

Monday, May 5th, 2008

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

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate the 2008 Graduating Class of Ascension Collegiate in Bay Roberts.

The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. King) made a Statement to congratulate Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps 237 Truxton of Lawn on their recent annual inspection.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Kelly) made a Statement to acknowledge the work of the Deer Lake Chamber of Commerce which held its 4th Annual Business Showcase on May 2nd and 3rd.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to recognize the achievements of Stephen Wilkins, a grade 12 pupil at St. Kevin's High School.

The Member for The Isles of Notre Dame (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to recognize the success of the Fogo Island 50+ Club.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to recognize the work of Literacy Newfoundland and Labrador, in particular their recent literacy campaign.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to recognize Compost Awareness Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to recognize North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to inform the House about the new SAFE (Spot the Hazard; Assess the Risk; Find a Safer Way; Every Day) Work campaign.

The Honourable the Speaker ruled that the Honourable the Minister of Justice had used unparliamentary language while raising a point of order on April 24th. The Speaker requested that the Minister withdraw the words "attempted to mislead". The Honourable the Minister complied with the request.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* tabled the minutes of the meetings of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on April 11th and April 18th, 2008.

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The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice on behalf of the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS home care is special care that allows people facing health challenges to stay in their home and receive care;

AND WHEREAS there is an immediate need for improved, affordable access to home care in the Province;

AND WHEREAS Government has acknowledged that the current system is flawed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House urges Government to immediately implement emergency measures to lessen the financial burden facing those requiring home care services in Newfoundland and Labrador.”

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 motion) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

During the debate the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) moved the following amendment:

“That the motion be amended by striking everything after the word ‘that’ and substituting ‘this House regrets the failure of this government to present a budget that reflects the possibilities which exist in terms of addressing the needs of the people of this province.’ ”

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) suspended the proceedings at 4:46 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 4:51 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 6th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.