

Tuesday, November 29th, 2005

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

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS subsection 4(1) of the *Child and Youth Advocate Act* provides

“The Office of the Child and Youth Advocate shall be filled by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on a resolution of the House of Assembly.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ms. Darlene Neville be appointed as the Child and Youth Advocate.”

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams), the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Reid) and the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) spoke to the Resolution.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried unanimously.

The Member for Humber Valley (Ms. Goudie) made a Statement to recognize the Town of Reidville for having received the Torngat Municipal Achievement Award in 2005 for *Innovation in Regional Cooperation*.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) made a Statement to recognize the achievements of Mr. Tim Borlase who was awarded the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador on November 10th. Mr. Borlase is known for promoting the arts & culture of Labrador and for connecting Newfoundlanders and Labradorians with their heritage.

The Member for Topsail (Ms. Marshall) made a Statement to congratulate Ocean Quest Charters of Conception Bay South which was awarded the prestigious 2005 Parks Canada Sustainable Tourism Award during Canada's Tourism Leadership Summit in Quebec City on October 25th, 2005.

The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Erin Milley, the Grand Falls-Windsor's Youth of the Year for 2004.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Wiseman) made a Statement to congratulate the Random East Fire Department on their 10th anniversary.

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The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to congratulate students of St. Joseph's Academy in Lamaline which won the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAPHRED) Platinum Recognition Award for Quality Daily Physical Education.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture and Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. Rideout) made a Statement to advise the House that December 1st will be the effective date of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and to congratulate the Labrador Inuit on this momentous occasion.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Ed Byrne) made a Statement to draw the attention to the House of the current round of World Trade Organization negotiations and the potential impact it could have on the Province's supply-managed commodities in agriculture.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) made a Statement to advise the House that he had written the leaders of all federal parties to put forward to them the issues which are of importance to Newfoundland and Labrador. The Premier also tabled a copy of the letter he had written the Prime Minister of Canada.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) tabled (in 5 volumes plus a highlights pamphlet) a copy of the audited Public Accounts and the Accounts of the Crown Corporations, Boards and Authorities of the Province for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to Consider certain Resolutions relating to the Advancing or Guaranteeing of Certain Loans made under The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957 (Bill No. 62).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Memorial University Pensions Act" (Bill No. 63).

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 61).

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The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS Labradorians must be the primary beneficiaries of any development of the hydro resource on the Lower Churchill River;

AND WHEREAS the Premier promised during the 2003 election campaign, “We will not develop the Lower Churchill unless the primary beneficiaries are Labradorians. You have my assurance on that”;

AND WHEREAS the government party promised during the 2003 election campaign that, “a Progressive Conservative government will make use of the hydroelectric potential of the Lower Churchill to promote industrial development and meet domestic energy demand in Labrador”;

AND WHEREAS Labrador communities must have electrical power which is affordable and reliable to sustain and grow the local economy;

AND WHEREAS Labradorians expect a heritage fund will be established to ensure future investment into Labrador and its people;

AND WHEREAS there must be respect and inclusion for all of Labrador's aboriginal peoples - the Inuit Nation, the Metis Nation and the Inuit must be consulted and engaged in meaningful discussions on the development;

AND WHEREAS local business procurement and local employment opportunities must be a fundamental part of any plan to develop the project - a Labrador First Policy must be adopted;

AND WHEREAS environmental concerns must be considered and addressed through environmental assessments - Labradorians must be provided with intervener status;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls upon the Government to ensure that Labrador receive the maximum benefit of the development of the Lower Churchill Power Project;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a deal on the Lower Churchill not be concluded unless the electrical needs of Labrador are met and a Labrador Development Fund is established to ensure that Labradorians are the primary beneficiaries of the export of their hydro electric resources”.

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By leave, the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) tabled the Report of the Auditor General on the Audit of the Financial Statements of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to change the laws of the Province to allow hunting on Sunday.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador calling on the House to urge Government to provide a safe means of transportation in the Riverhead - St. Mary's area.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act" (Bill No. 45) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 45 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act" (Bill No. 45) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 45 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Denturists" (Bill No. 60) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 60 be read a second time presently

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Denturists" (Bill No. 60) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 60 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2" (Bill No. 48) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 30th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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