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**Rankin Inlet, Nunavut**  
**Monday, February 21, 2000**

**Members Present**

Mr. Ovide Alakannuark, Mr. Olayuk Akesuk, Honourable Jack Anawak, Honourable James Arvaluk, Honourable Levi Barnabas, Honourable Donald Haviyok, Mr. David Iqaqrialu, Mr. Enoki Irqittuq, Mr. Peter Kattuk, Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Mr. Glenn McLean, Honourable Kelvin Ng, Mr. Jobie Nutarak, Mr. Kevin O'Brien, Honourable Paul Okalik, Honourable Edward Picco, Mr. Uriash Puqiqnak, Honourable Manitok Thompson, Mr. Hunter Tootoo.

**Item 1: Opening Prayer**

**Speaker** (interpretation): I would like to ask Mr. Irqittuq to say the opening prayer.

>>*Prayer*

Thank you Mr. Irqittuq for opening the session with a prayer. Going to the orders of the day. Item 2, Ministers' Statements. Mr. Anawak.

**Item 2: Ministers' Statements****Minister's Statement 47 - 1(3): Nunavut Transportation Strategy**

**Hon. Jack Anawak:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to inform the Members of the Legislative Assembly that the Department of Community Government and Transportation is proceeding with the request for proposals for the development of the Nunavut Transportation Strategy.

Once completed, Nunavut will have a comprehensive multi module Transportation Strategy that promotes the economic and social well being of all Nunavut residents. The long term objective of the Transportation Strategy is to develop a realistic transportation system for Nunavut for the year 2020. It will support the Bathurst Mandate initiatives with the improvement of social and economic conditions for Nunavummiut through strong transportation and communication links and improve access to land and water.

It will also offer a strategic plan that will lead to the attainment of this vision. This development process will consider a wide range of issues including the Manitoba – Nunavut Transportation assessment study and the Slave Geological Province transportation studies.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to reassure the members of the Legislative Assembly that they along with the Hamlets and Nunavummiut in general will be consulted during the process. I'm sure that by working together we can achieve a modern transportation strategy for Nunavut that meets the needs of all Nunavummiut alike. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Anawak. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

### **Minister's Statement 48 - 1(3): Traditional and Handmade Fashion Show**

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to remind members of this House of a special show of traditional and hand made fashions.

The show will take place tonight at 7 o'clock at Alaittuq High School. I know that members will want to attend and join the Manitoba delegation and the public celebration of this creativity of our sewers in Nunavut. You will see clothing made here in Rankin Inlet, of course, and clothing from several other communities throughout Nunavut.

The show will feature traditional designs, modern fashions and examples of clothing produced by some of the community based businesses with support from the Nunavut Development Corporation. Members will be particularly interested to know that our models for the show will be twelve young people from Alaittuq High School here in Rankin Inlet and I think it is notable that whenever we see a show of our traditional and hand made clothing young people are involved.

Young people today can take pride in making traditional clothing and in the arts and crafts. Our young people want to see how we can use the resources of the land and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit to create opportunities for the young generation and for the generations that will follow. This commitment should give us all great hope for the future. I urge you to show these young people your support and spend an enjoyable evening as their guest at the show of traditional and hand made fashions. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Kilabuk. Mr. Premier

### **Minister's Statement 49 - 1(3): Intergovernmental Partnerships**

**Hon. Paul Okalik**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, our government is developing partnerships with jurisdictions across Canada. During the past six months the Government of Nunavut has participated in a series of Federal, Provincial and Territorial conferences.

In early August, we played host to the First Annual Northern Leaders Forum establishing a plan to develop a vehicle for addressing issues of common concern among the Governments of Nunavut, NWT and Yukon. I joined the Provincial and Territorial Premiers in Quebec City at the Annual Premiers' Conference. Ministers have participated

in a wide range of National meetings with their counterparts from the territories and provinces, as well as the Government of Canada.

A series of meetings are ongoing considering the Social Union Agreement and how it can be used as a guide to enable the Governments to better address the needs of their residents. In December I participated in a meeting of Aboriginal and National Political leaders to discuss Aboriginal input into the social policies of Canada.

Mr. Speaker, as a Premier I have had the opportunity to visit a number of provinces in the fall. I was a guest of Premier Tobin of Newfoundland where we had the opportunity to discuss issues of common concern. In November, in conjunction with the major mining conference attended by many of the mayors from Kivalliq in Winnipeg, I had the opportunity to meet Manitoba Premier Gary Doer.

In all of these meetings Nunavut has been welcomed as the newest partner. Our representatives are being given equal opportunities with their colleagues to raise issues of political importance to our people and reflective of our unique situation. Our distinct challenges and unique experiences are something that our colleagues and other Governments are eager to learn about. Last year in June, our Government recognized the need to increase co-operation with our neighbours.

(interpretation ends) We have since signed agreements with Greenland, Yukon and the Northwest Territories to discuss matters of common concern and understanding and together we will sign a MOU between our Governments. This MOU will prepare the way for wide-ranging co-operation between Nunavut and our neighbour to the South, as together we will confirm our close ties. Next month in conjunction with the Arctic Winter Games, I will travel to Whitehorse to attend the second Annual Northern Leaders Forum.

As Territorial Leaders, we will continue to work together to achieve a series of Pan-Territorial goals including the devolution of powers from the Federal Government. (interpretation) We can learn from our provincial partners and Mr. Speaker, we have received a great deal of support and good will from them in our first year of Government but we have much to offer, our style of Government is like our geography – unique. It respects and blends the best of Inuit and non-Inuit culture and makes our community stronger.

During the coming months there will be a number of intergovernmental meetings including the Western Premiers Conference in Brandon in May and our annual Premiers' Conference in Winnipeg this August. (interpretation ends) Let me emphasize that participation in such a wide range of meetings is of great importance to our Government. While Nunavut has distinct challenges, there are a number of concerns that we share with other provinces and territories and together we are forging stronger working relationships to manage these issues.



The experience gained from these meetings and the strong relationships built between Governments are valuable in developing a strong presence for Nunavut on the National scene. (interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I wish to assure all members that following the Bathurst Mandate our government is beginning to take its place and develop its role as a committed and active participant in the life of Canada. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier, Mr. Okalik. Ministers' Statements. Going back to the Orders of the Day. Item 3, Members' Statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

### **Item 3: Members' Statements**

#### **Member's Statement 101 - 1(3): Support for Smaller Communities**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express the concern of my community and my constituency. Mr. Speaker, all the communities of Nunavut are growing in population and size annually.

Mr. Speaker, in view of the future in Nunavut it seems bleak since everything is getting to be expensive, and the cost of living is being increased all the time now. Recent examples of increases which have been very hard on my constituency are: the postage rate increase for parcels: fuel prices have increased on New Year's Eve, airline tickets have been increased by First Air. In Clyde River we face challenges with possible power rates increases to pay for the new power plant, Mr. Speaker.

All the Nunavut communities have to have adequate operational funds.

When I visit the Capital of Nunavut in Iqaluit, regional centres such as Cambridge Bay and Rankin Inlet, I see Government infrastructure growing and the government staff are increasing in the larger communities in Nunavut.

Larger communities in Nunavut are also growing with government offices, government housing and government staff. I know that all this growth takes a lot of money from the budget of the Government of Nunavut.

My constituents live in two small communities, Clyde River and Broughton Island. There are many small communities in Nunavut today. I have asked the Government not to forget the smaller communities because I am very concerned about the smaller communities being that there might not be adequate operational funds.

Mr. Speaker, in view of that, the Nunavut Government should be very careful in dealing with this. I was pleased that our Premier told me in his response to my question last week that the Government will not forget the small communities and I would also like to see that these small communities benefit from this. Mr. Speaker, today during oral question period, I will be asking the Premier about this very important concern. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Members' Statements. Mr. O'Brien.

**Member's Statement 102 - 1(3): Nunavut/Manitoba Road and Power Links**

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker I rise today to speak about a subject that is a very important priority in my constituency and this region. That is the building of roads and power links between Nunavut and Manitoba. Mr. Speaker, this exciting project is about building partnerships with other Governments to build our future in Nunavut. It is about creating jobs for our people in road construction and maintenance, in tourism and resource development.

It is about reducing our heavy reliance on expensive oil and reducing pollution produced by fossil fuel. It is about linking Nunavut with Canada. Mr. Speaker, this project is also about common sense investing in lowering our very high cost of living and building our economy.

For years now, northern governments have been committed to looking at the feasibility and benefits of North/South highway and transmission links. Mr. Speaker, in June 1996, the Government of NWT and Manitoba agreed to work together on transportation and energy links. The report was produced in November 1999 on road corridors. The study also looked at both winter road and all weather road options.

Mr. Speaker, five possible routes were identified between Nunavut and Manitoba. The road would begin in Churchill, Gilmorden Lake. The options include links to Arviat, Whale Cove, Chesterfield, Rankin and Baker Lake. The first step, Mr. Speaker, would be to build a winter road which would also be the base for the construction of an all weather road.

Another major study was undertaken on behalf of the NWT Power Corporation and Manitoba Hydro. Two possible routes for transmission lines have been mapped out between Churchill and Rankin Inlet. Arviat being the closest community would also be served from this line. As all the members know, Manitoba has an excess of hydro power which costs about one tenth the cost of our diesel and generated power. The Manitoba power grid also already goes all the way to Churchill which is only about two hundred miles from my home community of Arviat.

Every year, Mr. Speaker, our southern neighbours in Manitoba export about 300 million dollars worth of goods and services to this region. I know that the province of Manitoba puts a high value on this trade. I also believe that the province of Manitoba would like to do its part to strengthen these links of trade and friendship.

The province of Manitoba shared the cost of these major studies with the Government of Canada. Today we have further proof of their commitment to working with us with their presence here in Nunavut, the Honourable Gary Doer, the Premier of Manitoba and his distinguished delegation. I believe Mr. Speaker, that working together we can persuade the Government of Canada to support the building of links between Nunavut and Canada.

Nunavut is the only jurisdiction in Canada which does not have a link to the rest of the country. Mr. Speaker, this project requires boldness and vision.

I want to commend our Premier for his early and strong commitment in exploring and developing stronger links between our territory and our neighbouring province. I also look forward to working with the Honourable Ed Picco, Minister responsible for the Power Corporation to examine options for how we can restructure the new Nunavut Power Corporation.

We must also pay attention to the potential to develop alternative sources of energy. Mr. Speaker, the world price of oil went over thirty dollars a barrel just recently and we are in a very vulnerable situation. Mr. Speaker, also we would like to thank the Honourable Jack Anawak, Minister of Transportation for his support and attendance at the meeting in Winnipeg last fall where these reports were unveiled.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with the minister to develop a long range plan for the winter road and permanent road from Nunavut to Manitoba. Mr. Speaker, I know that these are major challenges, that size and the impact of this project is daunting. However, Mr. Speaker, if we move in small steps we can accomplish this.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, this great country was not built by leaders who focussed on why you could not do something. It was built by leaders who said "we can do it – lets find a way". Mr. Speaker, I look forward to making continuous progress on this exciting project. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. I would like to advise all the members not to exceed two and half minutes on your statement. Members' Statements. Mr. Anawak.

### **Member's Statement 103 - 1(3): Rankin Inlet Family Violence Project**

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker I rise today to speak of a project started here in Rankin Inlet. This project involves trying to deal with family violence. We have some individuals who are here that are working on this project. Valerie Stubbs from our department of Justice, we have Bonnie Tulloch, we also have Judge Browne from the Nunavut Government Justice Department. They have had quite a number of meetings with people in Rankin Inlet.

They first tried this out as a pilot project to find out what they could do in counselling people going to court for family violence. There will be counselling provided to the abusers and the counsellor will know about traditional values and know how to talk to the abuser and the victims and the witnesses.

Mr. Speaker, I think it will be a tremendous help to get the communities going in helping themselves when it comes to family violence. There are going to be some people at the community level, and also the employees and the counsellors who have to be willing to work hard. Mr. Speaker, if we can do that then maybe we can lessen family violence at the community level. When there is a decrease we will see fewer people in the penitentiaries and the correctional centres and so on.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Members' Statements. Ms. Thompson.

**Member's Statement 104 - 1(3): Letter Regarding Rankin Inlet Athletes**

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my statement is regarding the students who went down to Iqaluit for a soccer tournament for tryouts for the Whitehorse Arctic Winter games. Principal Donald Clark received a letter from Mindy Willet of the Kugluktuk team. The letter states:

"Dear Hon. Manitok Thompson , February 8, 2000. I felt compelled to write to you and tell you how impressed I was with the youth from your community and your school.

We played against your boys' team and although they had superior skills they felt no need to blow us away. They played hard but fair and were excellent sportsmen, even when they didn't win. I enjoyed all their company on and off the court. They were respectful, polite and had a great sense of humour.

Obviously, you are setting a good example over there in Rankin Inlet as a whole community. Your coach was very caring and generous to the boys. What a role model. They all respect your community well. Cheers, Mindy Willet"

Here are the soccer boys and their coach. Their coach was Eddy Sandy he has been volunteering for the last fourteen years for this community. The players were Colin Mukphah, Johnathan Kaludjuak, Richard Sharpe, Nayuk Kusugak, Moses Aupiladjuk, Loreen Tagoona, Adam Tanuyak and Johnny Kapuk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Ms. Thompson. Members' Statements. Mr. Iqittuq

**Member's Statement 105 - 1(3): Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit**

**Mr. Iqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise today about our traditional knowledge - Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. On Friday I asked a number of questions to the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Mr. Speaker, I would just like to make a further reiteration that before all our elders pass away, we must get from them knowledge on how to maintain traditional values and principles.

We know that only a small number have complete knowledge of hunting skills for example. We have been given responsibilities. We have left our families to do our jobs so we cannot pass on our own knowledge to our children.

A lot of parents today have to worry about trying to make ends meet and because of this we are not teaching our children. It is our responsibility to teach our young children about hunting skills and traditional skills and knowledge like sewing, skinning and making garments of traditional clothing. This is how our ancestors lived and how we coped with the harshness of the weather.

There are a lot of people who know how to go out and read the weather patterns and find out what the weather patterns will be. There are a lot of people who are striving and I think we should work hard in order to produce and come up with traditional curriculum standards. I think we have to work immediately. I realize Nunavut Tunngavik and other Inuit organizations are working and pushing this issue.

So we must push ahead because a lot of elders are passing away quickly and we are losing a lot of their knowledge. I feel this is a very important issue. This should be our first priority. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. Next time I will remind you again please do not go over your 2 ½ minute limit. Next time I will stop you. Members' Statements. Mr. Puqiqnak

### **Member's Statement 106 - 1(3): Gjoa Haven Water**

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I will once again discuss the water reservoir. We believe this water is not safe for consumption. Though we realize the department is working on this issue, my constituents are concerned about this water situation. I hope that this problem will be resolved as soon as possible. Last week the Minister of Health and Social Services stated that he would work in addressing this concern and that the water was safe. The community government has been consulted and I asked in the Legislative Assembly about this problem and Mr. Anawak stated he would deal with this as soon as possible. He said it would be a first priority concern.

Mr. Speaker, I told him my concerns and he said they would make a plan to address this problem. I was very pleased to hear when the minister stated that he would work very closely with us in this very important matter. Mr. Speaker, I . . .

**Speaker** (interpretation): You are over your time limit. You must ask to get consent from the members to go over your time allotment, and finish your statement.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Mr. Speaker. I was just going to finish my speech and I would request approval to conclude my statement, Mr Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Irqittuq is asking for consent from the members to finish his statement. Are there any nays. There are no nays, go ahead Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I don't know how this problem will be solved or when the plans or strategy will be put in place. The way it is I am glad our concerns are being addressed according to our needs. Mr. Speaker, this was going to be a first priority and I am pleased they have given me this clarification.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Members' Statements. Mr. Tootoo.

### **Member's Statement 107 - 1(3): Michael Savard**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young constituent Michael Savard, a twelve year old student at Aqsarniit school in Iqaluit, who was honoured recently by winning a national contest. Michael was the only winner from Nunavut in a contest sponsored by the National Capital Commission called *Every Kids Capital Contest*.

The contest required the submission of a drawing, story or poem. Michael's won on his colourful drawing which expressed his dream of becoming the best scientist. This is an impressive achievement because there were a total of 15 thousand entries from all across Canada and only thirteen winners. Michael is the son of the proud parents Andre Savard and Robitaille, long time residents of Iqaluit. Michael and his whole family just came back from an action packed all expense paid trip to Ottawa where they participated in Winterlude, Ottawa's annual carnival.

When they arrived they were welcomed by our Member of Parliament the Honourable Nancy Karatek-Lindell at the Children's Museum. At Winterlude Michael and his family were honoured for his achievement and they were able to view an enlarged copy of his picture displayed on the Rideau Canal.

While visiting Winterlude they were very pleased to see that Nunavut was also represented at the ice sculpture competition, where David Paniuk and Sam Pitsiulak were the first participants from Nunavut. Michael was presented with a framed copy of his picture and a Canadian Flag. The highlight of the trip was going to the House of Commons with the other contest winners where they were addressed by, and met with the Speaker of the House of Commons.

I'm very pleased to congratulate Michael and his family for honouring and representing our new territory of Nunavut at this national event. I know members of this assembly will want to join me in congratulating on Michael's achievement and for being an enthusiastic ambassador for Nunavut in the nation's capital. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Members' Statements. Mr. Kattuk.

**Member's Statement 108 - 1(3): Qikiqtani Inuit Association Meeting**

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to show appreciation to members from my community of Sanikiluaq who recently hosted delegates from the board of QIA. We don't get very many delegations in Sanikiluaq, but at this present moment we have the Qikiqtani Inuit Association who are down in Sanikiluaq for their board meeting. I would like to thank them for choosing Sanikiluaq for their meeting location. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Kattuk. Members' statements. Mr. Alakannuark.

**Member's Statement 109 - 1(3): Pressing need for Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit**

**Mr. Alakannuark** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to talk about an issue that I've been concerned about in regards to the elders and the youth of Nunavut. The elders today are decreasing in number and before they are gone we have to pass on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

We always keep saying that Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit should be instilled but it is not being practised today. We must use Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit because the elders have knowledge about social issues, about survival, about maintenance and about the environment. Before the elders are gone we have to teach the youth about Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, which is all encompassing in survival on the land and water. This is becoming an emergency and I rose today to talk about this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Alakannuark for your wise words. Members' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

**Member's Statement 110 - 1(3): Whitehorse Arctic Winter Games**

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise today to talk about the Arctic Winter Games to be held in Whitehorse and where the invited guests and participants will be going. Our Nunavut athletes are not great in numbers but a lot of them vied for the positions and the best athletes are the ones going to the Arctic Winter Games. Just this past weekend there were a couple of athletes that were twins who passed through here for the weekend.

They were Sam and Gabriel Kilabuk who will be participating in the junior men's youth volleyball. They are not the only twins but there are very few twins participating. Also I would like to recognize junior women's volleyball - Mina Nowyuk, who is also from Pangnirtung, and we congratulate these participants who passed through Rankin Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Kilabuk. Members' Statements. Going back to the orders of the day. Item number 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.

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

Before I begin with the members, I would like to take a moment to welcome to the gallery the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, the Honourable George Hickes.

>>Applause

Welcome to the Assembly. I would also like to recognise our MP, Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

>>Applause

And also I would like to recognise the Honourable Marianne Mahychuck, the Minister of Trade and Mines.

>>Applause

Finally, I would also like to recognise Steve Asten, who is the Minister of Transportation and Government Services.

Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you. Mr. Speaker. It gives me great delight to be sitting in Rankin Inlet again and one of the reasons is that it's nice to be able to recognise people from my community and their attempts to get down here and see the sitting. Today I take great pride in recognising a friend, a person that was very helpful in my campaign. He's a man that has a tremendous wealth of knowledge about the land. He is also the Mayor of Baker Lake and I'd like to also say a close personal friend, Mr. Jacob Ikinilik.

>>Applause

And last but not least, I've been forgetting to recognise this individual and if I happen to get more camera coverage during this Legislative Assembly sitting it's because it's a constituent of mine, Mr. Sam Itqilik, who is manning the camera up there so I'd like to recognise him also. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. McLean. Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Kattuk.



**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. This person is not from my constituency but he is a friend of mine and I would like to recognise George Porter.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Kattuk. Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of visitors in the gallery, Mr. Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you Speaker. There are many people I recognise here. Of course we're from here and I would like to recognise some of our visitors, maybe not all of them. First of all there's Sisiga Pavialuk over there in the corner, also there was another person here, Joseph Inuksuk who was here but I think has left and also a husband and wife, now the husband has left, Mary Fretland. Her husband was here but apparently he is gone out again. I would like to recognise them and also CBC employees, Veronica Tattuinié and Jamie Little.

I would also like to recognize Tommy Saniqtuq who is the ADM for Community Government and there was another one that I recognise but has apparently gone out too. Behind me, there's Leonard Ford who is over there and also Julienne Taqtu and Glenn, Mr. McLean said that he was getting extra coverage, and we have one too.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Anawak. Welcome to all the people that were recognised. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Before we go ahead, I would like to recognise first of all a person who is here now, George's wife, Pauline. Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): The Sanikiluaq member of the Legislative Assembly beat me to the person I was going to recognise. I too would like to recognise this person from Gjoa Haven. Last spring when I was elected, I remember him coming to me to congratulate me in the middle of the night and I know that he is very well known by the people of Gjoa Haven.

I can't remember what year it was but it was in the 19 something's when the white people starting coming in to our community and he can remember all those years and tell you all the exact dates. He is a great friend of mine, Nattingujaq, please stand up. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak. Welcome to the Legislative Assembly again. Recognition of visitors in the gallery, Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to recognise two constituents from Cambridge Bay. One is the Chairman of Nunavut Arctic College, Mr. Joe Ohokannoak and also with him is Vicki Bobinski who is the Acting Campus Director of Nunavut Arctic College. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Ng. Welcome to the Legislative Assembly. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognise a person who works in Rankin Inlet, Thomas Tiktaq who is my Constituency Assistant, here in this building and I would also like to recognise one of our staff members who is the Director of Petroleum Products, Susan Makpah who is wearing the red coat.

Right beside her is the Finance Comptroller, Roy Green. So these are my staff members from Nunavut. Also I would like to recognise a person who is up there, Metro Solomon who has been my assistant during my campaign days and please welcome him and shake his hand because he has been living here for quite some time. I met him in Kivalliq, in Coral Harbour, I think it was in 1972 when I first met him when he lived over there as a school teacher. He was a Principal there and he's very well known by many people. So I also wanted to recognise Metro Solomon. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Ms. Thompson. Recognition of Visitors in the gallery. Mr. Arvaluk.

**Hon. James Arvaluk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker, there were six people I was going to recognise but there's only two of them left now. So although they have been recognised in the past, I'm going to recognise two people who have not been recognised here yet. My ADM of Early Childhood and School Services, Naullaq Arnaquq, and Ian Rose from Iqaluit. Please stand up.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Arvaluk. Welcome to the Legislative Assembly. Recognition of visitors to the gallery. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Today I would like to recognise a couple more elders of mine. My aunt Pauline and my uncle George Hickers, the Speaker of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly. I would like to welcome them to the gallery. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to recognise a couple of employees of our airline sitting back there, Ms. Eva Onalik and Randy Miller. Both are employees at Canadian North and also a long time friend of mine from Rankin Inlet here, Johnny Naukatsuk. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Welcome to the Legislative Assembly. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Going back to the orders of the day. Item 6, Oral Questions. Oral questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Item 6: Oral Questions****Question 175 - 1(3): Support for Smaller Communities**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Premier. Last week I asked our Premier about the smaller communities. They should benefit from decentralization. Our Premier stated that he would like to see the smaller communities benefit from decentralization and that the Nunavut Government will not forget the smaller communities. When I heard that I was very happy to hear that from our Premier and that they were strategizing to give benefits to the smaller communities through government operations, through Government Services and Transportation. I was wondering if he is willing to state what the strategy is for the smaller communities. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. As I stated, we are looking for ways of helping the smaller communities. I met with the Minister of Sustainable Development to plan and strategize for Clyde River as to how that community can be given more support. We will be trying to give all these communities all sorts of support. That's the best response I can give you right now Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Have you consulted with the Hamlet Councils as to what the strategy should be. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. Okalik.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Last year the strategy was worked on and I'm sure the Hamlet Councils were consulted and the communities have to be involved. That's the only way we can strategize and it's not going to be good when we have to work for the community and do the work for the community. We have to work with the community when we make plans. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Okalik.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. What kind of strategy. How involved will the community Hamlet Councils be in the strategy.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Yes perhaps the plan was already given to you, I cannot give you an adequate response so I take your question as notice. The Department of Sustainable Development will be able to give you a response.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu, he takes your question as notice, so therefore I cannot give you the opportunity to ask another question. Mr. O'Brien.

**Question 176 - 1(3): Health Board Deficits**

**Mr. O'Brien:** Mr. Speaker, in the February 11<sup>th</sup> edition of Nunatsiaq New, the Finance Minister is quoted as stating that we will have approximately 20 million dollars in deficits that relate to the three Health Boards. My question to the minister is, is this comment or statement that was made in the local paper accurate.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. It's an estimate based on their current spending for the 99/2000 year and in addition to their opening accumulated deficit that carried over on April 1<sup>st</sup> of 99. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. The minister also indicated that this 20 million dollar deficit would likely be covered by the surplus that we expect. Is that statement correct.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng :** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, recognising that we did have some room in this current year's expenditures, we did allow the department of Health to transfer over approximately 5 million dollars this year from their unspent expenditures. In addition to that, to deal with the opening deficit of approximately 8.9 million dollars that the three health boards had from April 1<sup>st</sup>, from a Government wide perspective, we allowed that funding to be used to offset those opening deficits. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Ng. Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Can I assume the money that we speak of to cover this 20 million dollar deficit, has this been approved by FMB.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes in respect to the 8.9 million dollars that I spoke of for the opening deficits and yes in respect of 5 million dollars approximately from the Department of Health's unexpended funds, reallocations to the three boards. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Ng. Final supplementary, Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in addition to the funds that the minister just spoke of, he has indicated that the 20 million dollars in accumulated deficits for the three health boards would be looked after through our surplus. My question is, has that been approved by the FMB. If it has, why wasn't it put in the supplement that we looked at and approved last Friday. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I just indicated in an earlier response that it was approved by the FMB. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions. (interpretation) Oral questions. Mr. Irqittuq.

### **Question 177 - 1(3): Payment for Grave Workers**

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last spring during our session, I think it was towards the end of session, I asked some questions to the Minister of Community Government. To date I have not received a reply.

During the 1960s, they moved grave sites to another location during the spring time when the ground was pretty wet. The people who were working on the relocation of these burial sites have never been paid. I have asked the minister when they will be receiving their pay cheques and I have given them the names of these people. I was wondering what your position is on that now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. Mr. Irqittuq, who did you direct your question to. Mr. Irqittuq.

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Justice and Community Government.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. Minister responsible for Justice, Mr. Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Yes, Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologise. I had written a letter and an e-mail and I have not received any response so I apologise for not responding. I'll take your question as notice. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Anawak. Oral questions. Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Question 178 - 1(3): Taloyoak Youth Centre**

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth. I think that is where my question should be directed in regards to youth and elders. It is in regards to the community of Taloyoak.

I met with the inter-agency committee and they had a concern about the young people, because they have no place to go. I would like to ask the minister responsible for that if he worked with this group or if he looked into that to find out if we can get a place for the young people or a recreational facility. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak. You asked three questions in Inuktitut. I heard three questions. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth, Mr. Havioyak.

**Hon. Donald Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a good question and I am going to try and reply to your concern. In Pond Inlet and also Cambridge Bay and Baker Lake we organized youth conferences, as you may know. Right now we are trying to look at their concerns and trying to make policies for youth and also for elders.

They are working on it right now and drafting policies, I can't really do anything until we follow up the Kitikmeot and Keewatin meetings of elders and youth. We want to hear their concerns, in a few days they should be finished. We'll take a look at it and I will let you know. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister. Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am glad that this is being taken into consideration, but this department is recruiting and relocating, it is going to be costly and will they be able to receive funding in order to cover these expenses. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth, Mr. Havioyak.

**Hon. Donald Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you. I can provide more information on the decentralization plans, what it is going to cost to decentralise some of our staff to the other communities, but right now I do not have the answer. I will find out about the costs of decentralization first and then I will give you an answer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister. Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): I was trying to ask the Minister and the Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth because it is a new department, because you are responsible for this department you said you would look into the concerns and the

facilities for the young people, recreation facilities. Because Culture, Language, Elders & Youth is a new department will they be able to receive funding in order to implement these programs.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Havioyak.

**Hon. Donald Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are undertaking a policy review right now and we are trying to go by our policies. Right now we are going by the old policies from the GNWT and we are upgrading our new policies.

We have to be very careful with these policies that we are developing right now. All these will be done from the funding we will be receiving from the government. I already stated earlier that the elders and youth are already at their conference. We have to make our priorities first and we still have to listen to the young people and the elders because they are working together. I agree with you, we have to develop these procedures and the policies very carefully, that way they will be more understandable. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Havioyak. Mr. Tootoo.

#### **Question 179 - 1(3): Health Board Deficit Offset**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. The minister earlier stated that the deficit for the health board has been covered off by 5 million dollars from the 99/2000 surplus within the department and 8.9 million dollars of the accumulated deficit would be from the overall government surplus.

I am wondering, the minister in the article talks about close to a 20 million dollar deficit, this only comes just under 14 million dollars. I'd like to ask the Minister of Finance where the remaining funds are going to come to offset that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** We have to confirm those final numbers once we get to the year end. Right now these are preliminary projections based on work with the departments of Health and with the three health boards. But once that final amount is finalized and pending audit post March 31 of 2000 to get what the final numbers would be, we would anticipate that we will have to come back and reallocate to offset that deficit from unexpended funds in other areas. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, then is the Minister of Finance saying that whatever the final number is from the deficit of the health boards that it will be coming out of the 99/2000 surplus funds. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I believe in the last session in October one of the members made a recommendation in the house that any surplus funding will go towards housing. Mr. Speaker I am wondering if there is going to be an effort to put any of the surplus towards housing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** If my memory is correct, one of the standing committees also directed all unexpended funds going to health board deficits as well, from my recollection. But anyway, having said that, I can't speak right now on what areas the surplus may go into until we table the upcoming budget and once the year end is resolved and all the final numbers are in. Again, it will be based on the preliminary estimates and the budget will roll out based on the final numbers. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Final supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the minister did indicate that it was also recommended by one of the standing committees that any health board deficit be covered off by the surplus and it appears that it has been Mr. Speaker. Another recommendation was for housing, so I was just wondering again if any recommendations that are made in the House by members or standing committees, are those considerations going to receive priority on looking at the use of these surplus funds. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker (interpretation):** Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Finance, Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Quite frankly, we have to deal with the health board deficit situation as those are ongoing programs that the health boards are delivering. As we all know, they are finding some difficulties in delivering their programs for whatever reasons. They are going over budget and we have an obligation to continue to provide services because of the importance of our health care programs.

So, we have to find the funds to deal with that issue and I think all members recognize that. For an issue such as housing, another equally important initiative and priority I think of all members, it is not an ongoing current year issue. I mean it more relates to future needs and it would be more adequately addressed in that form in looking at future years' budgets versus current year. There is nothing that we can allocate now in this current year that would make a significant impact given that deliveries and planning requirements on



the matter of housing would have to take place for the current year, 2000 year, 2000-2001 delivery Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

### **Question 180 - 1(3): Liability for Deficits**

**Mr. McLean:** In the February 11 Nunatsiaq News document, it stated that there was 8.9 million dollars carried over from 98-99. To me I think it's because the health boards weren't funded properly in the last go around and my question to the minister is, has this been factored into the division of assets and liabilities or are we going to assume the whole 9 million dollars according to the newspaper article. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Approximately 8.9 million dollars of accumulated deficit from the three Nunavut based health boards has carried over effective April 1, 99, but it's not from the 98-99 operating year, it's an accumulated deficit that they have run up for whatever reasons since they have been in existence.

So, having said that, with the division of assets and liabilities that was entered into and signed off between the Office of the Interim Commissioner, the Government of the Northwest Territories and NTI, the agreement was that all surpluses and deficits of independent boards, whether those be health boards or education boards, you have to remember, that will offset some of these in the broader scheme of things, will offset some of the deficits of the health boards.

Wherever those jurisdictions lay with those, wherever those agencies were based, the surplus or deficit would remain with that jurisdiction effective April 1. So, in other words, if there were western boards, and there were some western health boards quite frankly that had deficits as well, if it was a western Northwest Territories based board and they had a surplus or deficit it would remain with them. If it was a Nunavut based health board or education board or agency, it would remain with them. So, that was the agreement that we all signed off on and that took place effective April 1. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions, Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Ma'na. I think the answer I got from the Honourable Minister is that we absorb the deficit in the health boards with no charge back to the other Territory with the division of assets and liabilities. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Yes, he got it correct, yes. Thank you.

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

**Question 181 - 1(3): Approval of Funds for Deficit**

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, referring to the same article on February 11, in reference to the 20 million dollars that has been focussed on regarding the 3 health boards, the minister in the same article, the Minister of Health and Social Services, indicated that these deficits were not caused due to frivolous spending and in the same article, the Minister of Finance indicated that he would have to look into this further.

My question to the minister, did the minister put forward to the FMB that the 20 million dollars would be covered under the funding that we dealt with last Friday. Was it approved, was it forwarded by the Minister of Health to the FMB to have this included in the supplementary.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. When you are asking questions to the minister please identify which minister you are referring to. Mr. O'Brien, which minister are you referring to.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Mr. Speaker, I indicated that the question was to the Minister Responsible for Health.

**Speaker:** Okay, thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister Responsible for Health, Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr Speaker, there is no great mystery here as to what has happened with the health and social services boards. As of March 31, we had the audits completed for each board as the fiscal year was ending. That came forward in June and that's when we knew officially there was an 8.9 million dollar deficit with those three health boards.

Now, Mr. Speaker, what the Department of Health and Social Services has done, which has been talked about in this House in May and again in the session this fall to the Standing Committees, there is a concern over a shortfall of funding within the three Health Boards.

Eight point nine million dollars plus is our best guesstimate Mr. Speaker. Right now it's an additional 11 million dollars. We won't know if it's 11 million dollars, Mr. Speaker, until after March 31, 2000 when the three audits will be completed for the three health boards. At that time we will know the total amount that will come forward. Discussions at the FMB Mr. Speaker, as you know, are privileged and I am not here to make representation on those discussions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I agree and I think that's been a history that discussions at FMB are confidential and I guess I am curious as to why they are showing up in the newspaper prior to members hearing whether or not there is a 20 million dollar deficit under the three health boards. I don't recall seeing 20 million dollars being put forward last week under the supplementary funding act. So if it's been approved I would hope it would come to the members first prior to going to the newspaper.

My question Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Health, is given the fact that he's indicated there has been no frivolous spending regarding the health boards to cause this large deficit, what are his intentions for next year to ensure that we don't get into the same situation again, because we may not have additional dollars next year to cover off such a large deficit. We may have the money this year. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister Responsible for Health, Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all I can't make much comment on what the Nunatsiaq News reports on any given day. What I can say to the member is I can't also guarantee if there's going to be a deficit within the Department of Health and Social Services one year from now.

I am not Nostradamus, I can't tell the future. What I can say Mr. Speaker, is that if money needs to be spent within the Department of Health and Social Services for medivacs, for needs program delivery, we have to spend that money. And that is the reason why, Mr. Speaker, in thirteen jurisdictions in Canada, ten provinces and three territories habitually, the departments of health and social services run deficits, because you have to spend the money on budgeted items.

And that is the only guarantee I can give to the House. But I can say Mr. Speaker, that the money was not spent frivolously, it was spent on needs, services, programs and staff. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I agree with the Honourable Member, I know he's not a brain surgeon. Mr. Speaker, the issue of the 20 million dollars that the minister I believe was quoted in this article, I don't assume that the Nunatsiaq News have made this up, so it is obvious that there are some major concerns here and problems.

My question to the minister, does he have a plan to ensure that next year we can deal with this situation. Does the minister have a plan. And I guess furthermore as a secondary question Mr. Speaker, what has caused this 20 million dollar over-expenditure. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Two questions. Minister Responsible for Health, Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, Mr. Speaker, Nostradamus was not a brain surgeon. Mr. Speaker, the two questions, first of all as the member knows, he's on the Health Committee, as the department and as the minister I have brought forward over the past several months a breakdown of where the deficit has come from, from program areas. For example, Mr. Speaker, 25% of the board's allocated budget goes into travel, medical travel, and that accounts for almost 20% of the budget deficit that came forward as of March 31, 1999.

We do have a plan in place Mr. Speaker, the department has contracted Consulting and Audit Canada to review the status of medical and social services travel with the objective of proposing a new policy for that travel. There are some economies of scale Mr. Speaker, on medical travel that we are working with within the three regions that we will be able to bring forward after April 1, with the integration of the health boards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Picco. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

### **Motion 06 - 1(3): Motion to Adjourn for the Day**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I move seconded by our member from Arviat that we waive the rules and adjourn for the day and resume sitting on Tuesday February 22, 2000. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** There is a motion on the floor that is not debatable and it is in order. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Item 22, Orders of the Day, Deputy Clerk.

### **Item 22: Orders of the Day**

**Deputy Clerk** (Ms. Perkison): Orders of the Day for Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

1. Prayer
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17. First Reading of Bills
  - Bill 9, An Act to Amend the Judicature Act and Other Acts in Relation to Judges
  - Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Boards of Management Dissolution Act
  - Bill 11, An Act to Establish Nunavut Day as a Holiday
  - Bill 12, An Act to Amend the Divisional Councils Dissolution Act
18. Second Reading of Bills
  - Bill 7, Loan Authorization Act, 2000/2001
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
  - Bill 8, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1999/2000
22. Orders of the Day.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Deputy Clerk. This House stands adjourned until February 22, Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

>>*House adjourned at 3:00 p.m.*

