

Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007

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

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate Gina Colbourne, Karen Gill and The Carbonear Collegiate Choir award winners at the 37<sup>th</sup> Kiwanis Club of Carbonear Regional Music Festival.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) made a Statement to congratulate Rosemary Stanoev who recently won the right to represent the Province in "La Grande Finale Internationale" of the "Dictée P.G.L."

The Member for Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to recognize and congratulate the volunteers of Milltown and Head Bay D'Espoir.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) made a Statement to inform the House about the "Home with a Heart" program offered by the Salvation Army in the District.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to recognize Noble's Lumber Yard Limited which was recently awarded the Best Overall Logging Contractor Award for Atlantic Canada.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to congratulate Bob Byrnes who was named Citizen of the Year; Kathleen Jean who was named Masters Athlete of the Year; Matthew Alexander who was named Male Athlete of the Year; Katarina Roxon who was named Female Athlete of the Year and Stephanie O'Quinn who was named Youth of the Year.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) made a Statement to inform the House of fee reductions pertaining to the Department.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) ruled on a point of order raised by the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Speaker ruled that there was a valid point of order and asked the Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade & Rural Development (Mr. Taylor) to withdraw certain unparliamentary comments. The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Hickey) complied with the Speaker's request.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) raised a point of order with respect to certain language used by the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons).

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The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on 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.”

During the debate, the Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) moved the following amendment:

“That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following therefor:

“Mr. Paul Reynolds be appointed Chief Electoral Officer and Commissioner of Members’ Interests after it is verified by a committee of the House that he meets the requirements for the appointment of a DRO under section 21 of the *Elections Act.*”

Debate on the Resolution was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o’clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**William MacKenzie,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.