

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005

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

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Grimes) rose on a point of privilege with respect to certain comments made by the Honourable the Premier relating to security in the Confederation Building Complex. After some debate, the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Leo Power of Grand Falls-Windsor on his induction into the Bowling Hall of Fame.

The Member for Gander (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Christa Power and Mr. Brian George of Gander who each won a bronze medal at the Canadian Powerlifting and Bench Press National Championships.

The Member for Fortune Bay-Cape LaHune (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Megan Buffet, the St. Ignatious Youth Choir of St. Alban's and the Bay D'Espoir Academy High School Choir on their success in the Kiwanis Music Festival.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Grant Handrigan of Marystown who won the Jubilee Cup of the School of Kinetics and Recreation for his success in distance running.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to inform the House about the 4<sup>th</sup> annual seniors' excursion to the Miron River Outfitting Lodge in his District.

The Member for Trinity-Bay de Verde (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Megan Delaney of Gull Island who won the Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day Literary and Poster Contest in the Essay category.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Jack Byrne) made a Statement about the Community Enhancement Programme during the fiscal year.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment & Conservation (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to inform the House of his appearance before the Senate Standing Committee on Energy, Environment and Natural Resources on Bill C-15 "An Act to Amend the Migratory Birds Convention Act and the Canadian Environmental Protection Act".

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) rose on a point of order to allege that

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certain words used by the Honourable the Premier during Oral Questions to be unparliamentary. The Speaker requested the Premier to withdraw the unparliamentary words following which the Premier stood to withdraw the words.

Because of disorder in the Public Galleries, after two warnings the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) ordered the Galleries closed for the remainder of the sitting day and suspended the proceedings at 3:25 o'clock in the afternoon.

The House resumed sitting at 4:42 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) rose on a point of order to question whether the Premier had unequivocally withdrawn certain unparliamentary remarks before the House recessed.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) rose to enquire whether the House would sit on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> a public holiday in the public service, and whether he could announce the Private Member's Resolution on the Tuesday before the next Wednesday being Private Members' Day.

The Speaker stated that he understood that Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> would be a public holiday and the House would not sit and that notice for Private Members' Day could be given on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to impose production quotas only if it is agreed upon by the FFAW and the processors as recommended in the Dunne Report.

The Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Reid) presented a Petition from certain residents of Fogo Island calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to open the ten beds in the Fogo Island Central Hospital which remain to be opened.

Although Orders of the Day were called, time did not permit the House to proceed to government business.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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