

Tuesday, June 1st, 2004

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

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate the Gaia Environmental Youth Group from Ascension Collegiate in Bay Roberts on winning an environmental award under the category of Youth or Youth Group at the 15th Annual Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Awards Program.

The Member for Trinity-Bay de Verde (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to congratulate the Choir Group at Baccalieu Collegiate in Old Perlican who attended the National Music Festival in Montreal where they were awarded a silver medal in their category.

The Member for Humber Valley (Ms. Goudie) made a Statement to congratulate the winners who were honoured at the School Sport Newfoundland and Labrador Awards Banquet held recently. In particular, the Member congratulated Mr. Charlie Barker of Elwood High in Deer Lake who was named the School Sport Coach of the Year.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to advise of a significant event in the development of the petroleum industry offshore Newfoundland and Labrador with the announced plans by Husky Energy to study the commercial viability of producing and exporting natural gas from the White Rose field.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Shelley) made a Statement to advise Members about Summer Active 2004, a national promotion that was organized by Health Canada in partnership with the provinces and non-government organizations to promote healthy physical activity and lifestyle. The Minister also advised Members about the Festival of Sport Program which will promote more physical activity through organized sport among junior high school students in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) tabled the 2002-03 Annual Report of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) tabled the following:

- (a) the 2002-03 Annual Report of the Department of Government Services and Lands;
- (b) the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Newfoundland and Labrador Petroleum Products Pricing Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003;

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- (c) the 2002 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation;
- (d) the 2002-03 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Consumer Protection Fund for Prepaid Funeral Services;
- (d) the 2002-03 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Public Accountants Licensing Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Taylor) tabled the 2002-03 Annual Report of the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Byrne) tabled the 2002-03 Annual Report of the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Ms. Burke) tabled the 2002-03 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Southern Labrador and travellers generally to the region requesting access to the most effective mode of transportation between Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Cartwright through an increased number of trips of the Sir Robert Bond during the 2004 operating season.

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District, in particular, Burgeo, Ramea, Grey River and Francois calling on the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision to close the Human Resources, Labour and Employment Office in Burgeo.

The Member for Windsor-Springdale (Mr. Hunter) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Robert's Arm, Pilley's Island, Port Anson and Miles Cove requesting the Department of Health and Community Services to change the present policy and permit patients to choose to attend either the hospital in Springdale or the hospital in Grand Falls-Windsor and for the Department to absorb the cost of ambulance services to Grand Falls-Windsor.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Labrador requesting the Government of the Province to provide the \$2.4 million designated, but now deferred, and to begin construction of the auditorium in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

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The Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of her District requesting that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador recognize the success of the Central West Health Board and place the headquarters of the Central Newfoundland Regional Health Board in the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act, The Insurance Companies Act And The Highway Traffic Act To Effect Certain Reforms Respecting Automobile Insurance (Bill No. 30).

During the debate consent was given for the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) to table a letter from Aviva Insurance respecting automobile insurance which the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) wished to table.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) moved pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker put the question on the motions that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker declared the motions carried.

The House recessed at 5:30 o'clock for the dinner break.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act, The Insurance Companies Act And The Highway Traffic Act To Effect Certain Reforms Respecting Automobile Insurance (Bill No. 30) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act, The Insurance Companies Act And The Highway Traffic Act To Effect Certain Reforms Respecting Automobile Insurance (Bill No. 30) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Professional Fish Harvesters Act (Bill No. 25) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Professional Fish Harvesters Act (Bill No. 25) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Schools Act (Bill No. 31) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Schools Act (Bill No. 31) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Provincial Offences Act (Bill No. 27) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Provincial Offences Act (Bill No. 27) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act (Bill No. 26) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act (Bill No. 26) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly at 11:45 o'clock in the evening.

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