

Monday, April 11th, 2005

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) made a Statement in reply to a point of clarification made by the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) on March 24th with respect to the parliamentary rules that apply to the use of displays, exhibits and props.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Charles Patten, formerly of Grand Bank and a prominent businessman in St. John's.

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Denine) made a Statement to recognize the 2005 winners of the Mount Pearl Focus on Youth Awards.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Meghan Matthews who was chosen to represent the Summerside Rockets 4-H Club at the U.S. National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to congratulate the Avalon Celtics Triple A Bantam Hockey Team which won the bronze medal in the Irving Oil Cup Championships recently held in Prince Edward Island.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) made a Statement to congratulate Corporal Amy Mitchell, a member of the R.C.M.P. who received the Newfoundland and Labrador Crime Stoppers 2004 Police Officer of the Year Award.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding) made a Statement to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Poole's Island Loyal Orange Lodge.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Ed Byrne) made a Statement to inform the House of the successful establishment of the Province's online mineral claim staking program.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to inform the House of a new resource entitled: *On Course: A Handbook for Grade 9 Students and Parents*. The Minister tabled a copy of the handbook.

During Oral Questions, there was some disorder in the Public Galleries. The Speaker warned the visitors in the Galleries twice then suspended the proceedings.

The House resumed sitting after fifteen minutes.

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There was further disorder in the Public Galleries. After two warnings the Speaker again suspended proceedings and ordered the Sergeant-at-Arms to clear the Public Galleries for the remainder of the afternoon.

At approximately 5:19 o'clock in the afternoon the House resumed sitting.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose, it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 12th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel, Q.C.,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.