

Thursday, May 8th, 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 recognize Jordan Thomas and Tiffany Parsons, pupils of Amalgamated Academy in Bay Roberts, who placed first in TV/VIDEO Production at the 11th Annual Provincial Skills Canada Competition.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Buckingham) made a Statement to congratulate Jessi Drohan, a pupil at Vanier Elementary School, who has placed first in the provincial Grade 6 competition of the Heather Huxter Memorial Story Writing Contest.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Kelly) made a Statement to pay tribute to the SEDLER (Supported Employment for Deer Lake and Extended Regions) Community Development Corporation for their work on behalf of persons with developmental disabilities.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to recognize the Mount Pearl Skating Club and congratulate its members on a successful 31st Annual Ice Show.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement about the Goulds Recreation Association Youth Appreciation Night at which National Volunteer Week was recognized.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to recognize grade six pupils at Hazelwood Elementary for their successful recycling efforts.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Kennedy) made a Statement to advise the House of a number of initiatives that the Department of Justice is undertaking to provide better access to justice for women and children in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to inform the House of measures announced as part of the Budget to help improve service delivery to the public in respect of Crown land applications.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) raised a point of order respecting Oral Questions.

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The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien) tabled the Annual Report of the Public Utilities Board on Operations Carried Out under the *Automobile Insurance Act* for the period April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 29);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Partnership Act" (Bill No. 30);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 31).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

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.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) presented a Petition calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to undertake measures to install a province-wide 911 service and put in place a public safety education campaign designed to help the general public, travellers and tourists be safer and better prepared.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate teaching units in small rural schools and review guidelines to find a solution that recognizes the unique needs of students in small rural schools.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion) and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

During the debate, the Member for Burgeo - LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones), the following amendment to the amendment:

"That the amendment be amended by changing the period at the end, thereof, to a comma, and by adding immediately thereafter the words, 'and deplores the way Government has failed to deal with the crisis in health care, the home care needs of many seniors, and the needs of public sector pensioners'."

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The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) suspended the proceedings at 4:53 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) resumed the Chair at 5:26 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

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, Monday, May 12th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.