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

The Member for Twillingate-Fogo (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to congratulate Jasmine Compton who was awarded the Dr. Warren and Catherine Ball Memorial Entrance Scholarship of \$30,000.

The Member for Windsor-Springdale (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate Alycia Edison, a pupil of Indian River High School, who has been selected for entry into Memorial University Newfoundland's Horizons program.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) made a Statement to congratulate North Atlantic Refinery which was named Newfoundland and Labrador's 2007 Exporter of the Year and NOIA's Community Champion.

The Member for Trinity-Bay de Verde (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to congratulate Cheryl Ash of Hant's Harbour who was chosen by Keyin College, Carbonear Campus, as the recipient of a scholarship and the John Champion Award at her graduation on April 20th.

The Member for Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to recognize and honour the late Marie Penny who is to be inducted into the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame on May 24th.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate the following volunteer firefighters who have been selected as recipients of plaques of commendation for their participation in the rescue efforts during the tragic drownings in Peterview on March 18, 2006: Darius Brenton, Derrick Sheppard, Wallace Sheppard, Robert Taylor and Chris Torraville.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) made a Statement to announce that the Public Service Commission will be hosting Career Expos in St. John's, Gander, Corner Brook and Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour & Employment (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to inform the House of the recent publication of the second edition of "Diversity-Opportunity and Growth", Profiles of Immigrant Entrepreneurs in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade & Rural Development (Mr. Taylor) tabled two answers to questions respecting the Trans Gulf Initiative.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources tabled the Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Annual Report for 2006.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) pursuant to section 49 (2) of the **Financial Administration Act** tabled the list of Temporary Loans raised under section 48 of the Act since the last report to the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) pursuant to subsection 55(3) of the **Financial Administration Act** reported that there has been no guaranteed loans paid out by the Province since the last annual report to the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) pursuant to subsection 55.1(2) of the **Financial Administration Act** reported that there has been no guaranteed debt of any Crown corporation or agency assumed by the Province since the last annual report to the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Osborne) tabled the report of the Tribunal appointed under Section 28 of the *Provincial Court Act, 1991* respecting salaries and benefits for Provincial court judges.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance & President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 14);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991, The Teachers' Pensions Act And The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 16).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992" (Bill No. 19).

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act" (Bill No. 13).

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The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Pension Benefits Act, 1997" (Bill No. 15);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Trust And Loan Corporations" (Bill No. 17);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Private Investigation And Security Services Act" (Bill No. 18).

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to offer a rebate on diesel generated power to commercially operated businesses on the North and South coasts of Labrador.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to improve efforts to recruit and retain general practitioners in the Province.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Resource Committee.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) put the question on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Resource Committee.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Social Services Committee and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 16th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie, Clerk of the House of Assembly.