk. I didn't hear a questions, more of a comment. Mr. Iqittuq.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Mr. Nutarak did ask a question irrespective of whether we oppose it or not, this has already be enacted and enforced. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): We have implemented it. The Bill 3 just further clarifies that we have enforced this so we're moving ahead to gain ascent. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. Iqittuq.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): I don't think we have a quorum. We can't proceed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Iqittuq, we have a quorum. I'd like to ask if you want to go clause by clause. Do you want to proceed with that. We do have a quorum. Bill 3. We don't have a quorum at this time. Can the MLAs be asked to come in?

Let's proceed. Would you like to go clause by clause. There is a comment on the floor. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman on the Bill as a whole, I'd like to ask for a recorded vote. The reason I'm doing this is because I'd like the people to be able to see who wasn't here for the vote. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. We're on Bill 3, clause by clause. If it's the committee's wish to go clause by clause then we will. Bill 3, an Act to amend the Interpretation Act, one, two. Mr. Iqittuq.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): I would like to move that we have a recorded vote on this Bill.

Chairperson (interpretation): You weren't here earlier when a member had already requested that when we deal with the Bill as a whole a member had requested that there be a recorded vote. Alright then?

Recorded Vote

We have just completed Bill 3 clause by clause. So I would like to ask that starting from the Premier that we have a recorded vote for Bill as a Whole.

Please stand up for those of you who approve of the Bill. Please stand up for all those who approve the Bill. Please stay standing up, I will call your name.

Mr. Okalik, Mr. Haviyok, Mr. Arvaluk, Mr. Alakannuark, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. McLean, Mr. Tootoo, Mr. Picco, Mr. Ng.

For those people who oppose, please stand up.

Mr. Iqittuq, Mr. Akesuk, Mr. Nutarak, Mr. Iqaqrialu.

In favour 9, opposed 4. No abstentions. Do you agree that Bill 3 is concluded? Do you agree that Bill 6 is ready for third reading? Thank you, Bill 6 is now ready for third reading. I would like to thank Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): I'm sorry, point of order, it's not Bill 6, it's Bill 3.

Chairperson (interpretation): I apologize. Do you agree that Bill 3 is now ready for third reading. Thank you. Bill 3 is now ready for third reading. I would like to thank our Premier, Mr. Okalik.

There are no other Bills to deal with so therefore I would like to report to the Speaker.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Sergeant At Arms. Going back to the orders of the day. Item 20, Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker your committee has been considering, committee report 8-1 (3) and 9-1 (3) and Bill 3. I would like to report that committee report 8-1 (3) and 9-1 (3) are concluded and that Bill 3 is ready for the third reading. Mr. Speaker, I'm move that the report of the Committee of the Whole be concurred. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Is there a seconder to Mr. Puqiqnak motion? Mr. O'Brien seconds the motion. There's a motion on the floor. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed. It's carried. Item 21, Third Reading of Bills Mr. Ng.

Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

Bill 5 - Supplementary Appropriation Act 1 99/2000

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by the honourable member from Iqaluit East that Bill 5, Supplementary Appropriation Act 1 99/2000 be read for the third time. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Mr. Ng, your motion is carried.

Third Reading of Bills. Third reading of Bills. Thank you. Item 22, Orders of the Day.
Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Mr. Quirke: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Wednesday, November 3rd, orders of the day.

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
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5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
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19. Consideration of the Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
20. Report of Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills, Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act
22. Orders of the Day.

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Clerk. Under authority given to the Speaker by way of motion 3-1 (3), this House is adjourned until Wednesday November 3, 1999. Sergeant At Arms.

>>*House adjourned 6:47 p.m*

