

Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004

The House met at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Jamie Pye and the Labrador Fisherman's Union Shrimp Company Limited for receiving, respectively, the Excellence in Youth Leadership Award and the Fostering Entrepreneurship Award.

The Member for Trinity-Bay de Verde (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to recognize Ms. Courtney Penney of Green's Harbour who has contributed to the Samaritan's Purse/ Operation Christmas Child Campaign. The Member also praised Ms. Penney for her thoughtfulness and compassion for others during the holiday season.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to recognize a group of individuals from the Town of Cox's Cove who took the initiative to form the Cox's Cove Wellness Foundation for the purpose of helping residents of the town who are required to travel to other areas of the province or out of province for medical treatment.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement to congratulate the Towns of Catalina, Melrose and Port Union which have amalgamated to form the new Town of Trinity Bay North. The Member also congratulated the newly elected councillors of the new town.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour & Employment (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to recognize December 1<sup>st</sup> as World AIDS Day and to announce that this year's campaign theme is *Have You Heard Me Today? Women, Girls, HIV and AIDS*.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment & Conservation (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement advising Members of his appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development to discuss Bill C-15- *An Act to Amend the Migratory Birds Convention Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*. The Minister stated that he raised the Government's concern about the illegal discharge of bilge oil off the coasts of the Province.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder), in accordance with section 43 of the *Citizens' Representative Act*, tabled the Second Annual Report of the Citizens' Representative for 2003.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) tabled the 2003 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Pooled Pension Fund for the year ended December 31, 2003.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of her District requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to continue snow clearing on the Red Bay to Lodge Bay section of the Trans Labrador Highway during the winter months.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Gander (Mr. O'Brien);

**“WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has the responsibility for the enforcement of inland waters;

**AND WHEREAS** poaching is a very serious problem in this province so much so that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador had to step in and protect the province's dwindling Atlantic salmon resource, despite the fact that responsibility of enforcement and conservation rests solely with the Federal Government;

**AND WHEREAS** the success of the province's Fisheries Enforcement Program is evidence that more enforcement resources are desperately needed;

**AND WHEREAS** the need for increased enforcement is further evidenced by the laying of 87 charges after a 15-month undercover investigation by the Department of Natural Resources;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly call on the Government of Canada to live up to its responsibility and implement an effective inland fisheries enforcement program which would include special investigations, enforcement officers who are non-river based and a substantial increase in the funding currently provided to DFO for enforcement.”

During the debate, the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Grimes) the following amendment to the Resolution:

**“THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly also supports the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in seeking reimbursement from the Government of Canada for the cost of the additional

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enforcement effort of the past year.”

The Speaker (Ms. Osborne) ruled the amendment in order.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution and on the Resolution itself.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) put the question on the amendment to the Resolution and declared the amendment to the Resolution carried.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution, as amended, and declared the Resolution, as amended, carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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