

Wednesday, May 17th, 2006

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

The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate the "Advertiser" which won five awards from the Community Newspaper Association.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) made a Statement to congratulate the Grand Orange Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador on their 134th anniversary.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to thank the staff of Blue Crest Seniors' Home and the Golden Journey Cyclist Team for helping to raise \$107,466 to purchase a new vehicle for the Home.

The Member for Windsor - Springdale (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Juan Roberts who was selected Aquaculturist of the Year by the Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry Association.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) made a Statement to congratulate Brittany Warren of Chapel Arm who received one of two awards in the prose junior division at the 54th Annual Provincial Arts and Letters Awards.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Hickey) made a Statement to recognize the achievement of Ms. Judy Kippenhuck of Happy Valley - Goose Bay who was recently presented with the Newfoundland and Labrador Organization of Women Entrepreneurs (NLOWE) "Entrepreneur of the Year Award" for the Labrador region.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) made a Statement to pay tribute to John Noel, Q.C., Clerk of the House of Assembly for his distinguished career in the public service. Mr. Noel will be retiring on August 31, 2006. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Reid) and the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) associated themselves with the comments of the Honourable the Premier.

The Honourable the Speaker tabled the Report of the Commission of Internal Economy for the period April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, pursuant to Standing Order 47 that the debate or further consideration on the Resolution and Bill No. 6 respecting a measure to impose taxes on tobacco shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any resolution or resolutions, clause or clauses, section or sections, Schedule or Schedules, preamble or preambles, title or titles, or whatever else might be related to Bill No. 6 shall be the first

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business of the Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means and shall not be further postponed.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) presented a Petition calling upon the House to urge Government to ensure that the quotas traditionally processed by Fishery Products International for the area of Grand Bank and Fortune remain within the region.

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

By leave, the Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Reid) presented a Petition calling upon the House to urge Government to strike an All Party Committee to meet with the Great Northern Peninsula Concerned Citizens.

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

“WHEREAS the primary beneficiaries of the development of the energy resources of the Lower Churchill River should be the people of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS our Government is investing in Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro to give our Crown corporation the leverage to pursue energy generation opportunities that will bring new industrial developments and economic wealth to Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS our Government has determined, through a rigorous assessment of proposals short-listed from the Expression of Interest and Proposals process, that the best option to develop the Lower Churchill for the maximum benefit of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians is an initiative led by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and Labrador Hydro;

AND WHEREAS a bold new attitude is at play in Newfoundland and Labrador by which we affirm that Newfoundland and Labrador is indeed capable of leading the process to develop our energy resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Honourable House of Assembly support the Province’s decision, as announced on May 8, 2006, that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro will take the lead on the potential development of the energy resources of the Lower Churchill.”

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The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried unanimously

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move pursuant to Standing Order 11 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 on Thursday, May 18th, 2006.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 18th 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.