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**Iqaluit, Nunavut  
Friday, November 19, 2021**

**Members Present:**

Mr. David Akeeagok, Mr. P.J. Akeeagok, Mr. Tony Akoak, Mr. Bobby Anavilok, Ms. Janet Brewster, Ms. Pamela Gross, Mr. George Hickes, Mr. David Joanasie, Mr. Joeline Kaernerck, Ms. Mary Killiktee, Mr. Lorne Kusugak, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Mr. John Main, Mr. Solomon Malliki, Ms. Margaret Nakashuk, Ms. Karen Nutarak, Mr. Daniel Qavvik, Ms. Joanna Quassa, Mr. Inagayuk Quqqiaq, Mr. Alexander Sammurtok, Mr. Joe Savikataaq, Mr. Craig Simailak.

>>*House commenced at 13:30*

**Item 1: Opening Prayer**

**Clerk** (Mr. Quirke): Good afternoon, everybody. Before we proceed, I call upon Ms. Killiktee to deliver the prayer.

>>*Prayer*

**Clerk:** Thank you. It is my duty to inform you that Her Honour, the Commissioner of Nunavut, will not enter the House until you have chosen the Speaker. Is there a motion to appoint the Speaker? Ms. Gross, Member for Cambridge Bay.

**Item 2: Election of Speaker**

**Motion 001 – 6(1): Appointment of Speaker**

**Ms. Gross:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. I move that Tony Akoak, Member for Gjoa Haven, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

**Clerk:** Thank you. The motion is in order. Is there a seconder? Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Simailak. Thank you. To the motion. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

Now, will the mover and the seconder please escort Mr. Akoak to the Chair.

>>*Applause*

>>*Laughter*

>>*Applause*

**Speaker's Statement**

**Speaker** (Mr. Akoak): As the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, I am honoured to welcome our guests to the House for the first sitting of the Sixth Legislative Assembly.

We all look forward to the day when our Visitors' Gallery can be fully reopened to Nunavummiut.

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

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

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

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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my constituents in Gjoa Haven for their support during the recent election.

I can assure all residents of Gjoa Haven that I will be advocating for the constituency through the appropriate channels and in an appropriate manner.

We will now proceed with the orders of the day.

At this time I will ask the Clerk to determine if Her Honour, the Commissioner of Nunavut, is prepared to enter the Chamber to deliver the Opening Address.

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

**Commissioner Eva Qamaniq Aariak** (interpretation): Good afternoon. I extend a very warm welcome to you.

Mr. Speaker, Premier, Members of the Legislative Assembly, honoured guests, and Nunavummiut who are watching the televised proceedings, good afternoon to you all.

I look forward to the day when circumstances allow us to fully reopen to the public, and I pay tribute to all those who have been working so hard to protect our territory and people during this unprecedented and challenging time of pandemic.

Earlier today I had the distinct honour of presiding over the swearing-in ceremony for the Members of the Sixth Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

I know from personal experience the feelings that many of you are experiencing today.

A number of you are serving in your second or third terms of office, and I thank you for your continued commitment to Nunavut and Nunavummiut.



A number of you are newly elected members, and I thank you for assuming the challenges and responsibilities that accompany public office.

Earlier this week you selected the Premier and members of the Executive Council.

I will speak English after I say this.

Formal motions to confirm these selections will be made during today's sitting, and I look forward to signing the official instruments of appointment.

(interpretation ends) In our territory's non-partisan, consensus style of government, all Members of the Legislative Assembly play an important role, and I am confident that you will all make valuable contributions to the deliberations of this House during your terms of office.

I'm just realizing that I have been covering my mouth the whole time.

In the coming weeks and months, you will focus your collective energies towards defining a mandate for your term.

As I noted this morning, I look forward to joining you from time to time in this Chamber when I am called upon to give assent to the bills which you as an Assembly deem fit to pass.

As Inuit and Nunavummiut, I wish to conclude by reflecting on the pride that we take in the recent appointment of Her Excellency Mary Simon as our country's Governor General, and we extend our warmest wishes to Her Majesty.

(interpretation) I now declare open the First Session of the Sixth Legislative Assembly. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker:** Thank you. We will return to the orders of the day. Item 3. Ministers' Statements. As the cabinet has not yet been sworn into office, there will be no ministers' statements today. Item 4. Members' Statements.

Before proceeding with members' statements, I will remind all members to raise their hands if you wish to be recognized. Once I have recognized you, please wait for the light on your desk to come on before you rise and begin speaking and you may, as you stand up, remove your mask so that you can be heard, but when you sit back down, put it back on.

Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

#### Item 4: Members' Statements

##### **Member's Statement 001 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Iqaluit-Tasiluk**

**Mr. Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to publicly take this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment. I know most members, if not all members, know I have a deep appreciation for the role of the Speaker of an Assembly, and I trust you will serve honourably. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, this has been a very tumultuous week for me. I'm very proud and humbled that the residents of Iqaluit-Tasiluk have once again put their trust in me for a third term. I'm going to continue to proudly serve in whatever capacity in this Assembly, as always, whatever role this Assembly puts me in. I get up and I do the best job that I can every day and I swear I will continue to do that.

Mr. Speaker, with the circumstances of the last week, I have to take this opportunity to thank my staff, or former staff now. Susie, Hillary, James, although James is still with me, Susie and Hillary, I could not have been the minister that I was without their support and without their work ethic. Thank you. I don't even know how else to say it and it's not enough, Mr. Speaker. A simple "thank you" is not sufficient, but it's all I have right now.

Mr. Speaker, I'm really looking forward to some of the renewed energy that I see in some of the members that have been elected and re-elected. It's a reinvigorating time for all of us that have been re-elected. There are things that we can continue to work on that we had started previously. There are new items that are going to be coming out within the mandate as it gets developed, and I know all of us are going to have some input into how that mandate is developed and how it proceeds and how it is measured.

With that, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members that ran successfully and all the candidates that ran that didn't win. It shows Nunavummiut that there is an opportunity and choices that we have to make as individuals, as communities, and as a territory.

I'm very excited about serving another four years, Mr. Speaker, and I look forward to getting to know the new members better and rekindling relationships with the members that have been re-elected. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 002 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Pangnirtung**

**Ms. Nakashuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I first would like to congratulate you on your new position as Speaker. Welcome to the members and newly elected members. I'm glad to be here with you and I'm proud of all of you. I also congratulate our new Premier.

Today I remember my family and relatives in Pangnirtung who are not able to attend here and all the residents of Pangnirtung who have always supported me. I thank them tremendously for putting their trust in me to be here again and I'm really proud to participate and to serve here again as a representative.

I was not able to talk to all the people I had wished to, but I would like to express my gratitude to Joe Savikataaq for nominating me to cabinet and for the trust given to me. I know we will work closely together with varied views, but we will have a unified voice. I'm very pleased to be participating with you here in the Sixth Assembly. I also remember those whom I worked with, my colleagues in the previous Assembly, as well as the staff. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet South, Mr. Kusugak.

**Member's Statement 003 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Rankin Inlet South**

**Mr. Kusugak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day, my fellow residents of Rankin Inlet. Senator Patterson, welcome.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud and humble that I was elected to represent Rankin Inlet South. There were other candidates; I was not acclaimed. I will take my job very seriously and we all have to work diligently and serve our communities well and Nunavut as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the trust given to me and I would like to state to my fellow residents and Nunavummiut that I will serve you with all my abilities and we will work together and be a unified force, which is the only way we can move forward with that.

I am also very proud of you for being posted as the Speaker. I have spoken with you many times, debated with you, and sometimes we couldn't agree. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to speak, and good afternoon.

>>Applause

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

**Member's Statement 004 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Arviat North-Whale Cove**

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hadn't raised my hand, but I appreciate that you acknowledged me anyway.

>>*Laughter*

Firstly, I want to publicly acknowledge my constituents in Arviat and Whale Cove; much appreciated. We didn't have a vote in my constituency of Arviat and Whale Cove, but being acclaimed is something I feel much encumbered by.

And further, I constantly receive feedback from my constituents about my performance, especially when I am faithfully conducting my work in Inuktitut, that I am aware my constituents notice when I use their language and I want to state now in Inuktitut that I promise to be even more diligent in my work, in speaking, and I promise to work hard to convey that in the future years.

On occasion when my Inuktitut vocabulary is lacking, then I usually switch to English. Nonetheless, I am being taught here and there by either the interpreters here or translators elsewhere, and by my colleagues and I commit to continuing that in all spheres.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that Nunavummiut are experiencing difficult times; the housing shortage, for example, health and mental health, elder care, and the need to look for employment solutions. Looking at these issues singularly is very overwhelming and in conjunction with facing them all, we all know that feels hopeless.

And, Mr. Speaker, much rhetoric is spouted in this House about the need to work together, so I say let us indeed work together in this House to collaboratively cooperate on issues so that our constituents can realize actual benefits, as they have heard all the political rhetoric in years past.

Nevertheless, in the Sixth Assembly, how can we make the need to work together more concrete using Inuit culture and perspectives so that our government works amid operational changes to allow us to work together? Let us realize something that will allow us to work together in the coming years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker:** Thank you. Just to let everyone know that I have you listed for making speeches, every one of you. If you don't have any speeches to make, let me know. Next name, Member for Aggu, Ms. Quassa.

**Member's Statement 005 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Aggu**

**Ms. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I share in your joy in being selected to the seat you now sit in as you were not sure initially but now have the seat.

>>*Laughter*

To begin, I would like to start by expressing my gratitude to the residents of Aggu and Igloolik, as well as those watching the televised proceedings. I thank each and every one of you, as well as my colleagues here.

I am appreciative that you selected me for a ministerial position, for placing your trust in me and my abilities. I will work diligently and my best to serve you and I request your cooperation as our tasks are numerous and humongous. I shall not do things arbitrarily neither do I suggest that to my colleagues in undertaking their duties.

However, I would just like to thank my family members for their support while I strive to do the required work and I also wish to be passionately advocating my plans in the next four years here in conjunction with my colleagues. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker:** Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Malliki.

**Member's Statement 006 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Aivilik**

**Mr. Malliki** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to express my appreciation to the people of Aivilik in both Naujaat and Coral Harbour for placing their trust in me to represent them in the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to add that in 1999, our former Member of the Legislative Assembly for Akulliq, Ovide Alakannuark, served our communities and sat here in the House while I sat in the back. He said, "You will probably be an MLA one day." His words haunted me when I got elected and I can never forget them. It has been over two decades now since I was told this prediction, and I'm proud of his confidence in me at that time.

>>*Applause*

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the candidates who ran in our constituency and urge them to keep trying. You don't know when you will be able to be elected because you don't know if you are going to be successful.

I am also really proud of the trust the residents of Naujaat and Coral Harbour placed in me, and I will do my best to serve both communities based on their needs.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my wife, Bernice, and my daughter, who were able to be here today during our swearing-in ceremony and our first sitting here.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that you were appointed to your post, as well as P.J., serving as the Premier now for Nunavut, and the cabinet we chose. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernek.

**Member's Statement 007 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Amittuq**

**Mr. Kaernek** (interpretation): Good day to residents of Amittuq, colleagues, new members, returning members, new ministers, and our newly selected Speaker. I am proud of your accomplishment.

I particularly wish to voice my thanks and appreciation to constituents, albeit I don't have a prepared speech, Mr. Speaker, but I am indeed very grateful to my constituents, but currently feel speechless as I am running out of platitudes to express to my voters.

To the residents of Igloolik, since I represent part of that village in the riding I represent, so I thank you all, along with our fellow Amitturmiut. I am very thankful for your vote and I would also like to thank the other individual who ran during the election. As someone said, your time will come.

I also want to say that I will work as hard as possible to truly represent the constituency of Amittuq. I was so passionate that I used to get swelteringly hot when I first spoke in the House, but once you get used to public speaking, it gets easier as time passes. The hardest part is standing up to speak. Nonetheless, please, I urge the young people to try for positions.

In saying that, Mr. Speaker, I will work hard. I have learned a lot during the past four years, and I will work as hard as I can in the next four years to come. We will have challenges, but as I stated, I have learned from that, and in particular to the people of Amittuq, even those who didn't vote for me, please let's work together to make a better Nunavut and showcase our strengths.

I seek your help and I wish to work together with you because at times you do need support, moral or otherwise, and I will represent you even harder this time around. There are more things I can elaborate upon, but we also have quite a lot of people who would like to take this time to make statements, so I just want to thank the people of Amittuq for the next four years coming, so I promise to be a much better politician now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Member for Arviat South, Mr. Savikataaq.

**Member's Statement 008 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Arviat South**

**Mr. Savikataaq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I congratulate you on your selection as Speaker of this House and we may hear you more often in your role or even this doodle, "What kind of snowmobile you got, so fast, so fast, so very fast indeed!"

>>*Laughter*

First of all, I would like to thank the people of Arviat for returning me to this position, even though I was acclaimed. This is going to be my third term and I'm very pleased that I'm back to represent them.

Even though I was acclaimed, we conducted a phone-in show and whenever a radio show is broadcast, perhaps two or more issues I heard incessantly are those issues where I will do my best to work on those concerns in representing Arviarmiut, whether it's overcrowding or lack of housing. That will be my priority and my second priority is unemployment. There is employment available in Arviat, but it doesn't cover the whole community, which is what I will work hard on.

I would also like to thank the staff who work exceptionally hard. I'll speak English for the time being. (interpretation ends) I would like to thank my immediate staff that have been with me. Ron Elliott, I thank you for being a hard-working staff for six years that we worked together. Virginia Mearns, we couldn't have done what we did without you. I'm very thankful that you made such hard-working commitments while we worked together.

Keith McLeod, who made sure I was understandable and communicated effectively, I thank you. And Dorcas, I thank you so much. You did so much work there for us. You reminded me of stuff to do and made sure I signed in the right places. (interpretation) Dorcas, I thank you very much.

Also to my colleagues, I congratulate you. We have many challenges facing us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Simailak.

**Member's Statement 009 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Baker Lake**

**Mr. Simailak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I congratulate you. We share in the gladness that you have become the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to commence by expressing my deepest thanks to my family members in Baker Lake, who provided support during my campaign, along with these individuals: Harold Putumiraqtuq, Paula Piryuaq, and Eetovee Tunnuq.

I wish to offer my thanks to all the people who placed their trust in me by voting for me. It's great that there was a high voter turnout.

I also would also like to thank my partner, Marilyn, who was always there supporting me. You are such a beautiful foundation. I thank you.

We will have a lot of challenges. We are faced with a lot of work, but it will pass and I'm very pleased that we all commit to working hard for the next four years coming. I will make this short and concise. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Member for Cambridge Bay, Ms. Gross.

**Member's Statement 010 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Cambridge Bay**

**Ms. Gross:** *Koana*, Mr. Speaker. *Koana* to everyone who is here. It's really a great honour and a pleasure to be with all of you. congratulations on everyone's election and to our new Premier, congratulations, P.J. I look forward to working with you. To all of the members who ran, *koana* to you too, Joe and to Lorne. You know, it was great to listen the other day to our leadership forum. There are a lot of great things that we all have in common and I thank everyone for putting their names forward.

I would also like to thank Jeannie Ehaloak, who was our member here previously, and I would like to thank her for her service, as well as Peter Ohokak, who ran in the last campaign as well. I would like to thank him for giving our community that choice, but I thank the community of Cambridge Bay and the constituents for putting their trust in me. I thank you all for allowing me this time to work with everybody here. I look forward to the work that's ahead. It's not always going to be easy things.

As I mentioned in the leadership forum about my nephew committing suicide, Hiktak, today is going to be his funeral and although I'm not there with the family, I am here because I want to give that voice for our people, for our community, for everyone in Nunavut, and thank you for this opportunity.

I would also like to thank my campaign team, Jenna Kamingoak, my campaign manager, and Lena Egotak, my financial agent. Thank you for working with me, volunteering and putting in so many hours. To all those people who volunteered in the community, whether it be cooking or organizing games, coming with me on the campaign trail, I really couldn't have done it without you. Thank you.



I would also like to acknowledge my mom, Susie Fletcher, who is here, and my partner Devon Oniak, who came from Cambridge Bay to be here, and to everyone else who came, their families; it's really nice and honouring to see everyone here. To everyone watching at home or across Nunavut, I thank you for tuning in. Have a good day.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Qavvik.

**Member's Statement 011 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Hudson Bay**

**Mr. Qavvik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would first of all like to congratulate you on your appointment as Speaker for the next four years coming. I would also like to congratulate our Premier-elect, P.J. Akeagok, and also the new cabinet ministers that were elected. I'm sure they are very capable and will do a great job in the upcoming four years.

Mr. Speaker, today... . (interpretation ends) I've got the wrong paper.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, first of all, I would like to thank all the people of Nunavut who are watching the proceedings. I'm very proud to be standing here as a Member of the Legislative Assembly and, if all goes well, I will be here for the next four years.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my wife, Margaret Qavvik, who is behind me, and my mother, who is also here. I am very happy they are here. My wife and I have five children, four girls and one boy. My wife was a tremendous source of support to me during the campaign, and I thank you very much. She did all she could to give me the support I needed.

Mr. Chairman, I would also like to acknowledge some people from Sanikiluaq. I would not have been here if they did not put their trust in me to voice our concerns.

**Speaker:** Mr. Qavvik, your time has run out. If you would like to seek unanimous consent to conclude, please say so and we will ask the members. Mr. Qavvik.

**Mr. Qavvik:** I agree. I seek unanimous decision to conclude my statement.

**Speaker:** Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? Seeing none, please continue with your statement, Mr. Qavvik.

**Mr. Qavvik** (interpretation): Let me try again.

>> *Laughter*

>>Applause

It is a challenge, but this is my first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me the opportunity.

First of all, we thank all Nunavummiut who are watching the proceedings. I am very proud to be here as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the next four years.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that I so dearly love my wife, Margaret Qavvik. My wife and I have five children, four girls and one boy. My wife was a tremendous source of support during my campaign and uplifted me and reminded me of my strengths. I thank my wife for her confidence in my abilities.

Mr. Speaker, I have parents who raised me, my younger brothers, and my sisters to lead a healthy lifestyle. I would like to recognize my mother, Mary Qavvik, and my father, Simionie Qavvik.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my gratitude. I have many family members in Sanikiluaq who were quite proud when I started my campaign.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the people of Sanikiluaq. I wouldn't be here if they didn't have trust in me to represent them. They voted for me because they want to see progress being made in addressing our community's issues and concerns. They have needs and aspirations as well. Sanikiluaq is still a part of Nunavut, even though the islands we occupy are very far away, so we do have expectations that the Government of Nunavut will provide assistance to us.

Mr. Chairman, in conclusion, we have been elected to represent all Nunavummiut. Let us not forget that we will have to work together over the next four years as one voice for all Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

**Member's Statement 012 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Iqaluit-Manirajak**

**Mr. Lightstone** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I congratulate you, Mr. Speaker. I'm happy. (interpretation ends) I would also like to congratulate our Premier-elect, P.J. Akeegok.

I am proud to stand here today and I would also like to thank Iqalumiut for bestowing their trust and confidence in allowing me to represent you for a second term.

I would also like to thank my financial agent, Amber Aglukark. She was a tremendous support over the last number of weeks, as well as the many volunteers and supporters who assisted me throughout my campaign. There are too many to name.

For Iqalumiut, I would like to let you know that I'll continue to be your voice and will advocate on your behalf, although at a new arena in my meetings with federal ministers.

I would also like to thank all the Members of the Sixth Assembly for bestowing this honour upon me. (interpretation) I am a resident of Nunavut (interpretation ends) and I would like to renew my commitment to Nunavut, and I would like to let you all know that I will do so with fairness and impartiality.

Today is a momentous occasion as it is our first sitting day of the Sixth Assembly, and I'm optimistic of the potential that this Assembly has to accomplish over the next four years.

Wednesday was a very long day. The Premier candidates all put forward some tremendous ideas, strength, and honour and I thank you all for that.

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

**Speaker:** Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? Seeing none, please continue, Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, members.

In closing, I would like to point out the strength that we have here in the Sixth Assembly with the returning members as well as the new members. I was not surprised one bit to see the amount of MLAs that put forward their name for cabinet minister candidates.

There are so many strong individuals in this room and I just want to say how proud I am to be working with every one of you and I am looking forward to the next four years. I have worked very hard over the last four years and I have been very vocal about a lot of issues, and I just want to let you know that I commit to working even harder over the next four years.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank my *anaana*, Micah Arreak. I'm so glad that you are able to be here today as my guest, and I would not be here if it was not for you, so thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu, Mr. P.J. Akeeagok.

**Member's Statement 013 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Iqaluit-Niaqunngu**

**Mr. P.J. Akeegok** (interpretation): Good afternoon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is a great honour to rise today on what is our first formal sitting of the new government this afternoon.

I am very grateful to the people of Iqaluit-Niaqunngu for believing in me so I could sit here to represent them and work towards our goals. I have tremendous gratitude and I would not be here to represent my constituents if it wasn't for their trust in me.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin by acknowledging your selection as Speaker. I know you will be working hard and I am confident that you will preside over our sessions with decorum in Nunavut's House, which is what I hold in high esteem.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the many people who have assisted and helped us along the campaign trail, as we did not make it here by ourselves.

Mr. Speaker, I want to begin by saying that my parents are here in the House, my father, Jaypatee, and my mother, Ann. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud of them for laying the foundation for me to work diligently and in cooperation with others. I would not be here if these qualities were not gifted to me by my parents.

Mr. Speaker, my older brother, Russel Akeegok, is here along with my younger brother, Etuangat Akeegok. I would like to acknowledge the tremendous support that they provide on a daily basis. I am grateful for that.

I would especially like to acknowledge my dear wife, Parniga, for supporting me. When you are an elected official, you give of yourself to represent the people, and with my wife's full support, I am able to be here. I have wanted to acknowledge her for that.

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

**Speaker:** Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There is none. Please continue, Mr. Akeegok.

**Mr. Akeegok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleagues for your consent.

I would like to recognize my wife, Parn, for being my foundation. I thank her and our three children. Our eldest is Jasmine, our middle child is Ryan, and our youngest one is Jacob. I am proud of them, they are a part of my foundation, and I will work hard to give them a good future. I have the same vision for all Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, during the time leading up to our declaration of candidacy, I have relied on the advice of our beloved elders. I would like to give full recognition to the following elders:

- Bob and Ann Meekitjuk Hanson
- John and Evie Amagoalik
- John Maurice and Rhoda Ungalaq
- Simon and Annie Nattaq
- Towaga Thibaudeau
- Joannie and Beatrice Ikkidluak
- Alacie Joamie

I turn to them for advice on everything and I would like to recognize them for their assistance and setting things up for me. I will rely on them for the upcoming years in the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to recognize my predecessor, Ms. Angnakak. I feel the tremendous work she has done and I will also work hard to be a good representative and be a voice.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to recognize Jimmy Akavak, my financial agent, and the many volunteers in our community who put things together during the campaign. I thank you very much, as well as my fellow candidates.

Mr. Speaker, as 22 Members of the Legislative Assembly, we're all equal representatives and I look forward to working cooperatively with you for the benefit of all communities.

Mr. Speaker, we do not have to let go of what the vision was for Nunavut. I have kept it with me and all of us here know we will be working hard for the upcoming four years. I would like to extend my gratitude, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Ms. Brewster.

**Member's Statement 014 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Iqaluit-Sinaa**

**Ms. Brewster** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends)  
Congratulations to you and to P.J. and everybody who was elected and also chosen to lead in cabinet. We all have a big job ahead of us and some of us have maybe a little bit bigger jobs. Congratulations to you all.

I rise today to express my gratitude to the people of Iqaluit-Sinaa for placing their trust in me. I honour and thank them for having the confidence in me to be their MLA. I will continue to work hard for our community and for all of Nunavut.

I wish to acknowledge the service of our former MLA, Elisapee Sheutiapik. I have always appreciated her support and guidance, as well as her advocacy on the many issues of concern that we have in common.

I also want to take a moment to thank the two other people who put their names forward in my riding, and especially to Christa, and all the women who run in or are considering running any election. Keep at it. Nunavut needs more women in leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to formally and publicly thank all of my supporters during my campaign, and specifically my financial agent and close friend, Lily Pine, and design wiz. Lauren Nevin.

My mom, Betty Brewster, was here during our swearing-in ceremony, proudly wearing her Order of Nunavut. We are all here today because of the commitment that she and many others made working tirelessly towards the creation of Nunavut for so many years. I thank her for her love and guidance, as I do my Da, David, and late father, Richard, whose unconditional love and support I feel to this day, one that he predicted would happen.

Our siblings shape how we view and move through the world. My two older sisters, Sheila and Christy, have each taught me so much and share the deep love and commitment to family. I love you both. My two younger brothers, Nicholas and Brendan, were the first lights of my life and I have always taken my role as your big sister very seriously. As you both know, I love you both as well.

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

**Speaker:** Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement. Are there any nays? There are none. Please continue, Ms. Brewster.

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

My children Taqtu, Ashevak, Napatsie, and Jayko, and my granddaughter, Alexandra, I am blessed to have you all in my life and I am so proud of all of you. I love you.

To my guidance counsellor, Mr. Jager, and every teacher and mentor that commits their lives to educating and encouraging every child to live and reach their full potential, the world is a better place because of you. Thank you.

Over the nearly 20 years that I spent as a public servant for Nunavut, I met and worked with so many incredible and dedicated public servants who work for the people of our territory. Thank you for your service and for your commitment. You are amazing.

To my new colleagues, I admire all of you and look forward to the work that we will do together. I will save any talk about issues and promises for a later time, and I will end by

naming a very small number of the very important people that I am here for today: Sylvia Ann Lyall, Nanauk, Baboo, Nathan, Faith, and so many, many more. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Member for Uqqummiut, Ms. Killiktee.

**Member's Statement 015 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Uqqummiut**

**Ms. Killiktee** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to say that when I was a leader, some of the members here were ministers when I was serving as mayor. They have noticed that when I felt too small sitting in the chair, I would stand up during consultations. I used to think that I would one day be standing up in the Legislative Assembly on behalf of Inuit.

I have been placed here by the people who voted for me. I say “thank you” to the people of Clyde River and Qikiqtarjuaq. I am very proud of the confidence shown in my ability to carry out my duties.

Mr. Speaker, as I will be representing two communities, I would like to assure them that I will have the same voice for both communities.

Further, I would like to thank my husband. He is my supporter, my advocate, and my protector and he encourages me and he always supports everything that I try to do and I thank him for being able to be here, along with my granddaughter, Jayna, whom I am very proud of. She is a recent college graduate and I am very proud of her.

Mr. Speaker, I don't want to forget to mention someone who has been given to us. Because we adopt children, we adopted a son, my son, David, who is a real hunter. What I really liked during lunchtime was... .

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for unanimous consent to conclude my statement. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement. Are there any nays? Seeing none, please continue, Ms. Killiktee.

**Ms. Killiktee** (interpretation): Thank you for allowing me to continue.

The fact that I have been warmly welcomed here, I am very proud of that and I feel it. I did not expect to feel like this. I thought it would be an intimidating experience, but I did not see that at all. It was all welcoming and supportive and requests to be unified and I really recognize that. I settled down very well here.

The people of Uqqummiut, please know that I am warmly welcomed here, but I would like to finish what I started saying. Our adopted son is a real hunter and at lunchtime he gave us some great news through an inReach that he had harvested a beluga. He's a young man and he is able to provide for our community, not just our family; our community, so I am very proud of him.

I have an adult daughter as well. Thank you for helping me all the time. I'll come home to a nice, clean house because she helps me a lot. I get helped a lot.

To conclude, I have been a leader previously as a mayor in Qikiqtarjuaq. I have come to the understanding that when you work hard at hard, challenging things, I know that and I will be doing that here, representing the two communities here. I'm very happy about that.

I would like to express my pride in the person who ran against me in Clyde River, Sheila Enook. We always have opportunities. Our time eventually comes, so please, we have to keep on trying and, if we keep on trying, we get to where we want to go. I am very proud of my competition in the last election.

My assistant, my daughter-in-law, Daisy Arnaquq, and others... . Airline tickets are very expensive. I received some great help through fundraising. Taina Kooneeliusee and others did some fundraising for me and I was able to go to Clyde River.

I was up in the Uqqummiut community of Clyde River and I would like to thank Lysia Panipak and her daughter, Marissa. I don't know them very well, but they warmly welcomed me. I have hardly ever been to Clyde River and they gave me the perfect space to stay at, so I thank them for that.

I know I'm talking on and on. I will talk about it at my next opportunity and stop here for now. Thank you to everyone.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Member for Tununiq, Ms. Nutarak.

**Member's Statement 016 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Tununiq**

**Ms. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman...Mr. Speaker. I'm still learning and I appreciate your assistance.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude to a great many people. I would first like to acknowledge and thank David Qamaniq, who was the other candidate running and former MLA. I would also like to pay tribute to Jobie Nutarak, my late father-in-law, the late James Arvaluk, and Joe Enook. Those three leaders served very well as members for Pond Inlet.



Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank David Qamaniq and Joshua Arreak for being candidates with me during the campaign before the election.

Mr. Speaker, I could not have made it here without the encouragement and support of many people of Pond Inlet. To the people of Pond Inlet, I thank you.

I am grateful for the lessons that I have been taught by my elders. I will mention only some of them. I apologize if I forgot someone. I thank Mary Mucpa, Gamalial Kilukishak, Qaumajuainnuk Koonoo, and Qaunaq Sangoya, and the late Paniloo Sangoya and the late Joanasi Mucpa. I apologize to those whom I have not named. Please know that you are in my heart.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that all members will agree with me when I say that none of us would have been successful without the strength and support of our families.

(interpretation ends) I want to thank my mother, Apphia Killiktee, my father, John Quartz, my brother and his family, as well as my husband, Harvey, and my wonderful children: Sula, Krystal, Katherine, and Alain, and my grandkids. I also want to thank my mother-in-law, Joanna Nutarak, and her partner, former member, Titus Aooloo, as well as my uncle, Jonathan Palluq, for his advice and wisdom.

Mr. Speaker, my campaign team was incredible, and I thank my financial agent, Amy Pitseolak, for always keeping me on track.

I ask for unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

**Speaker:** Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please continue, Ms. Nutarak.

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

(interpretation ends) I also appreciate the support that I received from many people. I will name a few. I apologize if I miss anyone. My best friend, Sheena Kasarnak, my colleague, my co-founder for Pirurvik Preschool, Tessa Lockhead, Noelle Adams, Sharon Ootook, Jena Merkosak, Rebecca Quliktalik, and Phyllis Kanayuk.

I also want to mention the ABE essential skills and the Nunavut Sivuniksavut students at the community learning centre, and I encourage them to complete their studies.

Mr. Speaker, all of our communities face some similar challenges and we spoke about these challenges in detail at our leadership forum. I look forward to working with both the ministers and the regular members to address these challenges during our term of office.

Mr. Speaker, all of our communities have their own distinct challenges. The community decisions about the Mary River Project will have a great impact on Pond Inlet, and I will

be working closely with the community and the government to make every effort to support our people during this rapid change.

Mr. Speaker, please let me conclude by joining with all of my colleagues in formally congratulating you on your appointment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker:** Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for South Baffin, Mr. Joanasié.

**Member's Statement 017 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent South Baffin**

**Mr. Joanasié** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say “good day” to my colleagues. It is great that we are finally able to have visitors since so long ago. I also say “good day” to the people of Kimmirut and Kinngait, Nunavummiut, and everybody outside Nunavut.

First of all, I send my condolences to the people of Cambridge Bay and Iqaluit-Sinaa; all the names that were mentioned. You have my sympathies. Even though things are difficult, we will proceed.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise and would like to acknowledge, first of all, starting off my third term as an MLA and being acclaimed has been quite different. I would like to first thank my financial agent, Jessica Kotierk, who helped me put my name forward. In addition to that, being acclaimed, I recognize and remember all of the voters who voted in my first term and my second term of office in Kimmirut as well as in Kinngait.

Mr. Speaker, I also would like to give a special recognition to my mother, Wendy. She is here today, as well as my oldest brother, Nathaniel. Thank you to my family, my siblings, who aren't here as well, but my family who grounds me and supports me to this day.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, we hear many different things during our campaigning, and I heard different things in South Baffin. I have heard many different things before the elections; mainly the residents of South Baffin in Kimmirut were concerned about the electoral boundaries. Perhaps we need to have an electoral boundary review of that area during our term. We follow the number of people in the communities and they generally review the number of people in the communities. I would like to say that right now... .

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

**Speaker:** The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are none. Please continue, Mr. Joanasié.

**Mr. Joanasié** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleagues for allowing me the extra time.

I look forward to the electoral boundaries being reviewed, but I would like to humble myself with the trust given to me by my fellow MLAs in selected me to the cabinet post. However, I also want to express my gratitude and express my appreciation and pride in the new MLAs and it reminds me of when I first got elected as MLA and it may be difficult at first, but that will pass.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to acknowledge my wife, who has been very supportive, and I would not be here if it wasn't for her, and I really love my children. Thank you and good afternoon.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Mr. Sammurtok.

**Member's Statement 018 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet**

**Mr. Sammurtok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day, people of Chesterfield Inlet and Rankin Inlet.

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to my constituents in Rankin Inlet North and Chesterfield Inlet. Thank you very much. If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't be here. To the candidates who ran against me, I am proud of you; keep trying. Thank you.

My wife and children, my relatives, I would like to express my gratitude for their constant support when I ran. My financial agent, Daisy Brooks. Thank you.

I am also proud of those who were elected for the Speakership and ministerial positions. I am very proud of you, Mr. Speaker. We as MLAs, I am proud of you for being elected here. Thank you very much.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. David Akeeagok.

**Member's Statement 019 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Quttiktuq**

**Mr. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am proud of you for being dragged up to the Speaker's Chair up there and now we will be disciplined here.

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to my late parents and family who are no longer with us. I'm really proud when we remember these people and my family in Grise Fiord. I'm really proud too my older brother can attend here today. I have learned a lot from him. He reared us very well. I'm proud that we can have guests here. I can see my nephews, nieces, and I am proud that they can attend here as well.

I can even have a family member who can sit with me here now for the first time being elected. You were a very young child before and now here we are working together, and those of you who were also elected, I am very happy, and those returning. I got elected in the Fifth Assembly and got on the cabinet right away, and I'm grateful for that. Our previous premier did a really good job with all of us while he was in his post.

There were many of us who ran here for positions and I'm proud of those who were selected, but when voting comes, there is a reduction in numbers. It was going to be a long four years in the Fifth Assembly, but apparently it was more like opening my eyes during those four years. I serve the three communities of Resolute Bay, Grise Fiord, and Arctic Bay. We had a very different election and I was different in that I was acclaimed and I will do my due diligence to serve them well and I know we have a full job ahead of us.

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

**Speaker:** Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are none. Please continue, Mr. Akeeagok.

**Mr. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, colleagues, and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will serve the three communities to the best of my ability. We are currently having difficulty with the water shortage in Grise Fiord. It has had impacts and I will do my best to serve these communities. There will be different tasks given to us as members and I'm very hopeful to be taking on those tasks.

Also, my children, I never lose thought of you. There are only seven and eight grandchildren. They are always very supportive of me.

Last but not least, I would like to express my gratitude to my in-laws as well and our elders in our communities who want me to work hard and I would like to thank them also.

Finally, my wife who is behind me, Carol, she is always pushing me, supporting me, and works hard and sometimes she goes through hard times when she has to take care of the house and children and while I'm trying to serve Nunavut. We don't see our spouses all the time. They also go through hard times and because of their diligence, we are able to attend here and I thank you dearly, my sweet wife.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to lastly say thank you. I say these words honestly. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Quqqiaq.

**Member's Statement 020 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Netsilik**

**Mr. Quqqiaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I want to thank my family in Taloyoak and my extended family in Kugaaruk, my wife, Clara Quqqiaq, and my dad, Joseph Quqqiaq for attending on a very special day for the swearing-in ceremony and it is official I'm the Netsilik MLA. I thank my constituents of Netsilik for believing in me and having confidence in me for allowing me to represent you as a Netsilik MLA.

I'm looking forward to four years and working with my colleagues to help make Nunavut great. Mr. Speaker, I believe in a lot of great possibilities when we all work together. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Member for Kugluktuk, Mr. Anavilok.

**Member's Statement 021 – 6(1): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Kugluktuk**

**Mr. Anavilok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to thank my constituents in Kugluktuk for having supported me during the recent election. I also want to thank the members who previously represented Kugluktuk in the House: Donald Havioyak, Joe Allen Evyagotailak, Peter Taptuna, Mila Kamingoak, and Calvin Pedersen.

Mr. Speaker, my family has been a great strength and supported me. I appreciate my family and children very much.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate you on your recent election as our Speaker. I believe that you will be the first MLA from the Kitikmeot to serve as our Speaker of the House.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with all members on a number of important issues. One of the main issues that were raised with me by my constituents in Kugluktuk is the need for better elder care. Our Inuit elders do not have a voice. They rely on us to speak for them. They want to stay near their families in their home communities.

Mr. Speaker, too many elders are being moved from one community to another.

(interpretation ends) I seek consent to conclude my statement.

**Speaker:** The member is unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are none. Please continue Mr. Anavilok.

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

Our elders are looking to us for help as they no longer have a voice. Too many elders are being sent down south and too many elders never return home.

Mr. Speaker, I want to share my own experiences with you and the other members today. My own mother has now passed on. Before she had passed she was moved away from her own community and sent down. That is a very hard and touchy issue to deal with.

Mr. Speaker, I understand and recognize that this is a complex and challenge issue. Our government is spending millions of dollars to pay for specialize care in the southern facilities. We lack resources.

Later today I will be speaking at the appropriate time to join my colleagues to present a petition on this important issue.

Mr. Speaker, I want to finish my statement by again congratulating you and all the members and also to the returning members and as well to the new members. Let's all work together to represent Nunavummiut and let's work hard together for all of Nunavummiut. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Thank you. Everyone has made their members' statements. Before we go to the next item... . My apologies. We will go to Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Raise your hands, please. Again?

>> *Laughter*

Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Ms. Brewster.

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

**Ms. Brewster:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very happy today to recognize Senator Dennis Patterson and his grandson, my son, and I'm going to say all of his names because they are all very important people to our family: Miles, Richard, Napatsie, Westhorp, Uviluq Brewster. Welcome. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu, Mr. P.J. Akeagok.

**Mr. P.J. Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very proud to stand and recognize first and foremost, my father, Mr. Jaypatee Akeeagok, my older brother Russel Akeeagok, and my younger brother Etuangat Akeeagok. I would also like to recognize Carol Akeeagok, who is from my riding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I have the honour of recognizing my two distinguished guests, first is Senator Mr. Dennis Patterson, as well as equally distinguished in my own eyes, my *anaana*, Micah Ulaaju Arreak. I remember my father saying that I owe my strength and stubbornness to you, so I thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Qavvik.

**Mr. Qavvik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my mother who is here, Mary Qavvik, who has been a teacher for a very long time in Sanikiluaq. I would also like to recognize my wife, Margaret Qavvik. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Arviat South, Mr. Savikataaq.

**Mr. Savikataaq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I would like to recognize somebody that every morning we have a conversation and try to solve the world's problems and tell each other stuff that we normally wouldn't tell someone else, "Was that guy really thinking that?" or other comments like that, a member who has served here for 13 years and our former Speaker, Mr. Allan Rumbolt. He is hiding out in the back there.

>> *Applause*

Mr. Speaker, he never wanted the limelight, but he always worked hard for his constituents and I'm sure his replacement will work just as hard, Mr. Qavvik, and from sitting in that chair and not doing too much physical work, now he gets to sit and load a dump truck and gets a massage on his butt every time he is driving that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Laughter*

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Cambridge Bay, Ms. Gross.

**Ms. Gross:** *Koana*, Mr. Speaker. I would like to acknowledge my guests here, my mother, Susie Fletcher, and my aippak Devon Oniak. *Koana* for being here.

I also would like to acknowledge the two translators who are here from our home community of Cambridge Bay. We have my uncle, Allen Maghagak, and my former Inuinaqtun teacher, James Panioyak. *Koana* for translating my words and we hope that you are doing well and thank you so much for being a great part of this team. (interpretation) Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize first of all Percy Kabloona, who is the Mayor of Whale Cove. He is able to be here with us and he is known by many people. Thank you, Percy.

I would also like to recognize Shelton Nipisar, who is from Arviat. He has come here to Iqaluit to take the Interpreter/Translator Program. Thank you, Shelton, for attending.

Lastly, to my family who are watching online, I love you, (interpretation ends) I love you guys, (interpretation) and my father-in-law who is watching the proceedings in Alberta, Brian Rhonda. I say “hello” to you and I love you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernerik.

**Mr. Kaernerik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon. I was going to recognize my wife and my child, but as she is still an infant, she fell asleep and they went home.

I would like to recognize the Senator for Nunavut, Senator Patterson. Welcome, please rise, and thank you for participating.

I would also like to recognize our interpreters, Blandina Tulugarjuk and Phillip Paneak, who will be here and I will be using the Inuktitut language. Thank you for giving me this opportunity, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Malliki.



**Mr. Malliki** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my wife, Bernice Malliki, and my daughter, Bridgette Malliki. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Aggu, Ms. Quassa.

**Ms. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did not raise my hand, but I would like to thank Blandina, who is one of the interpreters, and I'm sure my husband, Simon, is watching the proceedings on TV, along with the people of Igloolik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member from South Baffin, Mr. Joanasie.

**Mr. Joanasie:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm very proud of you in your new role.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my mother, Wendy Joanasie. (interpretation) Wendy Joanasie, my mother, (interpretation ends) and in spirit, I know he is with me, my father. When we doing our oath this morning, I was holding my late father's bible, so I know he is here in spirit.

My oldest brother, I look up to him so much. Thank you for being here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Rankin Inlet South, Mr. Kusugak.

**Mr. Kusugak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The individuals I'm going to recognize are not here, but they keep me standing. My older brothers, my sisters, and my younger brothers, I think of you all. COVID-19 has changed our way of life. I would also like to recognize my daughters, baby Terry. They are very capable and they keep me standing. My wife and my grandchild, Sally Kusugak, and Howard, my grandchild, thank you for being here. I think it's impossible to keep standing without them. Thank you. Let's have a wonderful day.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. David Akeagok.

**Mr. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my wife, Carol Akeeagok, my brother Jaypatee Akeeagok, Russel, and Etuangat Akeeagok, and my classmate, Mary Kogvik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Quqqiaq.

**Mr. Quqqiaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to recognize my wife, Clara Quqqiaq, she is here, and my dad, Joseph Quqqiaq Sr. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Visitors in the Gallery. I have no more names. Member for Kugluktuk, Mr. Anavilok.

**Mr. Anavilok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my younger brother, Albert Anavilok, Bob Appatok, and an individual who is not in the House here that I wish to recognize. She helps me a lot in Kugluktuk. Manitok Thompson, I thank you.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Seeing no more names, for myself, I would like to recognize my daughter and granddaughter, who were here earlier on, but they have gone out. Being a small child, you find something like this a little boring.

>> *Laughter*

They were here, but they're gone for the afternoon.

Before proceeding with the orders of the day, we will take a 20-minute break. Please join me in the foyer for refreshments. Thank you.

>> *House recessed at 15:14 and resumed at 15:39*

**Speaker:** Thank you. Welcome back, everyone. We're on Item 6. Oral Questions. As our ministers have not yet been sworn into office, there will be no oral question period today. I see some disappointments already.

>> *Laughter*

Thank you. Item 7. Written Questions. As the cabinet has not yet been sworn into office, there will be no written questions today. Item 8. Petitions. Anybody with no petitions, can you put your hand up?

>> *Laughter*

Anybody with no petitions? No? Okay. Petitions. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Mr. P.J. Akeeagok.

### **Item 8: Petitions**

#### **Petition 001 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

**Mr. P.J. Akeeagok:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the honour today to present the petition that has been signed by my constituents of Iqaluit-Niaqunngu. Mr. Speaker, the petitioners call on the Government of Canada to build an elders’ care facility with resources to handle the complex care needs in every community, allowing our elders who have been sent for care out of the territory to come home.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition today on behalf of my constituents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Ms. Brewster.

#### **Petition 002 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

**Ms. Brewster:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don’t think there is a person in this territory that isn’t touched by the need to care for our elders and if they haven’t yet, they will. It’s really important to me today to be able to present this petition signed by approximately 120 of my constituents in Iqaluit-Sinaa.

I am pleased to present this petition today on behalf of my constituents. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Petitions. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

#### **Petition 003 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

**Mr. Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, as well, would like to table a petition signed by the Iqaluit-Tasiluk riding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Petitions. Member for Kugluktuk, Mr. Anavilok.

#### **Petition 004 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

**Mr. Anavilok:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the honour today of presenting a petition that has been signed by 330 of my constituents in Kugluktuk. Mr. Speaker, the petition recognizes that our territory has no elders’ care facility that is equipped to handle complex needs. The petitioners call on the Government of Nunavut to build an elders’ home in every community and provide resources to handle complex care needs.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition today on behalf of my constituents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Quqqiaq.

**Petition 005 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

**Mr. Quqqiaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the honour today of presenting a petition that has been signed by approximately 100 of my constituents in the constituency of Netsilik from the communities of Kugaaruk and Taloyoak. Mr. Speaker, the petitioners call on the Government of Nunavut to build an elders’ care facility in every community with resources to care for complex needs.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition today on behalf of my constituents. Mr. Speaker, I care deeply for my elders and I would love for my elders to come back home to Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for Uqqurmiut, Ms. Killiktee.

**Petition 006 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

**Ms. Killiktee** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would first like to point out that when I was campaigning, I heard from the elders in my constituency and there are some elders who are homeless and are in need of care. I feel this concern. The petition that I am presenting was signed by approximately 290 of my constituents in the Uqqummiut riding of Qikiqtarjuaq and Clyde River.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present the petition that was given to our government on the need for elder care facilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Malliki.

**Petition 007 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

**Mr. Malliki** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the honour of presenting a petition that has been signed by 101 of my constituents in Coral Harbour and Naujaat. The petitioners call on the government to build an elders’ care facility in their community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The petition will be provided to you. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Simailak.

**Petition 008 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

**Mr. Simailak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ever since the Martha Taliruaq Centre was closed in 2018 in Baker Lake, community members in Baker Lake have been very concerned about elder care. Today I have the honour of presenting a petition that has been signed,

again, by my constituency in Baker Lake. This petition calls on the Government of Nunavut to build an elders' care facility with resources to handle complex care needs in every community, which would allow elders who have been sent out of the territory for care to return to their home.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition today on behalf of my constituents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for Rankin Inlet South, Mr. Kusugak.

**Petition 009 – 6(1): Elders' Care**

**Mr. Kusugak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the honour today of presenting a petition that has been signed by 22 of my constituents in Rankin Inlet South regarding elders' care. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for Tununiq, Ms. Nutarak.

**Petition 010 – 6(1): Elders' Care**

**Ms. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the honour today of presenting a petition that has been signed by approximately 230 of my constituents in Pond Inlet. I am pleased to present this petition to the Government of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernerck.

**Petition 011 – 6(1): Elders' Care**

**Mr. Kaernerck** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is a need for elders' care in Nunavut, but I also have the honour today of presenting a petition that has been signed by approximately 70 of my constituents in Sanirajak. The petitioners call on the Government of Nunavut to build an elders' care facility with resources to handle complex care needs in every community, with the intentions of bringing elders who have been sent for care out of the territory back home.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition today in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for Aggu, Ms. Quassa.

**Petition 012 – 6(1): Elders' Care**

**Ms. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the honour today of presenting a petition that has been signed by approximately 110 of my constituents in Aggu. Mr. Speaker, the petitioners call on the Government of Nunavut to build an elders'

care facility with resources to handle complex care needs in every community, with the intentions of bringing elders who have been sent for care out of the territory back home.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition today on behalf of my constituents. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for Pangnirtung, Ms. Nakashuk.

**Petition 013 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

**Ms. Nakashuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon. I have the honour today of presenting a petition that has been signed by 59 of my constituents in Pangnirtung. The petitioners call on the Government of Nunavut to build an elders’ care facility with resources to handle complex care needs in every community, with the intentions of bringing elders who have been sent for care out of the territory back home.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition today on behalf of my constituents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for South Baffin, Mr. Joanasié.

**Petition 014 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

**Mr. Joanasié** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also have the honour today of presenting a petition that has been signed by approximately 382 of my constituents in South Baffin. Mr. Speaker, the petitioners call on the Government of Nunavut to build an elders’ care facility with resources to handle complex care needs in every community, with the intentions of bringing elders who have been sent for care out of the territory back home.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition today on behalf of my constituents. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Qavvik.

**Petition 015 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

**Mr. Qavvik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are elders all over Nunavut. I have the honour today of presenting an important petition that has been signed by approximately 120 of my constituents in Sanikiluaq. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the petitioners call on the Government of Nunavut to build an elder care facility with resources to handle complex care needs in every community, allowing elders who have been sent for care out of the territory to return home.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition today on behalf of my constituents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

**Petition 016 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the honour today of presenting a petition to the House that has been signed by approximately 90 of my constituents in Whale Cove. Mr. Speaker, the petitioners call on the Government of Nunavut to build an elders’ care facility with resources to handle complex care needs in every community, allowing elders who have been sent for care out of the territory to return home. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. David Akeeagok.

**Petition 017 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

**Mr. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are three communities in my riding of Quttiktuq. I have the honour today of presenting a petition that has been signed by approximately 57 of my constituents in Quttiktuq. Mr. Speaker, the petitioners call on the Government of Nunavut to build an elders’ care facility and I am pleased to present this petition today on behalf of my constituents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Mr. Sammurtok.

**Petition 018 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

**Mr. Sammurtok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I have the honour today of presenting a petition that has been signed by approximately 20 of my constituents in Chesterfield Inlet. Mr. Speaker, the petitioners call on the Government of Nunavut to build an elders’ care facility in each of our communities and to provide them with the resources to care for complex needs, in hopes of bringing back elders who have been sent out of territory for care.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for Cambridge Bay, Ms. Gross.

**Petition 019 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

**Ms. Gross** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I have the honour today of presenting a petition that has been signed by 13 of my constituents in Cambridge Bay. Mr. Speaker, the petitioners call on the Government of Nunavut to build an elders’ care facility with resources to handle complex care needs in every community, allowing elders who have been sent for care out of the territory to return home.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition today on behalf of my constituents. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for Arviat South, Mr. Savikataaq.

**Petition 020 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

**Mr. Savikataaq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I am honoured today to present a petition that has been signed by approximately 28 of my constituents in Arviat. Mr. Speaker, the petitioners call on the Government of Nunavut to build an elders’ care facility with resources to handle the care needs in every community and allowing elders who have been sent out for care out of the territory to return home.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition today on behalf of Arviarmiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Petitions. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

**Petition 021 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the honour today of presenting a petition that has been signed by my constituents in Iqaluit-Manirajak. Mr. Speaker, the petitioners call on the Government of Nunavut to build an elders’ care facility with resources to handle complex care needs in every community, allowing elders who have been sent for care out of the territory to return home.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition today on behalf of my constituents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Petitions. That’s the last of the members.

**Petition 022 – 6(1): Elders’ Care**

I have the honour today of presenting a petition that has been signed by approximately 70 of my constituents in Gjoa Haven. The petitioners call on the Government of Nunavut to build an elders’ care facility with resources to handle complex care needs in every community.

I am pleased to present this petition today on behalf of my constituents.

Back to the orders of the day. Item 9. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. As the House has not yet established its standing committees, there will be no reports today. Item 10. Tabling of Documents. Do any members have documents to table?



**Item 10: Tabling of Documents**

**Tabled Document 001 – 6(1): 2020-21 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut**

**Tabled Document 002 – 6(1): 2020-21 Annual Report of the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut**

**Tabled Document 003 – 6(1): 2020-21 Annual Report of the Representative for Children and Youth**

**Tabled Document 004 – 6(1): Elections under the Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act**

**Tabled Document 005 – 6(1): 2020-21 Interim Financial Report**

**Tabled Document 006 – 6(1): 2020-21 Public Accounts of Nunavut**

I have a number of documents to table today. The first document is the *2020-21 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut*.

The second document is the *2020-21 Annual Report of the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut*.

The third document is the *2020-21 Annual Report of the Representative for Children and Youth*.

The fourth document is a list of elections under the *Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act*.

As the members of the Executive Council have not yet been formally appointed, I am also tabling the following documents on behalf of the government:

- The Government of Nunavut's 2020-21 Interim Financial Report; and
- The 2020-21 Public Accounts of Nunavut.

Thank you. Item 11. Notices of Motions. The Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

**Item 11: Notices of Motions**

**Motion 002 – 6(1): Appointment of Premier – Notice**

**Mr. Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, November 22, 2021, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Aivilik, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of Nunavut that P.J. Akeeagok, Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, be appointed Premier of Nunavut and member of the Executive Council.

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

**Speaker:** Thank you. Notices of Motions. The Hon. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernerck.

**Motion 003 – 6(1): Appointments to the Executive Council – Notice**

**Mr. Kaernerck** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, November 22, 2021, I will move the following motion:

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

- David Akeeagok, Member for Quttiktuq;
- Pamela Hakongak Gross, Member for Cambridge Bay;
- David Joanasie, Member for South Baffin;
- Lorne Kusugak, Member for Rankin Inlet South;
- Adam Arreak Lightstone, Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak;
- John Main, Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove;
- Margaret Nakashuk, Member for Pangnirtung; and
- Joanna Quassa, Member for Aggu.

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

**Speaker:** Notices of Motions. The Hon. Member for Arviat South, Mr. Savikataaq.

**Motion 004 – 6(1): Appointment of Deputy Speaker – Notice**

**Mr. Savikataaq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, November 22, 2021, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, that George Hickes, Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, be appointed Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

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

**Speaker:** Notices of Motions. The Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

**Motion 005 – 6(1): Appointments of Deputy Chairpersons of the Committee of the Whole – Notice**

**Mr. Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, November 22, 2021, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Amittuq, that Solomon Malliki, Member for Aivilik, and Joe Savikataaq, Member for Arviat South, be appointed Deputy Chairpersons of the Committee of the Whole.

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

**Speaker:** Notices of Motions. The Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

**Motion 006 – 6(1): Appointments to the Management and Services Board – Notice**

**Mr. Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, November 22, 2021, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Amittuq, that the following members be appointed to the Management and Services Board:

- Solomon Malliki, Member for Aivilik;
- Joe Savikataaq, Member for Arviat South; and
- Craig Simailak, Member for Baker Lake.

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

**Speaker:** Notices of Motions. The Hon. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernerik.

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

**Speaker:** Notices of Motions. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernerik.

**Motion 007 – 6(1): Appointments to the Striking Committee – Notice**

**Mr. Kaerner** (interpretation): I apologize, Mr. Speaker, for that mistake, as I had two notices of motions.

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, November 22, 2021, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Aivilik, that the following members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Legislation:

- Craig Simailak, Member for Baker Lake;
- George Hickes, Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk; and
- Daniel Qavvik, Member for Hudson Bay.

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

**Speaker:** Thank you. There's an error in translation. It should be under Striking Committee. We will keep on going. Notices of Motions. Seeing no more, Item 12. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. There being none, we will continue with the orders of the day. Item 13. Motions. The Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

**Item 13: Motions****Motion 002 – 6(1): Appointment of Premier**

**Mr. Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to make this motion.

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

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

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Aivilik, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of Nunavut that P.J. Akeegok, Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, be appointed Premier of Nunavut and member of the Executive Council.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** The motion is in order. To the motion.

**An Hon. Member:** Question.

**Speaker:** Question has been called. All in favour. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried.

>>Applause

Motions. The Hon. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernek.

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

**Speaker:** Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. You may proceed.

### **Motion 003 – 6(1): Appointments to the Executive Council**

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

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

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to recommend appointments;

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

- David Akeeagok, Member for Quttiktuq;
- Pamela Hakongak Gross, Member for Cambridge Bay;
- David Joanasie, Member for South Baffin;
- Lorne Kusugak, Member for Rankin Inlet South;
- Adam Arreak Lightstone, Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak;
- John Main, Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove;
- Margaret Nakashuk, Member for Pangnirtung; and
- Joanna Quassa, Member for Aggu.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** The motion is in order. To the motion.

**An Hon. Member:** Question.

**Speaker:** Question has been called. All in favour. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried.

>>Applause

Motions. The Hon. Member for Arviat South, Mr. Savikataaq.

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

**Speaker:** Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. You may proceed.

**Motion 004 – 6(1): Appointment of Deputy Speaker**

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, that George Hickes, Member of Iqaluit-Tasiluk, be appointed Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** The motion is in order. To the motion.

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

**Speaker:** Question has been called. All in favour. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried.

>>Applause

Motions. The Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

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

**Speaker:** Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. You may proceed.

**Motion 005 – 6(1): Appointments of Deputy Chairpersons of the Committee of the Whole**

**Mr. Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues.

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

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to make appointments;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Amittuq, that Solomon Malliki, Member for Aivilik, and Joe Savikataaq, Member for Arviat South, be appointed Deputy Chairpersons of the Committee of the Whole.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** The motion is in order. To the motion.

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

**Speaker:** Question has been called. All in favour. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried.

Motions. The Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

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

**Speaker:** The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. You may proceed.

**Mr. Hickes:** Thank you. You said do the motion first?

**Speaker:** Mr...

### **Motion 006 – 6(1): Appointments to the Management and Services Board**

**Mr. Hickes:** Thank you and sorry for the confusion, Mr. Speaker.

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

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to make appointments;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Amittuq, that the following members be appointed to the Management and Services Board:

- Solomon Malliki, Member for Aivilik;
- Joe Savikataaq, Member for Arviat South; and

- Craig Simailak, Member for Baker Lake.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. P.J. Akeegok.

**Mr. P.J. Akeegok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I would like to amend the motion to add Minister Adam Arreak Lightstone. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Members, the amendment is in order. To the amendment. Do members agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Speaker:** There is an agreement. The motion has been amended.

The motion, as amended. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Speaker:** The motion is carried.

Motions. The Hon. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernek.

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

**Speaker:** Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. You may proceed.

### **Motion 007 – 6(1): Appointments to the Striking Committee**

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

WHEREAS Rule 83 of the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut* provides that the Legislative Assembly shall, at its first sitting after a general election, appoint a Striking Committee of at least three members to report and recommend, with all convenient speed, members to comprise Standing Committees of the Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to make appointments;

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

- George Hickes, Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk;



- Craig Simailak, Member for Baker Lake; and
- Daniel Qavvik, Member for Hudson Bay.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** The motion is in order. To the motion.

**An Hon. Member:** Question.

**Speaker:** Question has been called. All those in favour. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried.

Item 14. First Reading of Bills. There being none, we will continue with the orders of the day. Item 15. Second Reading of Bills. There being none, we will continue with the orders of the day. Item 16. *Orders of the Day*.

As this House stands adjourned until summoned to reconvene by way of proclamation, there will be no reading of the orders of the day.

I remind all members that the swearing-in ceremony for the Premier and members of the Executive Council will take place in this Chamber at 5 p.m.

I also remind members that although the Saturday morning meeting of the Regular Members' Caucus is cancelled, the Saturday afternoon meeting of the Full Caucus will take place as scheduled at 1:30 p.m. here in the Chambers.

We are adjourned.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 16:18*

