

Monday, April 30th, 2007

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

The Member for Topsail (Ms. Marshall) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Deborah Doyle who won a Gold and Silver medal in the U.S. Open Tae Kwon Do championships in Orlando, Florida in February.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate School Council president Denise Pike who received the first Patricia Cowan Award.

The Member for Windsor-Springdale (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate Dorset Collegiate of Pilley's Island for being named Top School in Atlantic Canada by the Atlantic Institute for Market Studies.

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Joe Lane, a Port aux Basques native, who was honoured with the Royal Bank of Canada Local Hockey Leader Award.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to recognize the accomplishments of the participants in the 44th Annual Fourth Degree Provincial High School Speak-off hosted by the Knights of Columbus of Bishop's Falls and Ms. Katie Phillips of Blaketown who was the provincial winner for 2007.

The Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate the following participants in the 42nd Annual Kiwanis Music Festival: Adriaan Mulder, Margaret Barker, Amanda Goulding, Laura Woodworth and the Maple Buds Choir.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment & Conservation (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to inform the House that Mr. Haseen Khan and Dr. Amir Ali Khan of the Department of Environment are participating in a European Space Agency TIGER Project from April 28 to May 9 in Egypt.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to inform the House that Government had on April 28th recognized the National Day of Mourning for workers who have been killed or injured on the job. The House observed a minute of silence in memory of those workers killed on the job.

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The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Oram) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS this Government is committed to providing the necessary resources to ensure a proper education for students in rural and urban Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS for the first time in our Province’s history, Government’s investment in education will exceed one billion dollars;

AND WHEREAS education is the key to accessing opportunity and self-reliance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all Members of the House of Assembly support and endorse initiatives brought forward by this Government for the betterment of our children and their education.”

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) gave notice of the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS subsection 4(1) of the *Elections Act, 1991* provides that the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer be filled by resolution of the House of Assembly;

AND WHEREAS subsection 34(2) of the *House of Assembly Act* provides that a Commissioner of Members’ Interests be appointed by the House of Assembly on the motion of the Premier following consultation with the Leader of the Official Opposition and representatives of other registered political parties having representation in the House of Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Paul Reynolds be appointed Chief Electoral Officer and Commissioner of Members’ Interests.”

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to construct and operate a waiting room/restroom facility at the Town of Rose Blanche-Harbour LeCou/Diamond’s Cove ferry terminal.

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.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) wished the Opposition Finance critic, Ms. Thistle, well noting that it would be her last speech on a budget. All Members joined with the Government House Leader in extending best wishes to the Member for Grand Falls-Buchans.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) announced the Estimates Committee meetings for April 30 and May 1.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 1st at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.