

Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008

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

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Baker) made a Statement to congratulate the Grade Eight students from Labrador West and Churchill Falls who participated in the Historica Fairs Programme at Menihek High School in Labrador City.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to congratulate the Monkstown Salvation Army Corps on the occasion of their 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Loder) made a Statement to recognize Ms. Cherry Harbin who raised \$24,000 to cover the cost of taking 12 pupils of St. Peter's Academy in Benoit's Cove to the NASA Space Camp in Alabama.

The Honourable the Minister of Labrador Affairs (Mr. Hickey) made a Statement to inform the House about Government's efforts to improve and enhance the transportation infrastructure of Labrador through the Northern Strategic Plan with respect to the Labrador Winter Trails system in particular.

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

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) tabled the Report of the Social Services Committee.

The Honourable the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Hedderson) tabled a copy of the contract entered into between the Province and Dr. John Fitzgerald.

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 reconsider the route being proposed for the Torbay Bypass Road.

By leave, the Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) tabled the Report of the Government Services Committee.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge):

**“WHEREAS** the Constitution of Canada provides for fair and equitable treatment of all citizens;

**AND WHEREAS** Revenue Canada is charged with the responsibility of collecting income tax in a fair and equitable manner;

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**AND WHEREAS** many Newfoundland and Labrador fishermen participated in the Atlantic Groundfish Licence Retirement Program;

**AND WHEREAS** participants in the 1999 licence retirement program paid a disproportionate and unfair share of income tax on their licence retirement payout as compared to those participants in the 1996 and 2002 Atlantic Groundfish Retirement Program;

**AND WHEREAS** this inequity has cost fisher people who participated in the 1999 buy back program undue financial hardship;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly call upon the Government of Canada to immediately require Revenue Canada to review and correct the unfair financial income tax burden placed on Newfoundlanders and Labradorians that participated in the 1999 Atlantic Groundfish Retirement Program.”

During the debate, the Leader of the Opposition (Ms. Jones) moved, seconded by the Member for Burgeo – LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) the following amendment to the Resolution:

“That the Resolution be amended by adding the following to the end of the Resolution:

**‘BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly urges the provincial government to strike an All Party Committee to pursue the resolution of this issue with the federal government. ”

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) suspended the proceedings at 3:17 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) resumed the Chair at 3:21 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution and the Resolution itself.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment to the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Ms. Jones, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Butler, Ms. Michael.

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Against: Ms. Burke, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Dunderdale, Ms. Whalen, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Tom Marshall, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Ridgley, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Skinner, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Oram, Mr. Denine, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Kent, Mr. Baker, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Perry, Mr. Collins, Mr. King, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Peach, Mr. Verge, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Harding, Mr. French, Mr. Young, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Loder, Mr. Cornect, Mr. Kelly.

The Speaker declared the amendment defeated.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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