Wednesday, April 5th, 2006

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

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to congratulate the Lawn Mustangs Basketball Team from Holy Name of Mary Academy which won the 2006 provincial "2A" high school basketball championship.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Hickey) made a Statement to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Mr. Don Davis who has lived and worked in Happy Valley - Goose Bay since 1956.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate the Carbonear Collegiate Boys' Sentinels Wrestling Team which won seven gold, four silver and two bronze medals in the 2006 School Sport Newfoundland and Labrador High School Provincial Wrestling Championships and the Lady Sentinels who won three gold, three silver and two bronze medals.

The Member for Gander (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to pay tribute to Mr. Eric Norman of Gander who died recently.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Jessica Mercer, a pupil of Holy Redeemer School Spaniards Bay, who is the regional winner of the Brown Bag Project, an anti-drinking and driving awareness project for grade four and five pupils in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to inform the House that teachers from across the Province would be participating in the inaugural Arts Work Conference which is taking place this evening.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) in compliance with the *Public Tender Act* tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for the months of November and December, 2005 and January and February, 2006.

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.

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon in order to prepare for the presentation of an original copy of The Bow-Wow Parliament Cartoon to the House of Assembly by the Honourable Edward Roberts, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Honourable Edward Roberts, Q.C. the Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Sergeant-at-Arms escorted His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to the front of the Chamber.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor took the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor made a few remarks in presenting the Cartoon to the House of Assembly.

The Speaker made a few remarks to thank His Honour following which a photograph was taken of the Lieutenant Governor presenting the Cartoon to the Speaker.

The Sergeant-at-Arms escorted the Lieutenant Governor from the Chamber.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, April 6th 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.