

Tuesday, December 9th, 2008

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 Dallas Mercer Consulting which is the recipient of the Mount Pearl Chamber of Commerce Premier's Award for 2006.

The Member for Burgeo – LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize Jonathon Lomond and Sam Greene, members of Team Canada Debate for their achievements at international debating tournaments.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to congratulate the 2008 Mount Pearl Chamber of Commerce Best in Business Awards.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to recognize all those who are responsible for the success of the 2008 Bay Roberts Festival of Lights.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize a group of pupils of Swift Current Academy who took part in a field laboratory study collecting information which will assist in controlling the Green Crab population in Placentia Bay.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement respecting distance learning at Memorial University.

The Honourable the Minister of Business (Mr. Oram) made a Statement to inform the House about the third annual Business Case Competition of the College of the North Atlantic in Grand Falls – Windsor.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Certified General Accountants" (Bill No. 72).

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Jackman) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Rooms Act No. 2" (Bill No. 71).

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to re-assess their decision to drop Conception Bay North on the priority list for a long-term care facility and commit to all residents of the area that the assessment of 2000-2001 will be implemented and a new facility will be built in the Conception Bay North area.

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The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reimburse gas/mileage for the use of personal vehicles; add meal per diems for those staying with family and friends and increase overall rates to reflect the true financial burden; include coverage for those taking part in clinical trials; waive the \$400 deductible faced by those who live on the island part of the Province and increase reimbursement of eligible costs from 50% to 80%.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) 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 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker declared the motions carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) advised the House that pursuant to a change in membership effected in accordance with Standing Order 68 the following Members now comprise the Public Accounts Committee:

Mr. Roland Butler - Member for Port de Grave
Mr. Felix Collins – Member for Placentia – St. Mary's
Mr. Derrick Dalley – Member for The Isles of Notre Dame
Mr. Darin King – Member for Grand Bank
Mr. Kelvin Parsons – Member for Burgeo – LaPoile
Ms. Tracey Perry – Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 53) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 53 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 53) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 53 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Provide For The Organization And Administration Of Emergency Services In The Province" (Bill No. 59) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 59 be now read a second time.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Provide For The Organization And Administration Of Emergency Services In The Province” (Bill No. 59) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 59 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 And To Repeal The Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act” (Bill No. 38) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 38 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 And To Repeal The Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act” (Bill No. 38) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 38 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Management Of Information Act” (Bill No. 63) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 63 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend the Management Of Information Act” (Bill No. 63) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 63 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 10th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.