Wednesday, May 9th, 2007

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

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to recognize the 100th anniversary of Grace United Church and to pay tribute to Mr. Rufus Boone, Mrs. Hazel Boone and Mrs. Irene Boone, long time volunteers in the parish.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate the St. Mary's All-Grade Wolves Basketball Team which recently won the Boys' Small School Basketball provincial championship.

The Member for Topsail (Ms. Marshall) made a Statement to recognize Christian Critch of Manuels who participated in the "Shave for the Brave" campaign against cancer.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate Duncan and Mabel Nichols of Deer Lake on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Oram) made a Statement to congratulate the Glovertown Salvation Army Corps on the occasion of their 98th anniversary.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate the 42nd Graduating Class of Ascension Collegiate.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to inform the House of a two-day workshop which was made available through the Workplace Health and Safety Compensation Commission to ensure safety in the skilled trades suites.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to congratulate Joe Browne, Police Chief of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, who has received the Order of Merit of the Police Forces.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding) presented the Report of the Resource Committee.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Oram) presented the Report of the Government Services Committee.

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The Honourable the Minister of Transportation & Works and Labrador Affairs (Mr. Rideout) tabled the Annual Report of the Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs for 2005-2006.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Twillingate-Fogo (Mr. Reid):

"WHEREAS the fishery is the mainstay of the economy of rural Newfoundland and Labrador:

AND WHEREAS FPI was originally established to be the flagship of the fishing industry of this Province;

AND WHEREAS over 2,000 people in this Province look to FPI for direct employment;

AND WHEREAS the sale of the marketing and secondary processing division of FPI to a Nova Scotian company would not be in the best interest of FPI workers or the fishing industry as a whole;

AND WHEREAS the Government has been unable to negotiate effectively with the Federal Government to gain control of FPI quotas, which was suppose to be a precondition to the sale of FPI or any of its assets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly supports the establishment of an all party committee to explore the possibility of purchasing FPI."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 10th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie, Clerk of the House of Assembly.