

Wednesday, April 30th, 2008

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

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Master Warrant Officer Rodney Chubbs of L'Anse au Clair on his 1 Canadian Air Division Commander's Commendation.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Roland W. Abbott of Musgravetown who celebrated his 95th birthday on April 4th.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Baker) made a Statement to congratulate the Labrador West Music Festival organizing committee on the success of this year's festival.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) made a Statement to congratulate the following recent inductees into the Conception Bay South Sports Hall of Fame: Kathy Normore, Tom Clarke, Dennis (Boo) Boggan, Robert (Bob) Hutton, Christopher Baker and Martin (Bud) Suter.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to recognize Pearce Burt of Baytona, a member of the community's volunteer fire department for thirty-one years, who has recently retired as the department's chief after 14 years in the position.

The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. King) made a Statement to congratulate the John Burke High School drama troupe which won the Burin Peninsula regional drama festival this year.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to inform the House about the Historica Fairs Programme.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to advise the House that the Government will be moving public examination marking boards to different communities throughout the Province.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald), pursuant to subsection 8(3) of the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for March 2008.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent):

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“WHEREAS approximately 187,000 people in our Province volunteer, contributing a total of 35 million hours of valuable unpaid time to their communities and community organizations in a concerted effort to make our Province stronger;

AND WHEREAS the voluntary sector is facing increasing challenges of recruitment, retention, governance and capacity just at a time when their services and expertise are needed most;

AND WHEREAS the relationship between the civil society and government is very important and has improved substantially in the past few years, and there remains so much each can do with the help of the other, and to help the other for the long term benefit of our people and communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House recognize and congratulate the thousands of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who give their time and skills to the benefit of our communities and Province and encourage others to do the same;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House encourage the Government to continue its commitment to support the voluntary sector for the benefit of the entire Province.”

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

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.