

Wednesday, May 11th, 2005

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) ruled that a withdrawal of unparliamentary comments on April 20th by the Honourable the Premier was not unequivocal and requested an unequivocal withdrawal. The Honourable the Premier rose and complied with the Speaker's request.

The Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Danielle Power of St. Alban's who was awarded a thousand dollar scholarship from the Dominion Command of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Laura Riggs who is the 2005 provincial winner of the Concours D'art Oratoire sponsored by Canadian Parents for French.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Hickey) made a Statement to recognize the importance of nurses in the health care system in the province.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Joey Russell and Ms. Stephanie Corbett who were awarded \$1500 each at the Premier's Athletics Awards to help offset costs associated with training and competing in their respective sports.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Jim Hodder) made a Statement to pay tribute to Ms. Debbie Hawco who was named Stephenville/Kippens Citizen of the Year for 2004.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Grimes) raised a point of order with respect to certain comments made by the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Taylor) during Oral Questions.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) in compliance with the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for April 2005.

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 12^h, 2005.

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The Honourable the Acting Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Sullivan) tabled an answer to a question asked by the Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) relating to delays in radiation treatment for prostate cancer.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Grimes) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens calling on the Member (Mr. Harding) for Bonavista North to urge Government to end plans to implement crab production quotas for the crab industry.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) 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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler):

"WHEREAS Government has not met the conditions outlined in recommendation 9.12 of the Dunne Report prior to implementing raw material sharing in the crab industry of this province;

AND WHEREAS in a letter to fish harvesters dated April 21, 2004, the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture promised consultations before raw material sharing would be implemented in this province;

AND WHEREAS the 2005 crab fishery in Newfoundland and Labrador, valued at \$500 million to the provincial economy, is in jeopardy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls on Government to drop the raw material sharing system for this year and do the proper consultations with harvesters and processors before bringing the plan forward again."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Grimes; Mr. Parsons; Mr. Butler; Mr. Barrett; Mr. Langdon; Ms. Thistle; Mr. Reid; Mr. Sweeney; Ms. Foote; Mr. Joyce; Mr. Harris; Mr. Collins; Mr. Manning.

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Against: Mr. Williams; Mr. Edward Byrne; Mr. Rideout; Ms. Dunderdale; Mr. Taylor; Mr. Tom Marshall; Mr. Hedderson; Mr. Sullivan; Mr. Jack Byrne; Mr. Shelley; Mr. Fitzgerald; Ms. Sheila Osborne; Mr. O'Brien; Ms. Burke; Mr. Tom Osborne; Ms. Whalen; Mr. Jim

Hodder; Mr. Wiseman; Mr. French; Mr. Harding; Mr. Young; Mr. Hunter; Mr. Jackman; Ms. Johnson; Mr. Ridgley; Mr. Skinner; Mr. Oram; Ms. Elizabeth Marshall.

The Speaker declared the motion defeated.

During the Division, there was a disturbance in the Public Galleries. Visitors threw some candies onto the Table of the House and the floor near the Government Members' desks. The Speaker reminded the visitors to refrain from these activities.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 12th 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.