

Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007

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

The Member for Windsor-Springdale (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate the Green Bay South Minor Hockey League on their Banquet held on May 7<sup>th</sup> in Triton.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to congratulate the seven CEOs from this Province who were honoured amongst the "Top 50 CEOs in Atlantic Canada" at a gala hosted by the Atlantic Business Magazine in Halifax.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to congratulate the Goulds Elementary School who received their graduating diploma for this year's DARE Program.

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to inform the House that Jodi Osmond of Port aux Basques participated in the Easter weekend events commemorating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Ridgley) made a Statement to congratulate Albert Williams, a long time public servant, who received the "Certificate of Merit" award from the Canadian Council of the Blind during "White Cane Week".

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to extend congratulations to the Carbonear Collegiate Sentinels Female Basketball Team on having won their first girls' basketball provincial championship.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to inform the House about the national forum of young Canadians taking place at Memorial University.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour & Employment (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to inform the House that the Provincial Government had amended the Labour Standards Regulations to enhance provincial job protection for workers who wish to take advantage of the federal compassionate care benefit to provide care for terminally ill family members.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 22).

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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 Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 24).

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 23).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 21).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to honour its agreement with Wood Products Industries Ltd. And Chimney Bay Lumber Co. Ltd. respecting wood harvesting permits.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) in compliance with the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for March 2007.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) moved pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker put the question on the motions and declared the motions carried.

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.

During the debate, the Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Member for Twillingate-Fogo (Mr. Reid) the following amendment:

"That all the words after "That" be struck out and replaced with the following "this House condemns the Government for its failure to deal with the economic problems of rural areas of this Province and bring forward a plan that generates sustainable economic growth that builds on projects developed by previous administrations".

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The Speaker (Ms. Osborne) ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion) and was adjourned for further debate presently.

By agreement, the proceedings were suspended at 5:29 o'clock for the dinner break.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion).

By leave, the Resolution of which notice was given on Thursday for debate on Private Members' Day was withdrawn and the following substituted therefore:

**"WHEREAS** it has been revealed that there were error rates of 42% in estrogen and progesterone receptor tests of breast cancer patients conducted by Eastern Health and the circumstances surrounding the release of this information has shaken confidence in the health care system in this Province;

**AND WHEREAS** Cabinet Ministers were made aware of the problems being experienced with these tests at Eastern Health and may be in a potential conflict of interest in establishing terms of reference for any inquiry;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly supports the appointment of a judicial inquiry that is: independent, has broad terms of reference established with input from all parties in the House of Assembly, and has the power to investigate the actions of Cabinet Ministers and Department of Health officials into circumstances relating to faulty Estrogen and Progesterone receptor testing for breast cancer patients and the release of this information."

Debate continued on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion) 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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned at 9:45 o'clock in the evening.

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