

Monday, April 10th, 2006

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

The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church which was declared Grand Falls-Windsor's first municipal heritage site.

The Member for Trinity - Bay de Verde (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to congratulate the volunteers and participants in the first ever Girls' aged 15 and under Hockey Championships for the Province at S.W. Moores Memorial Stadium, Harbour Grace. The Conception Bay Regionals won the gold medal while St. John's won silver and Avalon won bronze.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate the St. Francis Robotics Team which will compete in Atlanta, Georgia in the FIRST LEGO League World Festival.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Oram) made a Statement to congratulate the Glovertown Tornados Female Hockey Team which won the Provincial Championship "E:" Division.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate the winners of the Provincial Airlines Great Labrador Loppet: Mr. Alf Parsons and Ms. Rhonda Lawrence the 50 km event and Mr. Kyle Power and Ms. Cathy Jong the 25 km event.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Ed Byrne) made a Statement to inform the House and people of the Province of Government's efforts to protect the endangered Woodland Caribou Herd in Southern Labrador.

Pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Port de Grave would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the marine resources on the Grand Banks of this province are a crucial element of the global ecosystem;

AND WHEREAS these resources have the potential to provide tremendous economic benefits on a sustainable basis;

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AND WHEREAS the protection and conservation measures provided by the international community and organizations such as NAFO are not sufficient to protect marine resources on the Nose and Tail of the Grand Banks off the coast of this Province;

AND WHEREAS the longer this ecosystem remains unprotected, increased and possibly irreparable damage continues to occur;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls upon the Government of Canada to take custodial management of the continental shelf off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House of Assembly renews its call for the Government of Canada to put in place the necessary provisions and resources to enforce conservation measures for the marine resources in this area;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Newfoundland and Labrador be an integral partner in any management structure and conservation measures deemed necessary to protect marine resources adjacent to our shores.”

The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) presented a Petition calling on the House to urge Government to provide funding for the necessary road work on the Buchans Highway this summer.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the motion “That This House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government” (the Budget Speech) and on motion debate adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 11th 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.