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President: Honorable Jim Lyall
Speaker: Honorable Patricia Ford

In Attendance:

Member for Canada, Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Honorable **Patricia Ford**

President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable **Jim Lyall**

Ordinary Member for Rigolet, First Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources Honorable **Darryl Shiwak**

Member for Canada, Minister of Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Honorable **Daniel Pottle**

Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable **William Barbour**

Ordinary Member for Nain, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, Honorable **Johannes Lampe**

Ordinary Member for Postville, Deputy Speaker **Glen Sheppard**

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Minister of Health and Social Development, Honorable **Keith Russell**

Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Minister of Education, Training and Economic Development, Honorable **Susan Nochasak**

Ordinary Member for Makkovik, **Denise Lane**

Chair Person for the Sivunivut Community Corporation, **Edward Tuttauk**

AngajukKâk for Nain, **Anthony Andersen**

AngajukKâk for Postville, **Diane Gear**

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, **Herb Jacque**

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, **Charlotte Wolfrey**

Deputy Minister of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, Secretary to the Executive Council, **Kate Mitchell**

Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, **Tim McNeill**

Deputy Minister of Finance and Human Resources, Information Technology, **Rexanne Crawford**

Acting Director of Communications, **Bert Pomeroy**

Legal Consultant, **Veryan Haysom**

Director of Legal Services, **Loretta Michelin**

Clerk of the Assembly, **Mary Sillett**

Absent:

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, **Wayne Piercy**

Chair Person for the NunaKatiget Community Corporation, **Jennifer Hefler-Elson**

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, **Patricia Kemuksigak**

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Assembly commenced at 2:00 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Ullukut Illonasi. Good afternoon I would like to call the First sitting of the spring session of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to order. To begin our orders of the day I'd like to call upon elder John Jararuse to do our opening prayer.

Prayer recited.

Madam Speaker: Nakummek John. At this time I would like to recognize the Honorable President.

Mr. President: Thank you Madam Speaker. It gives me great honor to stand before this Assembly today to give tribute to a great man, community leader and advocate, loving brother, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Garfield Flowers was a pillar of the community of Hopedale. He served his community with pride in so many valuable roles. His contributions were significant, not only here in Hopedale, but throughout Nunatsiavut and, indeed, all of Labrador. He had very high standards, always placing the interests of others before his own. And his love of family was unquestionable. Madam Speaker, like so many Labrador Inuit, I was deeply saddened to hear of Garfield's passing on January 14. He will be truly missed, but certainly not forgotten. I was very fortunate to have known Garfield, both on a personal and professional level. We both attended the Residential School in North West River – although he was older than me, I knew who he was, as did all of us from the north coast, since we all looked out for each other. In later years, I had the opportunity to work with Garfield while he served on the Hopedale council. I was a councilor in Nain and the two of us often attended meetings together, and we both worked hard, not only on behalf of our respective communities, but for all of northern Labrador. Aside from his short time at North West River, Garfield spent his entire life here in Hopedale. He was involved in municipal politics for nearly four decades, serving as mayor for some 27 years. He was a member of the first Hopedale Inuit Community Government when the Nunatsiavut Government was established in December 2005. During Garfield's time on council, Hopedale was successful in having water and sewer installed. He lobbied for and was successful in getting improved air services for the community. He fought for improved medical and educational facilities and lobbied for better telecommunication services. He worked hard to improve housing conditions, for the environment, and for better marine services. He also assisted the RCMP when necessary and was instrumental in organizing the community's volunteer fire department. A successful and respected businessman, Garfield was nationally recognized in 2007 by the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Businesses and received the prestigious Canadian Aboriginal Hall of Fame Award. This prestigious award recognizes leaders who have demonstrated exceptional foresight, determination, and resilience in their business and contribution to their communities. Madam Speaker, Garfield Flowers was an exceptional man and a great leader. On behalf

of all Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, I would like to send my deepest sympathies to Garfield's wife, Sylvia, and his children: Brian, Kim and Shirley. At this time, Madam Speaker, I would like to ask everyone here today to bow their heads in a moment of silence out of respect for this great man.

(MOMENT of SILENCE)

Nakummek, Madam Speaker.....

Madam Speaker: Nakummek, Jim. Our condolences to the family. We move on to number three, announcements and recognitions from the Chair. For the record we have three members that are absent today: Patricia Kemuksigak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville; Jennifer Hefler-Elson Chair of the NunaKatiget Corporation and Wayne Piercy, AngajukKâk for Hopedale. For the benefit of the Assembly members we have two pages to assist with the sitting of the Assembly. They are Priscilla Nochasak and James Karpik. We also have three support staff assisting the Clerk and her staff for the sitting of this Assembly. They are Harriet Winters, Tabea Onalik and Nancy Rose. Nakummek and welcome. I would also like to thank our translators, John and Wilson Jararuse and our IT support, Robert Ford. Thank you and welcome to the Okalakatiget Society staff Sarah Abel and Simone Kohlmeister for filming and recording our sessions. Any members needing assistance with travel please see Hilda Hunter. I would also like to welcome visitors to the gallery. Nakummek for your interest in viewing the proceedings of the Assembly. For the record and for your information, Patricia Kemuksigak is now a Member of the Member Services Committee. This comes from the Assembly Act number 78 which states that the Member Services Committee is comprised of all Ordinary Members of the Assembly who are not Members of the Executive Council. Welcome Patricia to the Member Services Committee. This concludes announcements and recognitions from the Chair. We will now move on to number four, Tabling of Documents and Petitions. Anyone have any Documents and Petitions to be tabled? The Honorable Minister of Finance.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I have three reports that I would like tabled and accepted by the Assembly Madam Speaker for today's session. The first being a report to the Nunatsiavut Legislative Assembly on Section 111 of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act which is a requirement that the department annually must report to the Assembly on the amount for all salaries, indemnities and allowances paid under this part of the Assembly Act and the report will also include the name of each board, commission committee or other committee that an Assembly maybe sitting on and the dollar amounts allocated to support those Assembly members to carry out that work relative to the committees they maybe sitting on. The second report Madam Speaker is an update on the Nunatsiavut Business Centre from the Special Committee that was appointed by the Assembly in March I believe of last year. This report Madam Speaker is an update, it is not a full and final report which will be forthcoming before the end of March 31st of this year. The other report Madam Speaker is a report to the Legislative Assembly from the Department of Finance regarding the activities and transactions carries out by the Department of Finance and Human Resources relative to the Division of Human

Resources, Information Technology and Finance. So I'll elaborate a little bit further Madam Speaker on those reports when we come to Order of the Day five under Ministers Announcements. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Nakummek, Honorable Minister. The Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Madam Speaker. At this time I'd like to table two reports if you will to the Assembly. The first being the Inuit Health Survey 2007-2008 this was a collaboration as you could see on the front cover, it should in front of everyone here, of many different levels of Government, with Lab Grenfell of course and several universities ranging from everything to smoking to the types of diet inside of Nunatsiavut communities. There will be a committee put in place to follow up and to address the health needs identified in the report and anybody having any concerns can direct them to myself or my Deputy Minister. Secondly, I'd like to table the Purple Heart Campaign report which was generated by the Mokami Status of Women Council. This report looks at Violence Against Women in a series of court cases and basically just bringing some issues into the light surrounding that. Having the responsibility for the general health of women identified underneath my portfolio as Minister of Health. I met with the Mokami Status of Women, we discussed the report among other things and it was requested that I bring it to this Assembly and I've done so to honor that request. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Nakummek, Honorable Minister. Any more Tabling of Documents and Petitions? The Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker I would like to table Bill 2010-07 as amended by the Special Committee, A Bill for An Inuit Law to Provide for Protection of The Environment in Labrador Inuit Lands and the Inuit Communities, and to provide for the Environmental Assessment of Initiatives on Labrador Inuit Lands. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Nakummek, Honorable First Minister. Is there anyone else that would like to table a document? Then we'll move on to number five, Ministers Statements or Announcements. I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Before I get into my updates I guess from my Department I would like to ask everybody around this table to join me in acknowledging Dawn Michelin, who happens to be the daughter of the AngajukKak for Rigolet and acknowledge her in the successful completion of her Nursing degree. It's a woman who has chased down a dream and grabbed a hold of it and we all recognize the importance of Nursing in our communities and this an individual who's choosing to work within Nunatsiavut and contribute to our Inuit Society, so join me in putting your knuckles to the table and acknowledging that. With that I'll move on to the statement. Everybody is probably aware of at this time that we've had several meetings with

Minister Kennedy from the Province and his Department of Health and Community Services. I'd like to mention one of the initiatives we collaborated on which was the portable x-ray machine for the Nain clinic. We did have a very successful clinic take place for chest x-rays in Nain this past November. This enabled 96% of the people who required tuberculosis follow up to have their x-rays done in Nain. And what does this mean; I guess to everybody, it simply means that we're going to be moving more towards the execution of essential services wherever we can in the coming years to have these done inside of Nunatsiavut. This prevented people from having to fly to Goose Bay and get everything done, the increased costs of the associated with the travel, with the accommodations, all of those things. This is a good start, you know you don't have to miss those several days, you can stay among your family and friends and you can stay at home and get this stuff done you don't have to lose those days at work or with your loved ones and I mean if weather was to get in the way it could even mean a lot more than just a couple of days to get something like that done. It took nine months of planning to pull that off and I guess many people were involved. The challenge came in using a digital system that required a lot of infrastructure development. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador provided additional funding to cover the costs. The mobile x-ray unit itself and all of the hardware which was shipped to Nain. Those who understand the system the best, they went in to ensure that all worked well. We got a lot of help from Lab Grenfell's IT Department and they worked on the registration system, internet lines and basically we had to have a lot of people come in, together groups of ten and execute all of that. First Nations Non-Insured Health Benefits and Health Canada provided the funding for the additional costs to our Department of Health and Social Development and we've learned a great deal about what it takes to make such an initiative happen. I say that we're moving towards trying to do more of this in the future and we are certainly committed to that but it's not easy, it's expensive and it's ground breaking in the sense that it takes a lot of people, a lot of energy and a lot of planning to do that. So, I just wanted to let you know that we are committed to that. The staff of Nain, the community clinic was instrumental in putting this together. I'd like to personally thank them. The Nain staff for the Department of Health and Social Development also couldn't have done it without them so, if you see them, just say thank you because we've got good people working very hard to execute things like this. Again I guess I'd be remiss if I didn't acknowledge everybody right on down the line from interpreter translators' right to the drivers that it takes to pull off something like this. Okay moving on, I'd just like to announce that we have heard in the past to coming out of our Department about new suicide prevention, intervention funding that's coming shortly for the Coordinator position in order to basically lay the ground work out for how we're going to try and minimize the crisis that we experience inside of Nunatsiavut and in some of our communities. We are expecting that plan to be laid out shortly for the two mental health positions in Nain and the two in Hopedale and one in Rigolet as well so that is coming soon and as soon as I have an update on that we'll be letting you know what we're doing. I'd like to mention the continued commitment to development of the Aboriginal Policy Framework from the Newfoundland Government and Minister Kennedy's Department, my Deputy Minister, Michelle Kinney represents us on that working group and we have had an excellent commitment from the Newfoundland Government to continue consultation and collaboration with NG for our issues. Moving

on, I'd like to just give mention to the new Food Subsidy Program for Nunatsiavut. Indian and Northern Affairs and Health Canada have jointly announced a new program called the Nutrition North Canada and this is going to replace the current food mail program. It's a food retail subsidy program that's saying that making healthy food more accessible to the isolated northern communities and those will include the five communities within Nunatsiavut. It has two components. There's the food retail subsidy which will be the responsibility of Indian and Northern Affairs and this will be implemented in April 2011. The cost of shipping healthy foods will be subsidized and the savings will be passed on to the consumers in the communities, so that is a good news story for sure. The Nutrition Education Component will be delivered by our department and it's funded through Health Canada but it will be done through Health and Social Development offices and basically this focuses on helping people in our communities' develop the knowledge and skills for selecting, preparing and eating healthy store bought food and traditional country food and incorporating the two into a regular diet. This awareness and education will serve to compliment the first component, retail subsidy component of the program and this will be implemented early this year as well. I would just like to give mention to our intergenerational trauma and addictions training, the one week session in Goose Bay and Nain that was done by Dr. Joe Solanto. I've already mentioned the Health Survey and again, just mention again that we do have a committee being put in place to follow up on those results. Anybody with any concerns, come to me. I'd like to give a brief update on our non-insured health benefits deficit which is always seem to be looming over our heads. We've had some heavy duty discussions I guess with Health Canada and we do have a commitment to helping us address that deficit so we're finally seeing some movement down there. We're basically looking at approximately at this point in time \$1.6that's probably a typo right there, I'll leave that to the Minister of Health, probably later but we do have a commitment from Health Canada in order to address that and they are coming back with additional funding. I'd like to mention that we do now have two Departments of Health and Social Development staff trained as ASSIST Trainers. The first session delivered in Goose Bay in January had seventeen participants and our newest Member for Upper Lake Melville Patricia Kemuksigak, she co-facilitated so we thank her for that and the next session is scheduled for Nain in February. Our Mapping the Way Multidisciplinary Team is well underway and is actually in Hopedale this week. We're working closely with community wellness teams to deliver mental health services for children, youth and families. So that's ongoing. Our Trauma and Additions Team is beginning the next pre-treatment, treatment program in Nain. Individual assessments are completed; community meetings and agency meetings will be held next week. I'd also mentioned to that we are going to be playing a role in supporting the Labrador Friendship Centre to look at the feasibility of utilizing the old Paddon Home in Goose Bay as a personal care facility. So anybody having any concerns can certainly come and liaise with our department and talk about that stuff as well. And last but not least we did have a successful optometry clinic held in Nain in January and the team will be coming back in February and we're currently looking at the feasibility of holding clinics in remaining Nunatsiavut communities as well. So, any concerns, if anybody wants to discuss that can come and see my anytime or give me a call. Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Nakummek, Honorable Minister. I would now like to recognize the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I'll try to give a brief update on some of the files that we're working on in Nunatsiavut Affairs. Membership Issues: The Registrar's office is still receiving a significant number of applications which are forwarded to the appropriate Membership Committees for review. The current Registry has enrolled approximately 7200 beneficiaries. The enrollment process is a very difficult and complex one but our Membership Committees are doing a good job. In order to ensure consistency between the Committees and to understand the procedures in a consistent manner continued workshops were held by Legal Counsel with the Membership Committees and Membership Appeal Board. The last session was held in Goose Bay in November 2010. I want to also advise the Members of this Assembly of some matters related to the administration of the Beneficiaries Enrolment Act for which I am responsible. As Members are no doubt aware Section 3.11.4 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement says that beneficiaries who were enrolled as beneficiaries when they were children must re apply to the enrolment when they turn nineteen. The Registrar of beneficiaries had been trying to implement this Section of the agreement by giving notice of this requirement to beneficiaries when they turn nineteen. Some of you may recall that we issued a press release to inform the people of this requirement and to encourage affected individuals to apply. The first notices were given about eighteen months ago and three follow up letters had also been sent to them. Despite that a fairly large number of these individuals failed to re-apply as required by the Land Claims Agreement. Unfortunately the Land Claims Agreement does not say what has to be done about the individuals who failed to comply with this requirement. Madam Speaker I want to let Members know that I will be asking the Assembly to amend the Beneficiaries Enrolment Act to allow the Registrar to remove the name of the individuals who fail to comply with Section 3.11.4 of the Land Claims Agreement after having giving those notices and a reasonable chance to comply. Some of the notices that the Registrar has sent out have been returned; address unknown. This is a recurring problem in our administration of Registrar of Beneficiaries. I will also be asking for an amendment to the Beneficiaries Enrolment Act to remove the names of all of those who cannot be contacted with essential Registry business because they failed to give the Registrar notices change of address. Again authority to do this will require safeguards to give the individuals concerned a chance to straighten out their records. I have recently issued a directive to the Registrar and to the Membership Committees not to process any individuals who have failed to re-apply and put all such cases on hold. This is an interim measure pending considering the proposed amendments the Act; to declare all beneficiaries to properly complete the application form will still have their applications processed as usual. I hope to be able to bring the proposed amendments forward to the next sitting. Madam Speaker; a few comments on Infrastructure; The Afterschool Program Building in Hopedale is completed and occupied. The geothermal groundwork for the proposed new DHSD Building in Nain has been completed and with Assembly approval we intend to move forward quickly on the building design and engineering contract. The Hopedale Assembly building completion has been extended from March 31 to April 30, 2011. The contractor is determined to have the interior work completed by

April 30 however the Kalzip Roofing for the Dome is still in Cartwright and will only arrive in Hopedale when the shipping season opens. The cupola must be removed from the roof, remodified by half the size and replaced and the Inukshuk must be installed in the cupola. The Inukshuk is still not on site. Further to that, the groundwork outside the exterior of the building must be done in the spring. Colby's is currently putting a rush on the interior in order that the electrical and mechanical contractors can do their work. Madam Speaker; Housing Needs Assessment, my Department is in discussions with the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, CMHC, and the province regarding the set-up of a tri-partied committee to do a Housing Needs Assessment for Nunatsiavut. Madam Speaker; Transportation: I have my Deputy working with Minister Hedderson's Office to schedule a meeting to discuss the plan for Marine Transportation this summer. I am very optimistic that we can have this scheduled within this month. I will also be discussing with the Minister how we can work together on the plan for new airstrip for Nain. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Honorable First Minister. I would like to now call on the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you again, Madam Speaker. I'll try and give a brief overview of some of the files that we are working on in the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. Madam Speaker, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources has been extremely busy over the last number of months in all sectors of the department. I would like to provide an update on the status of the key files our department is actively engaged in. Madam Speaker, as Minister I have been engaged in all areas of the department and have met with many key stakeholders and government counterparts to advance our concerns and issues. On October 28 I presented our concerns to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador at the joint meeting between our Executive Council and the Provincial Cabinet. Several key files were discussed at this meeting, including; Strange Lake mineral deposit, Hopedale remediation project, George River caribou herd, Climate change, Tornqat Joint Fisheries Board Recommendations and the Lower Churchill Hydroelectric project. This meeting was a great opportunity for us to raise and discuss our concerns on these key files.

In early November, I attended the Newfoundland and Labrador Mineral Resources Review 2010 conference in St. John's and gave a presentation to exploration and mining representatives from across the province. At the same time I took the opportunity to meet with the Newfoundland and Labrador Chamber of Mines to listen to the concerns and perspectives of this industry. This was also a great opportunity for me and departmental staff to meet directly with most of the exploration and mining companies that are doing business in Nunatsiavut.

On November 30th I travelled with department staff to Ottawa and met with the federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Gail Shea to discuss several key fishery files. This meeting gave us the opportunity to educate and update Minister Shea on our fishery issues in northern Labrador. The main concerns we addressed were around the interpretation of Chapter 13 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement, our request for a communal quota of turbot, the communal food fishery and the need for additional

counting fences in northern Labrador and upper Lake Melville. Minister Shea asked us to follow up with regional DFO staff on our concerns and issues.

I participated directly in community consultations on two important files. With my Assembly colleagues and departmental staff we conducted consultation on the draft Environmental Protection Act. I also assisted in our community consultations on the George River caribou herd and gathered suggestions for possible management measures to ensure the sustainability of the herd.

In December, on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government I also made a presentation to the Commission conducting the industrial inquiry on the dispute between Vale and the striking mine workers. We stressed to the commission and to both parties the importance of resolving the dispute as our workers and communities have suffered hardship as a result of the strike for much too long. We are very pleased that they came to an agreement.

Madam Speaker, I have touched on only a few of the files that our department is involved in. I can assure you that our departmental staff has done a good job in briefing me on a regular basis and we have brought many recommendations back to the Executive Council for decisions. I would now like to provide the Assembly with an update on the status of some of our key files.

Land Division:

Madam Speaker, one of the key files of this division was to coordinate our involvement in the land use planning process and our review of the draft land use plan. The Land Use Planning Authority has recently considered the responses from both the province and the Nunatsiavut Government on the latest draft of the land use plan. The Authority has indicated to us that they hope to have a revised draft of the plan submitted to the two levels of government for adoption in principle as soon as possible.

As you know Madam Speaker this process was due to be completed by the end of March 2011. The process stipulated under the Land Claims Agreement is once the two levels of government adopt the land use plan in principle the Authority appoints a Commissioner who will take this draft of the land use plan and hold public hearings in each community. The Authority has realized that the process is behind schedule and they will not be able to meet the end of March deadline and has requested the two levels of government to consider approving an extension to this timeframe. We have discussed this with the province and we have agreed to an extension and have told the Authority that the land use plan must now be submitted by the end of September 2011.

The Director of Lands was also appointed as the departments Deputy Minister last fall. The Lands Division's GIS Specialist also resigned and we have so far been unsuccessful in replacing this position. The processing of land applications is behind schedule due to the staffing situation in the Lands Division.

Environment Division:

Madam Speaker, I would like to update the assembly on several key files for the environment division. The draft Environmental Protection Act that was introduced in the

last assembly session went through an extensive round of community and public consultation. We also consulted with other levels of government and other stakeholders. During this session, the draft Environmental Protection Act is scheduled to come before the house for second reading. We will provide further detail on the results of the consultation and subsequent changes at that time.

Madam Speaker, the research file has also kept this division busy. The building of two new research centers in Nunatsiavut (worth approximately \$3.5 million dollars combined), the Nunatsiavut Government has an opportunity to develop an internal research vision with priorities that can provide value to decision-makers. Over the past year, we have generated the most interest ever in research in Nunatsiavut by external funding agencies. This has resulted in approximately \$1 million dollars related to research (excluding the research centre funding) being incorporated into Nunatsiavut, including over 40 direct part-time jobs. There is now an opportunity for the Nunatsiavut Government to build on momentum, capitalize on a large external contribution and develop a research program that is Nunatsiavut-centric and serves the needs and priorities of beneficiaries and decision-makers. There is an opportunity for the Nunatsiavut Government to take a proactive approach to research in Nunatsiavut and start developing a research mandate that is internally driven and seek partnerships with external agencies, where appropriate. It is extremely important for the Nunatsiavut Government to finalize their research vision very soon to ensure the viability of our two research centres and advance the needs of our beneficiaries and communities.

Madam Speaker, we have been actively engaged in the environmental assessment processes for the Lower Churchill generation and transmission link projects. The generation and transmission link projects are undergoing two separate environmental assessments. The key component of the transmission link project that had the potential to have significant impacts on Inuit and Lake Melville was the proposal to place sea electrodes in Lake Melville. Nalcor Energy has recently identified refinements to their project development concept and additional design options. Those changes include the use of "shore electrodes" at locations along the Labrador shore of the Strait of Belle Isle area and Conception Bay South. The options of placing sea electrodes in Lake Melville or Holyrood Bay are no longer proposed. As the sea electrodes in Lake Melville component of the transmission project have now been removed, the environmental impacts on Lake Melville and on Inuit are now significantly reduced or non-existent for the transmission project. The department will concentrate our involvement on the review and participation in the generation project environmental assessment rather than the transmission project environmental assessment. The joint panel leading the generation project environmental assessment will begin the hearings in March. They have indicated the main hearings will be held in Happy Valley Goose Bay with sessions in Rigolet and Nain. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Honorable First Minister. I would now like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Finance Human Resources and Information Technology.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Madam Speaker. As I alluded to in Standing Order number four regarding the tabling of reports that I had mentioned, I'd just like to briefly just summarize some of the details in some of those reports for the information of Assembly Members Madam Speaker and for the record. As per Section 111 of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, it's a requirement that the Treasurer of the Nunatsiavut Government every year report to the Assembly on the amounts for salaries, indemnities and allowances paid to the Member of that part and for any monetary costs related to Assembly Members for carrying out duties sitting on committees and other like boards and committees. This information was included in last year's budget and this information goes to March 31st, 2010 the end of the last fiscal year. In keeping with the Budget and the dollars allocated for salaries and indemnities Madam Speaker, we have spent a total on salaries for Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to a total of \$1, 760, 226.00 dollars and 51 cent. The indemnities Madam Speaker are applied to the Minister's salaries and to the First Minister and to the President, also to the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker Madam Speaker and those indemnities total a \$152, 153.80 cent. Reporting on Constituency Allowances as well we thought it was prudent that we include this in this report because those dollars are allocated and approved by the Assembly to assist Members of the Assembly in carrying out Constituency work and the total allocated and expended for Constituency work for the last fiscal year totaled \$70, 668.83. I don't think I need to go into breakdown of these Constituency Allowance because I think they speak for themselves and each Member knows exactly how much dollars are allocated to them for Constituency work but for the record Madam Speaker if anybody wants this full information they certainly can have a copy this report or consult with our Department. We had a few Members Madam Speaker sit on Boards, Commissions and Committees other than Committees of the Assembly during the year. President Lyall is a Member of the Tasiujatsoak Trust and he's also on the Settlement Trust, we looked for the figures Madam Speaker and we'll get them for this report and revise this report to look at the total dollar amount that's expended from the Nunatsiavut Secretariat to support the President's work and involvement as a Member of the Board of Directors for Inuit Tapirisat Kanatami. So that information will be forthcoming. Former Minister of Finance, Greg Flowers and Todd Broomfield in that year were also Members of the Tasiujatsoak Trust and the Settlement Trust, there were no fees paid for travelling and living expenses by the Nunatsiavut Government or the Assembly in respect to those appointments because they are covered off under the Administrative funds allocated for those Trusts. That's a bit of an update Madam Speaker on the requirements as per Section 111 of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act. Moving into an update on the Special Committee looking into the workings and the future of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre, Madam Speaker as I referenced in my statement regarding the report that was tabled, this is an update, the actual work is not finished but we expect it to be on schedule and this report will be a final report forthcoming to the Assembly prior to the end of March this fiscal year. Madam Speaker as per Resolution 4 of the March 2010 Sitting of the Assembly the Treasurer is to provide ongoing regular reports to the Assembly on the Management, Finances and Operations of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre until the report of the Special Committee is tabled in the Assembly. Madam Speaker in December of 2010 the Special Committee received a report from the Directors of the Nunatsiavut Business Centre that met the requirements as per Resolution number three that was

passed by the Assembly in March 2010. The Special Committee has met to review the report; however we are not in the position at this point in time to put forth our report or to provide our final recommendations. Operationally Madam Speaker the Nunatsiavut Business Centre has not dispersed any new loans as per the directive of the Assembly. The Business Centre Development officer has made one trip to the communities in Nunatsiavut for public meetings to determine if there was interest in a business seminar on how to develop your business. Since the 31st of March, 2010 Madam Speaker the following financial transactions have occurred; four of the eight loans granted by the Nunatsiavut Business Centre Madam Speaker has been repaid in full. Madam Speaker, the Torngat Fisheries Producers Cooperative has repaid \$100,000.00 dollars of their \$500, 00.00 dollars still owing. The Board of Directors of Torngat Fish Producers Co-op has signed a Resolution and a Promissory Note outlining their schedule of repayments on this loan. Madam Speaker one loan is current with its repayments and Madam Speaker the NBCI; the Nunatsiavut Business Centre has engaged the law firm of Ottenheimer and Baker to proceed with collections on two outstanding loans that was approved and granted by the Business Centre. These loans have had no repayments on them since they were disbursed Madam Speaker and again \$400, 000.00 dollars has been repaid to the Nunatsiavut Government in regard to the loan given from NBCI for the Torngat Fisheries Producers Cooperative. Madam Speaker the Board of Directors has been working actively with Legal Counsel on collecting and ensuring the appropriate documentation is in place regarding all outstanding loans. They have also been working with Vale to ensure that the loan schedules are up to date and accurate. Moving on quickly Madam Speaker to the Department of Finance and Human Resources report as per requirement of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act as Section 58 of the Act which states that each Member of the Executive Council who is a head of a department of the Government shall as soon as practical at the end of each fiscal year Madam Speaker prepare a general report summarizing the transactions and affairs of that department in that year and to lay the report before the Assembly if it is then sitting or if it is not then sitting within three days after the commencement of the next sitting. Madam Speaker given that a report summarizing the department's transactions and affairs was not presented as per the requirements identified above as Minister of the Department I believe that it's necessary to summarize the substantive activities of the department as there have been some cross over from the fiscal period ending March 2010 to the date of this report. I will ensure Madam Speaker that the legislative reporting requirements of the Department of Finance and Human Resources are in compliance for future with Inuit Law. Very briefly Madam Speaker on the Department of Human Resources; 2010 was again another busy year for our department. We had advertised Madam Speaker over fifty internal\external open competitions for employment since April 2010. There was a wide range of positions available throughout the civil service. This past summer however Madam Speaker we did see a significant change in the management division with three Deputy Ministers resigning or retiring and a number of Directors positions filled. We are happy to report Madam Speaker that the recruitment efforts has seen all three Deputy Ministers positions filled and we welcome Carl McLean, Dave Lough and Rexanne Crawford to the Deputy Ministers positions. Madam Speaker we still have four Directors positions to be filled and recruitment efforts are on going to fill these positions. This pass summer Madam Speaker saw another successful year with seventeen summer students hired in various

communities throughout Nunatsiavut and the Upper Lake Melville area. Positions for students ranged from Community Health Worker assistants to Wildlife and Human Resources assistants. The summer student hiring program not only provides students with valuable work experience, future employment but also provides students with financial assistance as they return to their post secondary studies in the fall. This past December saw the announcement of the committee that was appointed by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council to prepare a draft plan on moving all administration of the Nunatsiavut Government to Nain as well as to look at locating other Government departments and agencies to Nunatsiavut communities as per the Labrador Inuit Constitution and the Nunatsiavut Government Strategic Plan. Also Madam Speaker the Executive Council has improved in principle a policy stating that management positions will not be transferred outside of Nunatsiavut and all vacant or new management positions are to be advertised for Nunatsiavut only. And finally Madam Speaker the Human Resources department is actively recruiting for a new Director. This position was vacated with the resignation of Carolyn Janes in January of this year and we hope to have that position filled soon and we wish Carolyn all the best in her future endeavors and we thank her for her last five years of work and commitment to the Division of Human Resources and Nunatsiavut Government. Briefly for the Division of Finance Madam Speaker on quarterly financial statements the department Madam Speaker is still in the process of establishing our financial accounting system to properly prepare consolidated financial statements. As a result Madam Speaker we are unable to provide these financial statements in this report today. However, due to the importance of being accountable and transparent Madam Speaker we want to present an update on the financial plan for the period April 1st, 2010 to December 31st 2010. As noted in the Budget Act 2010 Madam Speaker revenues for the Nunatsiavut Government came from personal income tax for a total of 2 million dollars. The GST agreement brought in \$723, 389 dollars. The interest income from some of our dollars we had invested in the division brought in another \$99, 182 dollars. The mining tax royalties totaled \$104, 188 dollars and the fiscal financing agreement contributed another \$23, 264, 064 dollars. The department of the Nunatsiavut Government Madam Speaker has been successful in obtaining additional program revenues from other sources such as Health Canada, Service Canada, the Tasiujatsoak Trust, Indian and Northern Affairs, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, just to name a few and I'd like also to announce Madam Speaker I originally signed off a contribution agreement totaling \$50, 000 dollars with the Inuit Relation Secretariat of Indian and Northern Affairs to help us look at policy needs and to develop some policy frameworks and to ensure that some of our people are trained in policy development for Nunatsiavut Government, something that we had identified as a critical need within our Government. Madam Speaker all departments and the Nunatsiavut Assembly have been in accordance with the approved budgets. Briefly on the Inuit Community Corporations Madam Speaker again under the Budget Act 2010 there was an approval to allocate \$150, 000 between the two Inuit Community Corporations and the Executive Council approved the allocation of \$94, 000 dollars for NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation and \$56, 000 dollars to Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation. An additional \$85, 000 dollars was approved from surplus dollars for NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation to complete projects in Happy Valley Goose Bay. During the year there were overruns in one of the projects and the Executive Council approved reallocating funds from one

project to another. As a result of the costs of overruns on these projects NunaKatiget has a deficit for the year ending December 31st and they are working on their plan Madam Speaker to offset that deficit. The Labrador School Board Madam Speaker was provided with approximately \$2, 743, 000 dollars for funding for their work in 2010-2011. They submitted a budget for programs of \$2, 427, 000 dollars and the Labrador School Board has approached the Executive Council for additional funds to supports teacher's housing, the life skills program and enhanced professional development for Inuktitut teachers which the Executive Council approved. The Executive Council also Madam Speaker put in a place an order for the collection of debt from the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. The Executive Council approved the Executive order authorizing the Treasurer to collect debt owed to the Nunatsiavut Government by Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. The Nunatsiavut Executive Council Madam Speaker passed a resolution to transfer translation funds designated to each department, to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to be used for translation services as per needs identified by that department. These would include the hiring of additional translators and proofreaders Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker under the Medical and Dental Benefits Group Insurance Plan the Executive Council has approved the following recommendations: It will now be mandatory for all new employees and dependants to participate in the medical\dental portion of the Group Insurance Plan unless they have alternative coverage through another registered plan and I think it is important to point out Madam Speaker that non-insured health benefits is not a registered plan. New employees have the option to refuse or join the medical dental plan and once refused will not be eligible to join at a later date. As well Madam Speaker I'm happy to report that we've been working with our Insurance provider to open up the window one more time for approximately one month to allow present employees an opportunity to join that plan. Once this window is closed. It will not be reopened again Madam Speaker. This is set to occur in February of this year with an effective date of April 1, 2011. Madam Speaker on travel benefits employees outside of Labrador have been advocating and lobbying the Nunatsiavut Government to be included in that benefit. The travel benefit was given to Government employees in Upper Lake Melville and Nunatsiavut primarily as an incentive to offset the high cost of living and travel on the north coast. The Members of the Canadian Constituency also received that travel benefit; however this decision was made by the Members Services Committee through the Assembly. The Executive Council voted in favor Madam Speaker of amending the Nunatsiavut Civil Service Employee Manual to grant that travel benefit to all staff, regardless of location. Finally, Madam Speaker just to briefly update and report on the Information Technology division as each Member is specifically living on or in our communities know that there is an ongoing problem and not only in their homes but for the Nunatsiavut Government in general. The division has experienced and homes have reported slow network speeds between our offices. It's impacting productivity and as such we have discussed with Aliant whether there is anything they can do or any alternative solution they can provide to eliminate the problem that we're having with internet access. Also the IT Division has been investigating alternative providers and technology to the current service that we purchased from Aliant. Backup Strategy for the IT Division, the IT Division is planning a new backup strategy for all Nunatsiavut Government offices. The department currently has a short list of options being tested and we anticipate implementing the most

appropriate solution before the end of the fiscal year. The current backup strategy Madam Speaker does work but in offices where there are no IT staff successful backups rely on clerical or administrative support staff in those locations to change the backup tapes daily. This does not happen Madam Speaker on a consistent basis for a number of reasons and given the advances in technology a new backup methodology and strategy is the most cost effective and practical solution to deal with this issue. Madam Speaker I'm happy to report that the IT Division has spearheaded a pilot project to develop an Intranet for Nunatsiavut Government. This pilot will address the communication and collaborative needs of the Department of Finance and Human Resources, Health and Social Development and the Office of the Clerk of the Assembly. The business requirements for each have been documented and a contractor engaged to construct the intranet based on those requirements. The Intranet is anticipated to go live in July of this year and after the launch of the pilot we will engage the remaining departments to identify their business requirements and begin the process of intergrading those into the Intranet. Madam Speaker staffing in order to aid in the maintenance, growth and future development of the Intranet strategy that I just spoke to, a new staff position of SharePoint Administrator has been created. One of the current members of the IT Division was the successful candidate for this new position. This has allowed us to relocate the vacant IT support position to Nain and we have successfully filled that position in January Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Honorable Minister. Are there any more Minister's Statements or Announcements? I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Ms. Nochasak: Thank you, Madam Speaker for the opportunity to highlight some of the activities within my department. As with all departments times are busy and the challenges are many. If I might first mention that just last week the Nunatsiavut Executive Council met for discussions on post-secondary student support program. We certainly had a good review of the program and focused on some challenges and we have decided to meet again early spring to make more final decisions. The financial resources for the program are no longer adequate to meet the demand; we now have so many students that are integrated in pursuing post secondary studies. This is a serious challenge but also a very positive situation. We also discussed the level of student financial support. I wanted to mention this because I know it was a concern raised by the AngajukKâk from Nain. So even though we may not have made the final decisions yet we are certainly going through a decision and planning process. Also in connection with the post secondary student support program and the Bachelor of Social Work program still nineteen students are enrolled and student achievement is very high. Through the post secondary student support program we also endeavored to provide as much student support services as we can which in turn has increased the workloads. Given these increased workloads we have created a new position for the Financial Assistant and one new staff person has been hired. During the week of February 9th I will be travelling to St, John's for a meeting with MHA Patty Pottle as well as ACOA for discussion on the future of the CDO funding. We have a proposal already on file which included input from all of the Inuit Community Governments and I trust that as a result of

this meeting we may be able to find the funding and get it back on track. During my travel to St. John's I will also be meeting with the new Provincial of Education, Honorable Joan Burke for an introductory meeting. At the last Assembly I referenced that we are working with ITK and all of the other Inuit regions in Canada on a National Inuit Education Strategy. I'm extremely pleased to report that all of the background research and consultation has been completed and we expect to have a strategy made public sometime during February. At this point in time we still do not have definite commitments from the Federal Government however all these discussions have been very promising. As you are all aware we (59:54 inaudible) regular funding to Labrador School Board and assisted supplementary Inuit Education programming in Nunatsiavut schools. Because we have surplus funding in this budget we have been able to provide additional support to assist the school board with housing, enhancing professional development for Inuktitut teachers and actually we have doubled the budget for life skills programs for the supplies. We have several other projects that we are working on with the school board two of which I would like to mention and those are the development of a Inuit history course and as well we are looking into seems means to providing a retention bonus for the Inuktitut teachers who have achieved their diploma status. Through the Community Economic Development fund we have received a fair number of proposals from all communities and I'm pleased to report that even though some proposals have not been funded the majority have been. Just to give you a quick glimpse of the community of Nain; the Nain Heritage Committee support for temporary coordinator Torngat Arts and Crafts support for ongoing craft operation and the community of Hopedale provided funds for repairs to the walkway and the mission complex as well funds for general clean up and removal of a dilapidated building. For the community of Postville through the Inuit Community Government we provided funds to assist with the bridge repair as well as additional repair on the boardwalk. The community of Rigolet we have provided funds for the craft training program and just recently funds for cutting logs to replace the community slipway. I should note Madam Speaker for the benefit of the AngajukKâk for Makkovik that I have not listed any projects from Makkovik. We have been in discussion on a new craft centre proposal which I understand is now being re-drafted and also have been in discussion with Torngat Fish Producers Co-op about the potential projects through the fish plant in Makkovik. As you recall we did provide \$100,000 dollars of assistance to Torngat Fish Producers Co-op in the fish plant in Makkovik last year. For the proposals that were not funded our challenge has always been we need to see the connection for longer long term economic development. We look forward to continuing the program in working with the Inuit Community Governments on these projects. As a final note Madam Speaker I would like to take this opportunity to say special congratulations to the winners of the Inuktitut Speak Off that was held in Makkovik in January. The winners were first place Mary Andersen of Nain, Roxanne Andersen from Nain and third place went to Sophie Ikkusek from Makkovik, but originally from Nain. Madam Speaker that concludes my remarks. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Honorable Minister. Any more Ministers statements or announcements? From there we'll move on to Members Statements and I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk from Nain.

Mr. Andersen: Thank you madam Speaker. I was going to begin my statement by saying thank you to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs for the Provincial Government who always has representation in the Gallery but I see that there is no representation from the Ministers' office today and I'm a little disappointed because I think it's the first time I had something good to say about the Provincial Government and this Chamber and there's no one here to hear me. Nevertheless Madam Speaker I will very much go ahead and say it anyway; how grateful the community of Nain is for all the hard work from Patty Pottle and Patty Pottle's office in securing community enhancement money otherwise known as make work projects for some of our people who didn't qualify for EI given that there was a significant loss of employment through the fisheries and Ten Mile Bay and other seasonal projects that I have to say that the Minister really stepped up and came through and we were successful in getting people to work. In saying that I know that we've in this Chamber from time to time debated on the benefits of make work projects and long term development well I tell the Members here Madam Speaker that maybe that's not the answer to our dreams; make work projects, but sometimes if we look closely we can accomplish quite a lot and we can accomplish towards the means of long term development by having short term projects and transfer of skills whether they are traditional or academic through short term projects just for instance some of the things we did with the make work money was to hire people, of course they had to qualify for EI but some of them are good at making komatiks and komatik boxes and the little komatik push boxes for the little ones and some had no clue how to do these things but at the end of the project there was a transfer of skills and the products were sold in the community. So there was benefit and I think sometimes I think we shouldn't get so big and carried away that we have to look at multi-million dollar projects as the only benefit for Nunatsiavut, those little ones certainly can go a long way to help. Certainly it did help these families where it was hard this year to put food on the table but it was very hard to put fuel in the stove as many of the Members from outside of Nunatsiavut as well as Nunatsiavut I'm sure witnessed here this week with snow conditions and lack of ice that we've had. So we have to find ways and I certainly am very grateful to the Provincial Government for that on behalf of my community. I was going to stop there but I can't because just to say a few words about how overwhelmed I am Madam Speaker about the amount of information that we got from the Minister this afternoon, I suppose we asked for because we keep saying that we don't know what they're doing and there's no information. They must of went away Madam Speaker, got all pissed off and come back and boy did they ever give it to us this afternoon but that's a good thing, there was a lot of information and I know that the President was over there smiling, so proud of his Ministers. I must say though to only do it when we come to Assemblies there must be a better way to get information to us because in order for us to acknowledge what you said to us this afternoon is we have to wait for the Hansard to come out and then we have to see whether you're telling the truth or what was good or what was bad and what you've should've have said. So these things take time but I am Madam Speaker grateful but a bit overwhelmed but I'm sure many of the other Members on this side are as well. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you AngajukKâk from Nain. Any more Members Statements? If there are no more Members Statements at this time we will be taking a twenty minute break.

Madam Speaker: I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. Order please! We will now go into number 7 on our agenda, oral question period. Any body got any questions? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville.

Mr. Sheppard: Thank you Madam Speaker. I guess first of all I'd like to take my hat off to the majority of the Executive Council; it was well every evening of it. I was looking for some information from the Executive Council. However, I do have a question Madam Speaker for the Minister of Natural Resources; it's a follow up question I guess Madam Speaker from roughly June\July month. I want to make myself quite clear here, we've been back and forth with emails but it's related to the Nipashish caribou hunting area. I did start put by asking your department if the licenses for the Nipashish area\caribou hunting zone could be purchased by the Nunatsiavut Government from the Province issues to its members free of charge. That was my question. Not for us to go out and ask the Province; could they issue them free of charge. So I'd just like a follow up on this if possible. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: The Honorable First Minister.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Madam Speaker. Thank you to the Ordinary Member for Postville. In follow up to his question like he said we've been going back and forth with the emails; the Deputy Minister have been sending emails and we've been discussing this for quite some time. It's a complicated one, something we are reviewing as you know Nipashish is outside of the Land Claims zone. One of the issue would be that if we were to issue free licenses then that would more than likely apply to all areas outside the Land Claims zone, that's one of the issues but we are reviewing the issue and we would determine if that needs to go to the Executive Council in the very near future. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Honorable First Minister. Any more questions? The AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

Ms. Wolfrey: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. There's a concern from my community Rigolet regarding the number of caribou that you could kill, that can be allotted to our people from Rigolet. Most people from Rigolet who hunt caribou; I got to give a little bit of history, hunt in the Grand Lake and Nipashish areas and other years we could kill two caribou and you could transfer licenses and stuff like that was worth peoples while to go and get caribou and this year we are only going to be allowed to have one license but I think that the bigger issue, the one that concerns people the mostly is the inequity between the Inuit who live in Goose Bay, North West River and Mud Lake and the Inuit who live in Rigolet and I guess to some degree Makkovik and Postville because they hunt in Nipashish area too. If you live in Goose Bay or North West River or Mud Lake, you can get one caribou

because there's a 12-E negotiation in the Land Claims Agreement so you can get one caribou because you live in 12-E and then you can turn around and buy one license from the Province so in effect if you're an Inuk in Goose Bay, North West River or Mud Lake you can get two caribou and the Inuit in Rigolet can only get one caribou and again the Métis too are I'm hearing that they can get two caribou so there's some inequality here and people in my community are really concerned about it and I think I've had a number of calls and I guess Darryl probably had some calls too but there's a real concern. It's not worth our while to go and spend five hundred dollars because that's probably how much it costs to go from Rigolet to Grand Lake or Nipashish. It's not worth our while to have one caribou. I mean normally when you....

Mr. Russell: Point of Order!

Madam Speaker: State your point of order please.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek Madam Speaker. Is this a speech or is this a question? Nakummek.

Madam Speaker: AngajukKâk from Rigolet would you state your question please.

Ms. Wolfrey: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I guess I'm trying to ask is have you heard those concerns and is there anything that can be done about it from your perspective as Minister? Nakummek, Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you AngajukKâk from Rigolet. The Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Madam Speaker. To answer to the Members question, yes we are aware of the situation and I have received several concerns regarding the situation. The Province allows the beneficiaries in 12-E to harvest caribou and they can buy another license, this is something we are discussing within the department and again we are aware of it and we are discussing it but we have not made any decisions on how to move forward with it. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Honorable Minister. Any more questions? The AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question is directed to the Honorable Minister of Health. Actually I think it's a follow up. The last sitting here we had I asked you about ground transportation in our community for our seniors and our seniors called again and asked me if I can bring this back to the table and see where we stand. Did you go to Health Labrador and lobby for us on our behalf? Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The Honorable Minister of Health.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek Madam Speaker. To the AngajukKâk from Makkovik since the time that question was asked no I did not personally go to Health Labrador to lobby for ground transportation. That is not covered in the communities as I stated in the last proceedings in our House. It's not covered under non-insured. We have as I indicated last time put forth provisions in fiscal financing agreement in negotiations to provide vehicles and the cost to accomplish that within the communities within Nunatsiavut but right now we have consulted with them and that was the methodology I guess we use to carry that forward but no we did not have any further consultations with that. That has been put forward as is. We're hoping to secure the funds to do it. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Nakummek. The Chair of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation.

Mr. Tuttauk: Nakummek, Madam Speaker. My question is directed to the President and it is in regards to the letter sent to you dated January 21, 2011 outlining the concerns and issues raised by beneficiaries of North West River and Sheshashiu in regards to the Lower Churchill Hydroelectric Project. Have you incorporated any of these concerns into Nunatsiavut Government's presentation to the panel? Nakummek.

Madam Speaker: The Honorable President.

Mr. President: Thank you Madam Speaker. As for the question of the Chair of Sivunivut yes indeed I received the email with concerns brought forward by your constituents of North West River. The letter was reviewed and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources is composing an answer in reply to your concerns and I've asked Minister Shiwak to make sure he responds to you and you should have that within a day or two. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Ordinary Member for Nain.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Health. On two occasions, one by email and one verbally at least, I've asked you a question about sick leave, notes being issued in clinics on the coast and the hospital in Goose Bay. I've had a constituent come up to me who had to travel to Goose Bay for medical purposes and had to supply a sick note to his employer and he got that free in the hospital in Goose Bay but if he got that same note which is a form note; fill in the date, dates missed work and pays ten bucks for it in Nain and elsewhere on the coast. Have you done any follow-up to those inconsistencies? Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Honorable Minister of Health.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek Madam Speaker. Yes, I did consult with my Deputy Minister on that and it was indicated to me that there should be no difference at all. I will reply to your office formally written and let you know what my Deputy has proposed to Lab Grenfell. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Anymore questions? Chair of the Sivunivut Corporation.

Mr. Tuttauk: Nakummek, Madam Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Again at our January 21st, 2011 constituency meeting concerning the Lower Churchill project, we were given a brief update into NG's efforts concerning the project by Ordinary Member Keith Russell. Mr. Russell indicated that he would be putting in an official request to your department for a list and timeline of those efforts that could be presented to both Inuit Community Corporations. It is my understanding that Mr. Russell had made the request; when can we expect this timeline? Nakummek.

Madam Speaker: The Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Madam Speaker. You're absolutely right Minister Russell did put that request into me and Deputy Minister Carl McLean. We will be discussing it but we have no time frame on a response to the request by Minister Russell. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Is that a supplemental question Mr. Tuttauk? Okay go ahead.

Mr. Tuttauk: Nakummek and again it's to the Minister of Lands. Once you have discussed that with your Deputy Minister can we expect the timeline of that report?

Madam Speaker: The Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Madam Speaker. You will get a formal response and if we deem necessary a timeline to that response. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The AngajukKâk from Nain.

Mr. Andersen: Thank you Madam Speaker. I think that I will ask my question or pose my question to the Minister responsible for Human Resources. There was a memo sent out to staff I believe Madam Speaker in October, I certainly don't have a copy of it but I was asked questions of it. Making staff aware that there was some kind of committee put in place and I believe the Minister even mentioned it about relocating or bringing administration staff to Nunatsiavut and I guess particularly to Nain, the community of which I am AngajukKâk. The Minister knows that it is the Inuit Community Government has a responsibility for planning for infrastructure needs such as land use and water and sewer; those kinds services and my Inuit Community Government was never formally made aware of that and I have to say to the Minister that as a Member of this Assembly I was never informed of that. I wonder if the Minister would let us know in some way who is a part of this committee, is it a Committee of the Assembly or is it the Executive Council again acting as a Committee or is it a Departmental Committee and when will for instance my Inuit Community Government be aware of what the intentions are of the department. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The Honorable Minister of Human Resources.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek Madam Speaker. Nakummek to the AngajukKâk for Nain for your question. Yes, the Executive Council put together a Committee composed of, I believe its four people, Rexanne Crawford; the Deputy Minister of Finance is on that Committee as is Isabella Pain and the Deputy Minister to the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, Kate Mitchell. The Committee Madam Speaker is just now starting to do their work; they've been only formed approximately six weeks ago. Their putting together their work plan and putting together their approach and they have not yet reported back to Executive Council on that and I'm sure not to speak on behalf of the Committee but for the benefit for the AngajukKâk for Nain I certainly will bring that concern back to the Committee and request that they look at and I'm sure that they will be receptive to consulting with and that is the plan overall I think to consult with all stakeholders involved in this plan to transfer the administration into the community of Nain and I can assure you that I will bring those concerns forward and I think I can be rest assured and you can be rest assured that your Community Government will certainly be consulted on that. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Honorable Minister. Any more questions? The Ordinary Member for Postville.

Mr. Sheppard: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister responsible for Natural Resources once again. We're hearing I guess out on the street that there maybe some changes to the process of our offshore fisher people when it comes to Crab Licensing or permits. If that is the case Mr. Minister, could you give us around in this Assembly some idea what changes there are if any? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Madam Speaker. To answer the Members question; up to this point no there have been no changes made to the process for and I assume you were referring to the allocation of licenses for the upcoming year for crab, there are no changes made. We will be reviewing, probably not this year but in the very near future a review of the allocation in the fishery in general but to put it short there are no changes for the allocation for the licenses for this year. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The Ordinary Member for Makkovik.

Ms Lane: Thank you Madam Speaker. I guess my question will be for the President. I emailed you a couple of times on Banking services, the last thing I heard was that BMO was going to be looking for partnerships and I'm just wondering did you get anything further done on this project. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The Honorable President.

Mr. President: Thank you Madam Speaker. To answer the question to the Ordinary Member from Makkovik, no there has not been any further discussions with the Bank of Montreal. The LICST will be approaching them in the very near future to see if there are any Business partnerships available. As I stated the last time there are presently looking at the Bank in Nain, as you're probably aware that's located in the Post Office and the Bank is taking that out of there. It's a good possibility that LICST may put the Bank in the old LIA building but for the communities of Makkovik and Hopedale there will be ongoing discussions on whether and when they will move into those communities. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any more questions? The AngajukKâk for Postville.

Ms. Gear: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. You said in your speech that or in your statement that the deadline for Land Use Plan was extended to September 20th. I'm just wondering is this going to have any effect on the Uranium Moratorium. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The Honorable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Madam Speaker. It's difficult to tell what the extension to the Land Use Plan will have on, I'm assuming you mean the review of the Uranium Moratorium which says in a legislation shall happen after March 31st, 2011, it's difficult to tell what the extension will have that. The review of the Moratorium, that's something for the Assembly to decide. The Land Use Plan is done by the Land Use Authority, so it's difficult to tell what effect that will have on the review of the Uranium Moratorium. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any more questions? The Ordinary Member for Nain.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources as well. I'm hearing from some Assembly Members on this table, in terms of consultations that you done within the communities, on the north coast especially, with the committee, I mean, what we're hearing out there, numbers that are put out there by the Provincial Government. Is there any clear being given to health of the herd verses numbers of caribou going into households?

Madam Speaker: The Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Madam Speaker. Conservation for Nunatsiavut Government is first and foremost. We did do consultations in all of the communities and in Upper Lake Melville and we did hear varying comments and from your community we heard comments of conservation from other communities and that's something we strongly believe in but we also believe that the best way to do that is when we put the data together, when we put the comments together, when we build the capacity and the regulations and legislation and when we meet the other stakeholders that's when we can really formulate a good plan in moving ahead with the conservation of the George River

Caribou herd. I apologize to the communities if they took from our consultations that we were going to take all the comments and act on all of the comments. Unfortunately we never but we hope to be putting a plan together and moving forward with the George River Caribou herd with all of the other stakeholders, building our own capacity and our own legislation, that we can come up with something that everybody is agreeable to that will sustain the George River Caribou Herd for generations to come for a very long into the future. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Like I said reflecting back to the question from the AngajukKâk from Postville regarding the Uranium Moratorium, we were suppose to visit again at the end of March, has there been an extension or when we will revisit or when will we decide? Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The Honorable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Madam Speaker. First off no there has been no extension. What it says in the legislation; it says that the moratorium shall be revisited after March 31st, 2011. It does not give a date. You could interpret that in many ways, that could mean the day after the March 31st, 2011 or that can be years. It's up to the Assembly to decide when they want to review or revisit the March 31st, 2011 deadline for the uranium moratorium. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The AngajukKâk from Nain.

Mr. Andersen: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. We hear good stories from Vale about the spill at Voisey's Bay and I'm sure that we know Vale, we would not expect anything less but perhaps we don't believe them but you Minister who we honor and trust certainly can he give assurance that the reports were rumors coming out of there by beneficiaries from my community that there were millions of gallons of water and tons of waste coming out of that broken pipe line. Can the Minister give assurance that in fact Nunatsiavut has people on site to monitor the clean up and that this clean up is going as well as Vale want us to believe? Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The Honorable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Madam Speaker. You're right there was a spill at the Voisey's Bay site. We do have a monitor on sight, when the spill happened we had one monitor on sight that responded almost immediately to this spill and has been monitoring from the day on and also has been assisting the Company in any way that he can, he's doing a very good job. Shortly after that we put another monitor on sight that also began monitoring the spill and I give assurance to the AngajukKâk for Nain that we trust from the reports that are given to us from our monitors that they are doing what they can to clean up the

spill. I'm assured that when a report comes out on the spill we will be able to provide some of that report to the Assembly Members. I'm not sure if I answered all of your questions, my friend there he tends to ask long questions. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Supplemental from the AngajukKâk from Nain.

Mr. Andersen: Thank you Madam Speaker. I won't ramble on this time I'll be very quick. My question was not, we're doing as well as we can but is the clean up going as well as Vale assures us that it is? That it will be cleaned up and that there will be no environmental damage as a result of this spill.

Madam Speaker: Honorable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Madam Speaker. Again our concern is for the environment. We have two good environmental monitors on sight. Those monitors report to us daily. We can only expect that they are reporting to us on what Vale is doing. If Vale is not living up to their obligations to cleaning up this spill then we hope that the monitors are reporting that to us. I will check into this and I will give an answer to the AngajukKâk for Nain and make sure that what they are doing is that they holding up to their obligations to clean up this site and to ensure that the environment is being protected. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Minister Shiwak. Any more questions? If there are no more questions we will move to the next item on the table which is written questions. When it comes to written questions the Page will pass to the Clerk the written question, the Clerk will read it first to see if it is substantive and then if it is I will read the question. Replies to written questions are either to be tabled in the Assembly or delivered orally at some future date. So, do we have any written questions? No written questions so we'll move onto the next item. Item 9; any reports of Standing and Special Committees? The Honorable Minister of Finance and Human Resources and Information Technology.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek Madam Speaker I don't have anything to report but just for the record I apologize for being premature and reporting the update from the Special Committee on the Nunatsiavut Business Centre and just to remind myself and this Honorable House that that update and report should have been given under Standing Order number nine. I apologize for that Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Minister. If there are no more reports of Standing and Special Committees. The next item on the agenda is Notices of Motions. We have two Bills here but there is no need for a formal motion as both Bills were tabled with the Clerk under Standing Order number 95. So we'll go into motions, under number 11 and I would like to acknowledge the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

Mr. Pottle: Just a point of clarification before I proceed Madam Speaker are you asking me to provide notice or to make a motion for first reading of the Bill, I just want some clarity on that Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: There is no need for a formal Notice of Motion. So we'll go into the Motions which is number 12, the first reading of Bill 2011-01.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker I move, second by the Honorable Keith Russell, Minister of Health and Social Development that Bill 2011-01 An Inuit Law to Authorize Long Term Borrowing by the Nunatsiavut Government for the Purposes of Constructing a Building in Nain for use by the Department of Health and Social Development to Provide for Repayment of the Borrowing and to Assign Ministerial Responsibility in Respect of the Building. Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I move that the Bill be introduced and read for the first time. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The Motion is in order, would the Minister of Finance wish to open the debate?

Mr. Pottle: Yes Madam Speaker I'd like to open debate on the Motion. Madam Speaker as you can see or for the information of the Assembly Members during the proceedings of the Assembly an hour or so ago I distributed a Financial Plan to accompany the Bill for borrowing funds to construct the Health Care building in Nain. As the Honorable Members can see from this Financial Plan some of the rationale and the reasons for the need for borrowing funds to construct this building are outlined in the Financial Plan and on that Madam Speaker I'd just like to say that as a result of a fire several years ago the Department of Health and Social Development staff have been working out of several locations Madam Speaker including a mini home, a condemned Daycare Centre building and the Labrador Grenfell Health clinic. This Madam Speaker had significantly impacted the client services and programming as there is little or no space for programs for beneficiaries in Nain. The Government Madam Speaker engaged Duncan Avery under his current contract as Project Manager to provide a construction cost estimate to the Department of Health and Social Development office for the building in Nain. Based on his consultation and assessment Madam Speaker an estimate for construction is approximately \$2, 800, 000.00 dollars and for the sake of brevity I will not, because this information is provided here, go into too much detail but the total estimated cost for this based on Mr. Avery's assessment is \$2, 791, 328.00 dollars. Madam I support and would like support for this Bill because the Department of Health and Social Development has approximately \$1.3 million dollars in funds available to contribute, leaving it approximately a \$1.5 million dollar shortfall. The Government Madam Speaker expects to receive \$350, 000.00 dollars per year in capital dollars allocated for the Department of Health and Social Development for the next five years from the fiscal financing agreement for a total of \$1, 750, 000.00 dollars. These funds Madam Speaker would be used to pay off the demand loan that we're hoping that the Assembly would approve through this Bill. I think it's important to note Madam Speaker that the Nunatsiavut Government may take on long term borrowing for capital works if this is approved by at least 60% of the Assembly as per the Labrador Inuit Constitution Madam Speaker and I

think its also worthy to note that there is a current demand loan that is taken by the Department of Health and Social Development for a total of \$305, 000.00 dollars, \$305, 471.00 dollars for the Nain Daycare Centre. The Department of Health and Social Development Madam Speaker is paying \$80, 004.00 dollars per year for the next four years and will then pay \$45, 458.00 dollars in the fifth year to repay that mortgage. The funds for the repayment of this loan came from the assets program formally known as AHRDA program through Service Canada as part of the Inuit Childcare Initiative and not from the fiscal Financing Agreement\ Capital Work dollars Madam Speaker. With that Madam Speaker and giving the need for such a building in Nain to make sure that our beneficiaries are receiving the Health Care and Programs and Services that they so deserve Madam Speaker I'm asking the Assembly to approve Bill 2011-01. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Honorable Minister. Does anyone wish to speak to the principle of the Bill? The Honorable Minister of Health.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek Madam Speaker. Well after that introduction to this Bill there's not much more I can really say but just to reiterate the points of the Minister of Finance. There's not a lot available right now in the community of Nain in terms of what would meet the needs of the Department of Health, I mean in terms of rental. We had no choice but to go this route and it wasn't made as a snap decision. In order to provide the services that we want to and not only just to execute them but to execute them well and to provide the best quality that we can and to enhance as much as possible that is offered by Lab Grenfell and to continuously expand on education and awareness initiatives we have to have the appropriate infrastructure to do that. You have to have that centralized in such a way so that people who have different functions in their jobs can get together, work in the same area and can liaise with people from the public in order to help them meet their needs. I'm fully behind this obviously. I'd like to thank Minister Pottle for putting it forward and speaking to the Bill. I really hope that we will have your support for this Bill in order to execute on getting this long term debt secured in order to hopefully meet the next construction season. As everybody knows on the North coast it's not the easiest to build a large structure. We've seen that with our Admin Centre, we're seeing that with our House. We really need to take advantage of this upcoming season and do whatever we can. So I hope your support will be there when it comes time to vote. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. The AngajukKâk for Nain.

Mr. Andersen: Thank you Madam Speaker. I certainly do support this Bill for a number of reasons; one that I suppose the first one of all; it is my community and I'll echo what the two very Honorable gentlemen said that it will not only give a good service to the people of Nain but it will allow the staff of the Minister's department to do their work in a healthy environment. What I would mention Madam Speaker and only what I add on in seeking and asking support from my colleagues on this is that Nain is the last community to receive such a building. The other four communities in Nunatsiavut already have adequate space for their local health departments in each and every

community. If this is approved by the Assembly the circle will be complete, all five communities will have half decent buildings to work out of and provide services that our people expect of our health department and for that reason I hope that we will realize and support this Bill. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Does anyone else wish to speak to this Bill? If not does the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology wish to make any final comments?

Mr. Pottle: No Madam Speaker, I don't have anything further to say on the Bill. Nakummek

Madam Speaker: Thank you Minister of Human Resources and Information Technology. That concludes debate on First Reading. Honorable Minister, do you wish to conclude debate?

Mr. Pottle: Yes Madam Speaker I wish to conclude debate. Nakummek.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Honorable Minister. This concludes debate on the First Reading. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2011-01 on First Reading?

Assembly: AYE

Madam Speaker: Accordingly Bill 2011-01 has had First Reading so we'll go into the Second Reading of Bill 2011-01 and I now acknowledge the Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek Madam Speaker. I move, second by the Minister of Health and Social Development that the Assembly proceed directly to Second Reading under Standing Order 118 and I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 120 in order to proceed with Second Reading of Bill 2011-01 today. Nakummek Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 120 and proceed immediately to Second Reading of Bill 2011-01. Does the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology have unanimous consent?

Assembly: AYE.

Madam Speaker: Proceed Minister.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek Madam Speaker. I move, second by the Honorable Keith Russell, the Minister of Health and Social Development that Bill 2011-01 An Inuit Law to Authorize Long Term Borrowing by the Nunatsiavut Government for the Purposes of Constructing a Building in Nain for use by the Department of Health and Social Development to Provide for Repayment of the Borrowing and to Assign Ministerial

Responsibility in Respect of the Building be read for the second time. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The Motion is in order. The procedure for Second Reading debate will be a page by page review of the detail of the Bill. We'll start off on the Bill on page two; any amendments to page two?

Assembly: NAY

Madam Speaker: Any amendments to page three?

Assembly: NAY

Madam Speaker: The Ordinary Member for Nain.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Madam Speaker. On page three; Authorization to carry out project.....the question I have; is there a particular Minister that's going to be assigned; it does say here that "the Nunatsiavut Executive Council is hereby empowered", is there a particular Minister that's going to be assigned to carry out this project with staff?

Madam Speaker: The Honorable Minister of Finance.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek Madam Speaker. To answer the question for the Ordinary Member for Nain, the Minister who will be authorized to carry out the project will be the Minister of Health and Social Development. Nakummek.

Madam Speaker: Any amendments to page four?

Assembly: Nay

Madam Speaker: Any amendments to page five? The Honorable Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

Mr. Pottle: Madam Speaker I apologize to the House for my incorrect answer to the Ordinary Member for Nain's question regarding the Minister responsible for carrying out the borrowing and overseeing the Health Care Building in Nain, I apologize again to the House for giving the Honorable Member a incorrect answer, the Minister responsible for this Madam Speaker will be the Minister responsible for infrastructure who is the First Minister of Nunatsiavut and again I apologize for giving an incorrect answer. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Honorable Minister. Any amendments to page five?

Assembly: NAY

Madam Speaker: That concludes the page by page review of the Bill. Does the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology wish to conclude debate?

Mr. Pottle: Yes Madam Speaker. I wish to conclude debate. Nakummek.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. That concludes debate. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2011-01?

Assembly: AYE

Madam Speaker: Accordingly with unanimous consent of the Assembly Bill 2011-01 An Inuit Law to Authorize Long Term Borrowing by the Nunatsiavut Government for Purposes of Constructing a Building in Nain for use by the Department of Health and Social Development to Provide for Repayment of the Borrowing and to Assign Ministerial Responsibility in Respect of the Building has had Second reading. The Assembly will now break and we will reconvene at 7pm.

Madame Speaker: I would like to acknowledge the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Madame Speaker, Madame Speaker I would like to move seconded by the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honorable Susan Nochasak. That the Assembly convenes in the Committee of the Whole to receive the report and Special Committee on Bill 2010 07 and for this purpose I would like to invite the Director of Environment, Tom Sheldon, to appear before the Committee of the Whole to explain the principle amendments that have been incorporated. Thank you Madame Speaker.

Madame Speaker: The motion is in order. Honorable Minister would you like to make any more comments on that motion? Any questions or comments on the motion the Honorable Minister has just made?

Madam Speaker: All in favor of the motion.

Assembly: AYE

Madame Speaker: The Assembly will now adjourn and reconvene as the Committee of the Whole. We now invite Tom Sheldon to come up. Anybody that has any questions for Tom while he going through it, just raise your hand.

Madam Speaker: The Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Shiwak: Madame Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government is in an important stage of growth and significant land management decisions on the horizon. So, it's with this importance in mind that we have developed a frame work for environmental protection

and development. As a first Inuit region to achieve self government, we have a responsibility to become a leader in environmental decision making in order to protect our environment while encouraging sustainable development to increase the quality of life and the well being of Inuit. With this bill, the Nunatsiavut Government will become a model for environmental decision making across Inuit regions of the world. Recognize the importance of Inuit culture to the environment, while providing the frame work for Inuit to make decisions respecting protections and development on our own terms. At the last Assembly meeting, the Assembly members voted unanimously to pass the Environmental protection and Assessment Bill. On first reading on concepts and philosophies contained within it. Members agreed that this was something well designed and thought out and acknowledged the urgent need for Nunatsiavut specific environmental protection and assessment legislation, In order to advance both conservation and development in the region. At the same time the Assembly struck a Special Committee to bring the Bill for public consultation. I am happy to report that our committee has completed it's work and we are returning to you with an amended EPA that we are putting forward at the best model based on input proceed. Our committee visited 8 communities and met with over 100 people; we received over 35 email submissions and held numerous teleconferences. We also consulted with industry and other levels of government. Although the Bill has been refined the main objectives of the Bill in terms of environmental protection and environment assessment have not changed. The principles that we used to guide the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and other regulators and decision makers in the decision making process remain intact. The Bill still requires the environmental review of initiatives in Labrador Inuit Lands sets out the process to be followed for environmental reviews and provides for Inuit participation in environmental decision making by the Nunatsiavut Government. Small development may include round tables for the purposes of review and would be approved by the Minister in the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. Initiatives that are likely to have significant environmental effects would be assessed by the committee of the Assembly and approved by the Assembly. The process does not duplicate Federal or Provincial environment assessments. But rather compliments them. Most importantly however the environmental protection Bill as amended still ensures that developments are consistent with Inuit values, culture and knowledge. Rather than laying barriers to the development through the amended environmental protection Bill we will encourage and support sustainable development in Nunatsiavut, including the Inuit communities. We will also encourage that decisions regarding development and conservation are made with both immediate and long term benefits and consequences in mind. Within the amended Bill we maintained support role that Nunatsiavut Government must play for each of the Inuit communities to help increase the quality of life and well being for our community members. Much of the development within Nunatsiavut occurs within each of our communities. This Bill designs support in environmental decision making and development processes within the communities in order to increase the sustainability, economic opportunities and prosperity of each community. To ensure cooperation, consultation with the AngajukKâk of the relevant Inuit community is a key step in the process. Nunatsiavut Environmental Protection Act will require an investment of funding for the Department of Lands and Natural Resources to implement the Bill when enacted. Complimentary research in education initiatives will be needed to build information in

Human Resources capacity and additional staffing will be required to carry out environmental reviews of proposed developments. However, with the building of 2 new research centers in Nunatsiavut and their completion, the time is right for this investment. The return of this departmental investment will be meaningful and have a positive impact on the beneficiaries. The department of Lands and Natural Resources believes that Inuit have a fundamental right to be decisions makers with respect to developments in Labrador Inuit Lands and the Inuit communities. This amended Bill is a critical step in developing our independence as an environment decision making body. No longer will we rely upon Provincial and Federal environmental assessment processes to hope that Inuit's rights, concerns and values are being incorporated into the decisions regarding development. With this amended Bill, the Nunatsiavut Government takes another step toward promoting and supporting the evolution of an Inuit vision for Nunatsiavut. With the Assembly's support of this amended Bill, we can solidify our role as leaders in Nunatsiavut and create a process for Inuit as central players and key decision makers with respect to environmental protection and development in our lands. This will deliver economic benefits, build capacity with our people and help sustain our culture and knowledge. Most important, it will build a better future for our people. With that I'm going to pass it over to Mr. Tom Sheldon, Director of Environment, who will go more into detail of the report of the Special Committee including the principle amendments that have been made. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Tom Sheldon: Thank you Darryl, this will be similar to the last time we went through this in terms of process. Feel free to ask questions throughout, the speaker will acknowledge you for questions. We would like to keep it as informal if possible. Now, in terms of the actual Bill itself, what I'm going to do is go through the important amendments that have been made. People will see the differences in this amended Bill. We'll review the draft of the EPA in preparation of the second reading which will happen once the Committee of the Whole adjourns. The purpose of this is to report the outcomes of the Special Committee to highlight the substantial changes that have been made to the EPA since the first reading. So in terms of flow and outline; I'm going to briefly touch on the overview of the public review process that's happened since first reading. Then were going to go into the EPA itself- each section of the EPA, what's stayed the same, what's changed. Then we'll get into questions and comments, I encourage you to ask questions throughout. So as everybody knows here, at the last Assembly meeting a Special Committee of the Assembly was formed to undergo public consultation process about the Environmental Protection Act. That consisted of Minister Shiwak, William Barbour, Diane Gear and I. Mary Denniston also played a huge role on helping the Special Committee out, throughout the entire process. The draft EPA was released for public review right after the last Assembly sitting. Announcements were made, it was posted on the Nunatsiavut Government web site, and subsequent to that we held meetings and discussions with communities, companies and other organizations. We received a lot of comments, both written and verbal those ranged from in person comments to over the phone to comments made from separate e mail accounts that we set up specifically for consultation on the Environmental Protection Act. Public comments from industry, other levels of government, community members were considered by the Special Committee and changes have been recommended, amendments have been recommended to the draft

EPA based on the thoughts of the Special Committee. In terms of specifics of the public review process there were 8 locations that we went to, we had community meetings. For example, we went to Goose Bay to meet with Torngat secretariat, Special Committee also met with Aurora. From within the communities there were 100 people that showed up; it varied from large turnouts to small turnouts. One of the other things we done through this consultation process though recognizing that, I think people recognize it is hard to get people out to community meetings to interrupt their daily lives. We wanted to have another avenue to have them provide comments then just a single community meeting. So we set up this e mail account, and we received over 35 submissions through that separate e mail account. We had numerous teleconferences; we had a teleconference with the Federal Government for example, representatives from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, DFO, INAQ, Environment Canada, Natural Resources Canada, major project management office. We consulted widely with this thing. Overall we received approximately 90 pages of written comments total. I think in terms of consultation this Special Committee has put its best foot forward in terms of getting the job done and trying to get voices to hear from. As I said we consulted with all those assets, government industry and community members. We'll get into an overview of the Environmental Protection Act as it's been amended; specifically I'll go through section by section. I'll talk about some of the over arching ideas contained in the 4 parts. I'll get into specific amendments that have been included in the 4 parts. One of the things I'm not going to get into is slight amendments with drafting. I just want to get into the essence of the amendments that matter the most. It's important to know that generally throughout our consultations, people seemed happy with the way that the EPA itself was structured in terms of playing, placing a large emphasis on Inuit culture and knowledge. People thought that was extremely appropriate, that really complimented Federal, Provincial process and in fact fills a gap as perceived by people in Federal and Provincial processes right now. The major goals contained within part one of the EPA remain the same. The EPA itself in terms of the outline here is principles of environmental protection- that's the first part. Second part, part 2- is the Ministers responsibilities with regards to environmental protection. There's a third chapter that we speaks to environmental protection and the fourth part is the environmental review process. The equivalent to Federal and Provincial environmental assessment process, were trying to set that up from an environmental and socio-economic perspective for Nunatsiavut. So here are the main goals of the EPA: the fact that these have not changed, speak to the overall essence of the Bill being intact even though it's been amended here and there. First was to conserve and protect the environment in accordance with Inuit culture, knowledge and values. To preserve long term productivity of ecosystems in Labrador Inuit Lands and the Inuit communities. To maintain an environment that is capable of sustaining the health of Inuit. The foster cultural heritage including Inuit environmental values, ensure management of the environment in accordance with Inuit knowledge, culture and values. What we heard from several groups or people within our consultations were ideas relating to preventing pollution/preventing contamination, that sort of thing. People wanted that spoken to explicitly within the EPA, so we've added a sixth bullet there to prevent pollution of the environment to Labrador Inuit Lands and Inuit communities. So this is what we're striving for within the EPA itself as amended. Anything in italics throughout this presentation means it's been amended or added in the EPA in this

version. So part one, definitions, purpose, principle. Part two, Ministers functions. Part three, environmental protection. Part four, environmental reviews. Part one under definitions, purpose and principles that covers definition of terms used in the Act. Purpose of the Act as we just went through there, and also principles of environmental protection upon which the Act is based. For clarity sake, we have added several definitions within part one. So examples of definitions that we've added include authority, biological diversity, caring capacity, development, ecosystem, environment, and pollution of the environment, pollution prevention, safe and healthy environment. We can go through these individually, for example biological diversity, we talk about preserving biological diversity within Labrador Inuit Lands. So in order to get the essence of what we really mean we define biological diversity as the variability among living organisms from all sources including terrestrial, marine and other aquatic systems and the ecological complexes of which they are a part and includes diversity within the species between species and of ecosystems. Another one for example, would be development, and that's contained on page 4, but development now towards the end of it you'll see, the clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 that there are several exclusions. So development does not include the following: things like a temporary camp used for harvesting, a temporary research camp- those are already included. But other things, exploration- that's not development. Map staking, it doesn't include national parks, protected areas or marine protected areas or marine transportation. So just those exclusions that were already there, but they weren't explicitly written within a document, we just wanted to make it clear as these things are not a part of development. Another important change is with respect to the definition of environment, this has to do with Land Claims Agreement as it's written, basically there's a chapter one definition of environment and a chapter 17 definition of environment in the Land Claims Agreement. There are 2 separate definitions of the environment. Chapter 1 is strictly a bio physical definition of environment, so it speaks to things like land, water, air, organic, inorganic matter, those sorts of things. Chapter 17 is a more holistic interpretation of environment and that speaks to things like: social, cultural, economic, aesthetic conditions of the environment as associated with that bio physical component of the environment. Basically what we've had to do is; as laid out within the Land Claims Agreement, if we try to use that holistic definition of the environment throughout; we will be over stepping our jurisdiction as laid out in the Land Claims Agreement. So for the first three chapters here, we have to stick to the bio physical definition of environment which is the narrower chapter 1 definition and for the fourth part, the environmental reviews part we get to have a more holistic definition of environment. I think that's really important, because the environmental reviews that's where we really want to incorporate, not only bio physical aspects of environment but also the social, cultural aspects of environment. So that's something where our hands were tied by the Land Claims Agreement. Those types of things have been added under part 1, those definitions have been added.

Mr. Pottle: I would like clarity as to the definition of environment as per chapter 1 of the Land Claims Agreement; you said it speaks to bio physical.

Tom Sheldon: In chapter 17 it's bio physical, if we can just go through it on page 5. Environment has a meaning as described to environment.

In section 17.1.1 of the Land Claims Agreement, and for ease of reference it means the components of the earth it includes land, water, and air including all areas of the atmosphere, all organic and inorganic matter and living organisms and the interacting natural systems that include the components referred to clauses A & B. That's the chapter 17 definition of environment.

Mr. Pottle: And I guess comparative to general definitions in the chapter of Land Claims Agreement do you have that in front of you?

Tom Sheldon: There are two definitions basically of environment that are straight from the Land Claims Agreement within this document. First definition is that bio physical definition, it's on page 5 of the EPA, the second definition of environment is on page 19 of the EPA. Those are directly from the Land Claims Agreement. If you go to page 19 which is a more holistic definition of environment, it's the exact same definition as the first definition, except for clause C, which is at the very top on page 20, which includes the social, economical, recreational, cultural and esthetic conditions and factors that influences the lives of humans and communities.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Tom.

Tom Sheldon: I want to clarify exactly what we mean when we speak to ecosystem, pollution prevention, what is a safe and healthy environment. Changes to part 1- one of the things we done in section 1.4.8 is under principle of environmental protection, it stated a proponent must plan and implement an initiative and each of its phases from its start to its abandonment so as to, we added a clause C, achieve pollution prevention. That was as a result of comments that we received. That spoke specifically to pollution. One thing that that does is pollution prevention is defined within chapter 1. We've removed the text minimize the consumption of materials and energy. That is included in the definition of pollution prevention, but pollution prevention is a little bit broader than too. Those were the major changes to part 1, trying to include more definitions up front to clarify terms that we use throughout the rest of the document. Under the Ministers functions: this section covers the Minister of Department of Lands and Natural Resources, environmental protection responsibilities under the Act, regulations that may be developed on the EPA and requirement of an annual report and implementation of the EPA. We really want the implementation of the EPA- the reporting of the EPA to mean something, to carry this out, to be held accountable to the Assembly on a regular basis. The general responsibilities under the EPA include protection of the environment in Labrador Inuit Lands and Inuit communities, environmental review of initiatives in Labrador Inuit Lands and general administration of the EPA itself. How are you going to handle general reviews and paper work, that sort of thing? Changes to this section- we added the concept of significant, throughout the document but it starts creeping up first within the Ministers function. The reason that we wanted to do that is, we wanted to get more precise in there than just saying prevent, control and abate an environmental degradation, including pollution of environment, starting your ski-doo for example is environmental degradation on some level. We wanted to have significant in there, so that were really talking about things that matter, not everyday sort of life for people along the

coast. There is a lot of work still in defining exactly what significant means to Inuit, but having that word- preface environmental degradation is important so that we're not trying to catch everything under the sun. Other places where significance has been added, at the end of 1.4.1. says decisions under part 4 respecting the significance of the environmental effects of the initiatives, under 4.10 decisions with respect to significance of the environmental effects of an initiative. We don't want to catch someone starting a ski-doo; we want to catch larger initiatives than that. One of the things we heard repeatedly, we realize this as it was- environment division and department- to find capacity and enforcement in order for this to be effectively implemented, which is unbelievably true, so in the background our division has started work in terms of how we could start ramping up enforcement capabilities, so we just don't have environmental monitors, we have environmental enforcement officers. We wanted to include the significance of that concept itself in the EPA; we've added language under 2.3 B. It says: Minister may recommend regulations in relation to Labrador Inuit Lands and the Inuit communities for enactment for the Executive Council in order to enforce environmental protection of point inspectors for the purposes of this Act and establish their powers and immunities. We wanted to refer specifically to the appointment of inspectors and the establishment powers right within this EPA. Those are the 2 introductory sections where we get into the essence and meaning of this Bill are parts 3 and 4. Part 3 is the environmental protection chapter, this covers the objectives of environmental protection, science research and technology associated with environmental protection, environmental, education and public awareness, protections for waters, protection of the environment in relation to projects in Inuit communities, ministerial orders and revocation of permits and authorization, power to enact, regulations for environmental protection and all references to the making within this section, we use to regularly state regulations, standards, guidelines, policies and programs. For simplicity sake, for clarities we've just changed that to regulations only. Recognizing that's what's going to carry the meat, regulation is associated with this piece of legislation. In section 3.3, we've also added a clause here where we talk about research in order to improve the effectiveness of environmental reviews. Ultimately if we can have research programs that lead to a more effective decision making that were conducting under these environmental reviews it enhances the effectiveness of this piece of legislation dramatically. We also have added under 3.4 which are the environment education and public awareness section, states that Nunatsiavut Government regulations may include the promotion of environmental education, the appreciation and application of environmental values in order to promote appreciation and application of Inuit knowledge, culture and values in relation to the environment and environmental reviews. We wanted these 2 sections specifically to draw a connection to environmental reviews and the environmental review process itself. This is probably one of the more substantive but straight forward changes, in the old version; there was a previous section 3.6 for protections for land. It states: when making decisions to allow initiatives to proceed in Labrador Inuit Lands the Nunatsiavut Government shall in relation to each development set aside an area of LIL, as an undeveloped area so as to maintain a ratio of at least 70 % undeveloped land to all other developments. We received comments and concerns and about that, it's very cumbersome as to how we would do it, how we would quantify 70 %, how would we actually carry out that specific clause, it hasn't been developed well enough. We have

other clauses that speak to the establishment of protected areas. The general consensus was to take this out; we have a Land Use Plan coming down the pipe. We can develop subsequent regulations; it's premature to include this in this piece of legislation. That sections been entirely removed. With respect to Inuit communities, that's the new section 3.6 within the amended Bill. We really wanted to try to get an understanding of what others thought of the inclusion of Inuit communities within this EPA itself. Do they want to have LIL separate from Inuit communities? We proposed in our first version to include the Inuit communities. Feedback wise we received concerns in Rigolet, we received positive feedback in Nain, Makkovik, and we received positive feedback from email from Postville. Generally speaking we received positive comments saying: if you're doing an environmental protection Bill, I think it's good that the Inuit communities are included. Having said that, we did hear concerns that: we want to make sure this is done in a supportive way, that there's no toes being stepped on, basically anything that's included in this Bill is moving things together in a partnership with the Inuit communities. One of the things that we've added is section 3.6.7 we've added a specific clause that Minister **must** consult with the AngajukKâk of the relevant Inuit community for a decision that's being made. We've also included specific consultation that would be required. Later on in the legislation under 3.8.1 – powers to establish regulations. Those regulations are going to be established, they would be done in consultation with Inuit communities and the AngajukKâk of those communities. There was more positive feedback for the inclusion of Inuit communities, in recognizing that Special Committee felt we need to keep this in there, we need to do things to ensure that people are comfortable with it, and that people trust that this is going to unfold in a positive way for both the Nunatsiavut Government and the Inuit communities. For example, 3.8.3, of the amended Bill, speaks about prior to making a regulation under subsection 3.8.1- power to enact regulations for the purposes of environmental protection. This lists the whole slew of potential regulations that could be enacted. The section right after that states that prior to making a regulation under subsection 3.8.1 that applies to one or more Inuit communities, the executive council must consult with the AngajukKâk of the relevant Inuit community or communities. We've tried to incorporate wherever Inuit communities would be a stakeholder in this process, we want them to be a meaningful stakeholder in that process, and we want them to be consulted through this process. There can be best practices really well established for LIL, for Inuit communities. We can create synergizes here by working together. Other changes to section 3, under 3.7 previously under Ministerial orders and revocations of permits and authorizations, we basically have blanket statements to say that the Minister could issue stock work orders or stop orders. We've included a lot more flexibility within that section now, so that the Minister doesn't have to say stop. There's a lot more tools at the disposal for the Minister now, to work with various proponents that are developing projects. For example, the Minister now under section B can now order a developer to take all the steps that are necessary to control, manage, eliminate, remedy or prevent an environmental impact. That clause goes on, section C, and require developers to post bonds or other forms of security. Section D, require developers to maintain records, supply reports, prepare and file plans with the Minister, enter in compliance, remediation, monitoring and follow up agreements with developers, amend or revoke any orders pursuant to this section. We've added a few clauses to that section, the purpose there was

to give more flexibility. The Minister don't have to just say yes or no, there is a lot more in between there that the Minister can work with to remedy a situation and get things on track. Under 3.8.1 – power to enact regulations: states that the executive council may make regulations to reduce waste, prohibit the release of waste into the environment, set requirements reuse, recovery of recycling of waste and regulate in a manner, conditions, places and methods of disposal of waste including standards for the siting of construction, operation and maintenance of recovery, recycling or disposal sites. Under L, this just speaks to regulations specifically to fees or scales of fees that would be associated with environmental reviews or services provided by the Nunatsiavut Government. We recognize too, that that fee system is something that needs to be established right away in association with the enforcement capabilities. Those are things that are urgent on the follow up regulations list that need to be developed. Section L, continued, this just speaks more about those fees and how we could develop regulations for those fees. We've also included a clause there that which is to exempt any person or class of persons from the requirement to pay for those fees. Which is important, I think it gives us flexibility, in some instances, to have this happen so that there's not a financial burden, on say community governments to be able to do these sorts of things associated with the EPA.

Charlotte Wolfrey: Is there anyway to identify which person(s) or class of persons can be exempted?

Tom Sheldon: We had ideas as to who could potentially be exempted, things that we were thinking about: were beneficiaries that are trying to do something in Inuit communities. One thing that we wanted to be careful of was- as soon as you draw firm lines, you're excluding something and if you're not sure if you captured anything within those firm lines than to take it back is difficult. Treating this on a go forward basis, on a case by case basis, that provides us with flexibility but it also gives us that cautionary approach where we don't accidentally leave somebody outside of those lines, that there is somebody or some group out there that maybe should have been within those lines. Once this becomes law, it's really tough to undo it right? This committee was reluctant to draw those firm lines, to say, exempt/not exempt. The committee definitely had ideas on who they were thinking about.

Those were the major changes within section 3, the amendments. Part 4 is the environmental reviews part. Generally speaking people receive this really well in terms of what was included in the environmental reviews, how to do them in summary reviews, the smaller scale reviews, detailed reviews. People thought it was a logical process to follow. This section covers more definitions, the second definition of environment pops up there, that holistic definition of environment is what will be applied in the environmental review section. It goes over things like approvals, triggers for environmental briefing, the information that needs to be provided for reviews, purpose of those reviews, the procedure for those summary reviews and the procedure for detailed reviews. Covers harmonization of EA's, cost of reviews, also the ability to enact subordinate legislation to implement the environmental review process. One of the things we done under 4.3.2 for example, we first need to look at 4.3.1, this is just saying

that 4 projects or initiatives to proceed, they require approval. In the case of these large scale reviews, they require the approval of the Assembly. In the case of the smaller scale reviews, they require smaller scale initiatives; they will require the approval of the Minister. Remember those summary assessments they still have things like the round table there. So they need approval basically. We wanted to just clarify with respect to the Land Claims Agreement what would potentially be excluded from that, that approval section doesn't apply to things like exploration. Unless you've reached advanced exploration, for example, sinking a mine shaft, exploration does not undergo our environmental review. That specifically is because it's laid out in the Land Claims Agreement. Within section 4.10 one of the things that we specifically done is we've added some information here so that it reads the purpose of a review is to ensure that a decision made by the Minister or Assembly to allow an initiative to proceed is based on information respecting the environmental effects of the initiative including information supplied by the proponent and information elicited from Inuit and by the Minister or the committee. We wanted to explicitly state that we will make decisions based on both information supplied by the proponent also information elicited from Inuit. We want to get those proponents talking to Inuit throughout this process; we want a direct line to Inuit too, to inform our decision making. That doesn't necessarily go directly through the proponent and then to the review team. Throughout the text in part 4, one of the things that we've done is in previous versions we put things that notices to public or the public regarding environmental reviews, committee rules or procedures and final decisions made by the Minister or the Assembly with regards to the reviews, must be posted on the Nunatsiavut Government web site. So for effective implementation of this EPA, we see that Nunatsiavut Government's web site as a tool to take advantage of to get information out there. In the previous version we had comments from Inuit, submitted in writing. What we've done now is said, we will accept comments from Inuit in written format, video format, audio format. We wanted to have all those tools available, rather than requiring in Inuk to have a written submission. We've also included information so that, under 4.1.8, the executive council may make regulations to implement part 4 and carry out purpose, including regulation with respecting the manner in which the proponent shall meet with, provide information to, to record the opinions, concerns and questions with Inuit and the general public. It would help a lot with proponents, if we were to provide frame works and guidelines laying out, how they can meet with Inuit, how they can best provide information to Inuit, how can they successfully, appropriately record those opinions. We want to provide some tools to proponents themselves so that they can more effectively consult with Inuit from Nunatsiavut. We specified to a clause G, which speaks specifically to regulations that need to be established respecting time periods by which notices, submissions, orders, procedures, reviews, commencements of initiatives and other actions expire are to be carried out. We received from the Provincial and Federal Governments time lines they established, in their own ideal world would like to see things line up in terms of dates. What were saying with this regulation is, we recognize that time lines associated with an environmental review is incredibly important; we recognize that the Provincial and Federal Government perspectives, the industry perspectives in terms of harmonization of those time lines. But we also recognize that we need to do things that are in the best interest of the Inuit. We'll be spending a lot of time thinking about time lines, those might be established on a case by

case basis. We might establish regulations so there's flexibility there too. We put that specifically in there because we recognize it's really important, we need to work with all sorts of stake holders. Those are the major changes in the amendments that have been incorporated in the EPA. If I can sum it up in a nutshell, people thought that the overall structure of the document was good, that it was well thought out, people had concerns about sections here or there, we've tried to address those within the frame work of this document itself. Generally speaking, I think that the EPA, as it stands now, as it's been amended states true to the original intent of it. I think it will provide a real tool, not only to make decisions in respect to development and conservation, but really to get at decisions that improve quality of life and well being in Inuit communities. Yes, this is about environment, but we all know that tight intimate connections to the environment and well being within Nunatsiavut. I think that's reflected within this EPA, and people we've consulted with saw that, appreciated that, we've refined it, overall we've refined what is a document, reflecting well of Inuit values in terms of environmental protection. I throw it open for questions/comments, and obviously the entire Special Committee is here. I don't know if you (Special Committee) want to add anything else.

William Barbour: One of the things I found from Rigolet to Nain, and Darryl will confirm this for me as it was in his statement today, we had asked Aurora Energy to cancel their public consultation so that we would not be bothered or competing with another group, it just so happened that we lost our chairman- Darryl, who had to go with the Caribou committee on the coast and they got all the turnout. That was part of the low turn outs on the coast, it couldn't be helped, and I just wanted to make that comment. Usually we get good turnouts on the coast, outside of Postville, their turnouts in the other communities were much lower, but we were competing against our own.

Madame Speaker: Are there any suggestions or changes?

Mr. Shiwak: We heard Tom's comments and the explanations to the amendments to the Bill, it's also very important, we would like to encourage people with questions who need clarification to the other parts of the Bill as well. We would like to get that done here. Where it's so informal, we have the committee here, and Tom is here to answer questions. We would like to have those things clarified before we leave the Committee of the Whole. So we have a smooth process in going to the second reading of the Bill. We encourage people to speak up, if you have questions or comments of any of the committee members.

William Barbour: One more thing from me, starting out in St. John's again, do you remember that we had a deadline for submissions by email, by fax, by phone, of November 19. Because of a conference call with certain Federal departments who came in late, and who wanted to make comments/submit comments, we ended up with extending that deadline of November 19 by a week. In effect we were saying as a committee, we had hope to make it to bring this before the Assembly before Christmas, because of some of those delays and in order to get this right, after hearing these comments we had to come back after Christmas. Some of those delays were beyond our control; we had to consider what was being said.

Mr. Pottle: Tom, just for the record I did have a bit of one on one with you today, I have a late question from a constituent in Canada and I just wanted on the record for an answer for the gentleman so that he does see the issue was addressed in this consultation. The gentleman suggested that the legislation provides for an on going independent monitoring panel composed of community representatives, a political branch of the Nunatsiavut Government as well as other appropriate scientific representation. I'm wondering if you could, just for the record, respond to that comment and suggestion from that beneficiary. Because we talked in terms of it being woven through different sections and parts of the Act, I think it's covered off but just wanted to have that answer on the record for the person who posed that suggestion.

Tom Sheldon: One of the most important things that we put into this is we are requiring an annual report to the Assembly. In terms of accountability, that's definitely accountability right there. That'll include everything from budgets to decisions made and an overall report. Within the actual process of how environmental reviews are being conducted, we've tried to weave in the ordinary community citizen on the ground. For example, within the summary assessment processes- the idea of a round table. That round table can, basically states in section 4.11 A, can consist of the Minister, Inuit who may be affected by the initiative, who may possess knowledge about the environment or about Inuit environmental values in relation to the initiative and who are invited by the Minister to attend. Basically what we are trying to do there is get that ordinary person on the ground that has knowledge to get their views directly into the decision making process. We've tried not only to have that, accountability and oversight on top to the Assembly level, but on the ground, organic sort of accountability by having the people involved in the process all the way through.

Mr. Andersen: From your junior presentation, you did mention a couple of times, there are some things that aren't necessarily missing, enforcement- those kinds of things. Before this Act comes into force, on a date to be set by order of the President, do you see those things have to be in place before this Act comes into force?

Tom Sheldon: I think there's a certain minimum level that should be in place in terms of regulations and capacity. I specifically see things with respect to exactly how environmental reviews are going to be conducted in terms of the process. That needs to be established iron clad before this becomes law. We need a certain minimum capability for enforcement. Recognizing that Rome wasn't built in a day, we need to have some minimum level on ground there. That could be through our conservation officers, we have an environmental protection officer in the environment division now. We could incorporate things like that, the capacity that's already there- we can build on that. Definitely there are some things that need to be done first, associated with environmental reviews, a fee system for example. We're working on those in the background right now, there not ready yet, but there getting there. Those will be out there for accountability. This is definitely a first step, and we need to take this crucial first step and then we can take the second and third step. But in terms of signing this into law, the President does

that, there needs to be a few more things done before that happens. I foresee it happening before Land Use Plan. In terms of this rolling out, were on track.

Mr. Shiwak: You should comment on the two positions.

Tom Sheldon: Within the upcoming budget, we put in for two positions. We need to exactly define what the roles and responsibilities of those divisions are and what those positions are going to be. Essentially there will be an environmental protection analyst, they'll deal with Chapter 3 for the most part then there will be an environmental review manager and they will deal with Chapter 4 of the actual EPA itself. There are plans there to build that capacity to move this ball even faster.

Keith Russell: Tom, I have a question about part 5, what does comes into force mean specifically and how would that take precedence over the assent the president would have to give this Bill upon approval of this Assembly. You might not be the right person to answer that question but I'll put it out there.

Tom Sheldon: I'll put my best understanding in terms of procedure. Basically if this Bill passes second reading, it doesn't become law until assented to by the President. The President can basically set a date in the future where this would become law. That exact date hasn't been established yet. Recognizing that it is in the near future, but I don't think we want to get ahead of ourselves in terms of saying I can give you a draw of that date, go ahead.

Mr. Pottle: Tom, if I may help with that a little bit with my understanding. If the Bill goes through second reading, the President assents to it but at a later date the President gives a date when the law will come into effect.

Keith Russell: I'm still confused, why would we bring this to the house at this time and then debate it, give approval to it, what benefit does it provide by not putting it into action right away. I don't understand.

Tom Sheldon: This is just my personal interpretation; knowing that this is approved in second reading by the Assembly really gives us something firm to work with in terms of establishing those regulations that we need to establish. No longer are we going for a quazy moving target, we know this is it, and we need to establish regulations accordingly. This gives us a firm target to shoot for. Recognizing that we still need to build that capacity, we still need to do those things, but at least we have a firm target that we're shooting for while were doing that.

Keith Russell: We're in a committee as a whole here, why can't we maybe have Veryan come up and address that particular question- It seems legal.

Tom Sheldon: I'm all for that.

Veryan Haysom: I have the consent of the committee do I?

Madame Speaker: Yes.

Veryan Haysom: Thank you. There are two aspects as I understand them to that particular clause. There's the practical aspect which I think Tom has addressed. You don't want to start spending money developing regulations and developing capacity for something that yet hasn't been approved. It's like improving somebody else's house. There's also the legal question of when does the law come into effect? What you're doing in that clause, is you're giving the President the authority to ascend to the Bill, but not to bring it into effect until from the administrative and executive point of view which is where the regulations are going to be done, everything's ready to go. If you're looking for, where does the President get the authority to do this that is where Part 5 gives him that authority? Does that help?

Keith Russell: Does everyone around the table understand the concept of what's happening here?

Anthony Andersen: The question that I asked was exactly that. Because he had mentioned there was some other steps that need to follow this, so once we have this out of the way, as he said, this is the first step, then he put in- to ensure that the next steps like the fees, and enforcement to follow. This has no teeth. When those other pieces are put into place, when he answered to me, I understood it to be, when we hit those next steps/those regulations are in place, then the President says this comes into force. I was asking the same question you were, and I thought I got a very good answer from Tom.

Keith Russell: That's our basic understanding I guess, just how do you create a law and register that law and then it's not even into effect at the date that it's passed through the house. We have no idea right now when it will come into effect. Or when we will meet all the requirements of all the regulations that were talking about and bring about the teeth that you mentioned right Tony?

Anthony Andersen: Only that we received some assurance we will be in short order before the Land Use Plan has problems, what I heard.

Keith Russell: We trust the experts I guess that put it to us in this fashion.

Veryan Haysom: If I may just add, with the senior governments, the Federal or Provincial governments it's a fairly common tool that's used. For example, with the Land Claims Agreement Act, the effective date was the date on which the Federal and Provincial laws came into effect. In case of the Province, that was more than a year after they passed it. It's a technique that's used by governments to get all of the authorizations and the laws in place and then give the opportunity to the executive branch of the government and the administrative arrangements put in place under authority of that law before the whole shebang is ready to go before you get the turn key to start operating.

Keith Russell: Ok, I'm fine with that. I just spent little to no time in other governments and this is the first time this clause has reared its head in our government to my knowledge.

William Barbour: Another question that kept popping up in a number of communities including St. John's, including Happy Valley Goose Bay, including North West River, Postville, Makkovik at least in 5 communities. How far is the Land Use Plan? My answer used to be especially on the coast, my understanding is they may be a little bit behind, but I understood now by our Minister that they are now into September not March 31 for the Land Use Plan. Now these aren't going to go parallel, maybe that could be the time frame. Tom speaks about getting the absolute requirements in place, can it be done, I don't know. The whole point about the moratorium, there will be no major development until there is a Land Use Plan in place and in our case we wanted this Environmental Protection Act in place. For me, three years ago, not realizing between Act and regulation, regulation following act, this took three years by the way.

Madame Speaker: Any more comments? Since there are no more comments, I'd like to Thank Mr. Sheldon and the Special Committee on the Environmental Protection Bill and I would like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Madame Speaker, the committee, William, Diane and Tom; they put a lot of work into this. They should be commended, it's been grueling, and they put in a lot of hours. I have to ask for forgiveness sometimes, the work load that I have, I had to step out of some of the meetings but I tried to participate and become as much of this as I can. What you have before you is a very good document, it's going to be a very good act, and it will help us, in protecting our land, protecting our communities. It'll give us a framework to proponents to communities on how to move ahead with development. Thank you to the committee, Thank you to the Assembly for discussing it and giving us your comments. After this valuable presentation by Mr. Sheldon, Madame Speaker, I move, seconded by the member for Nain, William Barbour, that the Committee of the Whole be adjourned and that the sitting of the Assembly be reconvened. Thank you Madame Speaker.

Madame Speaker: The motion is in order, all in favor?

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: Number 14, I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Madame Speaker, Madame Speaker I would like to Thank the Special Committee for the work and move, seconded by the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honorable Susan Nochasak, that the Special Committee of the Assembly for purposes of consultation on Bill 2010 07 be dissolved and that Bill 2010 07 as amended by the Special Committee of the Assembly for an Inuit law to provide the protection of the environment in Labrador Inuit Lands in the Inuit

communities and to provide for the environmental section of initiatives on Labrador Inuit Lands be conferred in and read for the second time. Thank you Madame Speaker.

Madame Speaker: The motion is in order. The procedure for second reading debate will be a page by page review of the details of the Bill, all in favor of the motion.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: First of all we'll go to the schedule on page 33. All in favor of the schedule page 33.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: Then we'll go to page 2, all in favor.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: Page 3, all in favor.

Assembly: AYE

Madame Speaker: Page number 4, all in favor.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: Page number 5, all in favor.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: Page number 6, all in favor.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: Page number 7, all in favor.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: Page number 8, all in favor.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: Page number 9, all in favor.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: Page number 10, all in favor.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: Page 11, all in favor.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: Page number 12, all in favor.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: Page number 13, all in favor.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: Page number 14, all in favor.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: Page number 15, all in favor.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: Page number 16, all in favor.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: Page number 17, the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Madame Speaker, I would like to make an amendment, a typo that was picked up on, I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member from Nain, William Barbour that a comma be inserted 3.8.1 F, between recovery and recycling. Thank you Madame Speaker.

Madame Speaker: The Minister of Lands and Resources

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Madame Speaker, again I picked up on another typo, in 3.8.3 I would like to move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour, that the words after more, the words But not all, be removed. So it should read, prior to making regulations under sub section 3.8.1 that applies in one or more Inuit communities. Thank you Madame Speaker. Remove but, not now. Thank you Madame Speaker.

Madame Speaker: All in favor of the amendment.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: All in favor of Page 19.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: All in favor of Page 20.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: All in favor of Page 21.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: All in favor of Page 22.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: All in favor of Page 23.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: All in favor of Page 24.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: All in favor of Page 25.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: All in favor of Page 26.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: All in favor of Page 27.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: All in favor of Page 28.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: All in favor of Page 29.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: All in favor of Page 30.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: All in favor of Page 31.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: All in favor of Page 32.

Assembly: AYE.

Madame Speaker: That concludes the page by page review of the Bill. Does the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources wish to conclude the debate?

Mr. Shiwak: Yes, I do Madame Speaker.

Madame Speaker: Now we'll go into assents. Mr. President, the Assembly has given second reading to Bill 2011-01 and to Bill 2010-07 and wish to present them for assent.

President Lyall: Thank you Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker and Members, as President of the Nunatsiavut I wish to assent the Bill 2011-01 An Inuit Law to Authorize Long Term Borrowing by Nunatsiavut Government for Purposes of Constructing a Building in Nain for Use By the Department of Health and Social Development to Provide for Repayment of Borrowing and to Assign Ministerial Responsibility in Respect of the Building. And Bill 2010-07 A Bill for Inuit Law to Provide for Protection of the Environment in Labrador Inuit Lands and the Inuit Communities and to Provide For the Environmental Assessment of Proposed Developments on Labrador Inuit Lands and hereby sign them into law. Thank you Madame Speaker.

Madame Speaker: This is it for our Orders of the Day. You will get your flight information tomorrow morning, so now we will adjourn.